

Colorado Health Benefit Exchange

Board Meeting Minutes

Mile High Room
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7351 E. Lowry Blvd.
Denver, CO 80230

October 24th, 2011
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Board members present: Arnold Salazar, Jim Riesberg, Robert Ruiz-Moss, Gretchen Hammer, Mike Fallon, Richard Betts, and Sue Birch

Staff members present: Jessica Dunbar, Myung Kim, Shawn Raintree, Martin Flahive

Approximately 50 people from the public joined the meeting and additional people joined by phone.

I. Business agenda

Vote: The board unanimously approved a motion to adopt the 10/10/2011 minutes with five voting members present.

II. Presentation from Wakely Consulting Group

Mary Hegemann and Ross Winkleman from Wakely Consulting group gave a [presentation](#) about the 3 R's (risk adjustment, reinsurance and risk corridors) Program. The board discussed the need to determine who in the state (i.e. Exchange and other state agencies) would have jurisdictional and governance responsibilities over risk adjustment, reinsurance and risk corridors. The board and COHBE staff will coordinate with the Colorado Division of Insurance and discuss plans for the 3 R's.

Public Comment:

Mike Huotari, VP Legal & Government Affairs at Rocky Mountain Health Plans, asked a question about the data collection process and the timeline for insurance carriers. He recommended the Board coordinate closely with the Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC) and staff involved with building the all-payer claims database. A draft timeline for data collection and analysis was included in the presentation on slides 19 and 24.

III. Exchange Development, Regulation and Operations

1. Report from Executive Director Search Committee

Richard Betts gave a report about the Executive Director search process. Twenty-six people applied for the position and the subcommittee narrowed the applicants to eight that will be interviewed in person or over the phone. Richard asked board members to submit questions to the staff if they would like asked of applicants during the interviews.

2. Report from Grant Review Committee

Gretchen Hammer shared a report from the committee. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Oct 31st to discuss next steps related to the level one grant application and review the plans underway to coordinate efforts with the legislative implementation review committee. Several states submitted level one grant applications and Colorado has the opportunity to review their applications. The board has money available for planning and operations through a no cost extension of the initial state planning grant through the end of the year. In addition, a supplemental funding request was made by the Governor's office to secure additional planning resources.

3. Report from Rules and Regulations Committee

Arnold Salazar led the board in a discussion about the second NPRM comment letter developed by the committee.

Public comment: none

Vote: The board unanimously approved a motion to adopt the second NPRM comment letter with five voting members present.

4. Ian Hill from Urban Institute:

Ian Hill shared a brief overview of a research project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He is leading a team of researchers who plan to conduct qualitative and quantitative case studies in a number of states that are implementing health reform initiatives. These case studies will involve key informant interviews with leaders in each state who are involved in reform efforts and the research team plans to release several consensus reports that summarize their findings about challenges states face, programs that are being implemented, key decisions faced by leaders and lessons learned.

5. Report from Board Chair:

Gretchen Hammer reminded board members of the near term strategic decisions for the board:

1. Business model, operational plan and budget
2. Systems Alignment
3. SHOP Services and Functionality
4. Plan Certification Criteria and Process

As part of the ongoing work to educate the board about these key areas, a Board Study Session focused on the Small Employer Health Options Program (SHOP) is scheduled for November 4th at The Colorado Trust where Shawn Raintree and members of the Small Employer Work Group (SEWG) will lead a discussion with the board. Joan Henneberry's last day as the Planning Director of COHBE is November 4th. Gretchen plans to give a presentation to the Colorado Council of Churches about the Exchange on November 3.

6. Report from Governance and Bylaws Committee:

Richard Betts led the board in a discussion on the Draft Articles of Governance developed by the committee with legal counsel from the Attorney General's Office. Robert Ruiz-Moss proposed an amendment to the document to delineate a finance and investment committee under Article IV Section S.

Public comment:

Diane Dunn, independent IT consultant, recommended the board consider adding the following language to the Articles of Governance— "at a minimum the board will create a finance and investment committee" under Article IV Section S.

Vote: The amendment to delineate a finance and investment committee failed to pass with 4 of 5 voting members voting against the amendment.

The board discussed whether or not they should prohibit the Office of the Chair from being filled by a representative from the insurance industry. The board believed it was important for all members of the board to be considered during the election of officers based on their experience and qualifications, regardless of their full-time job.

Public comment: none

Vote: The board unanimously approved the Articles of Governance with five voting members present.

Vote: The board unanimously approved a motion to create a finance committee prior to receipt of Level One Grant money with five voting members present.

Adjourn: The board meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.