

Colorado Health Benefit Exchange

Board Meeting Agenda

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

January 9, 2012
8:30 AM – 9:35 AM

Board members present: Nathan Wilkes, Jim Riesberg, Steve ErkenBrack, Gretchen Hammer, Robert Ruiz-Moss, Arnold Salazar, Mike Fallon, Richard Betts, Sue Birch, By phone: Eric Grossman

Staff Present: Patty Fontneau, Jessica Dunbar, Myung Kim, Gary Schneider, Shawn Raintree

Approximately fifty people attended the meeting in person and additional people joined by phone.

1. Business Agenda

Vote: The board unanimously approved the 12/12/11 minutes with eight voting members present.

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II. Board Development and Operations

1. Report from Board Chair:

Gretchen Hammer reported Patty Fontneau began working as the ED and CEO after the Legislative Implementation Review Committee unanimously approved her selection at their December 7th meeting, The Level One Establishment Grant was officially submitted to HHS on December 27th. HHS released an Essential Health Benefits Bulletin in December. COHBE staff and the Division of Insurance have scheduled a stakeholder meeting on January 18th at COPIC to gather input from the public related to the bulletin.

2. Report from the Governance Committee:

Nathan Wilkes asked all board members to sign the last page of the Conflict of Interest policy and give to COHBE staff.

III. Exchange Development and Operations

1. Report from ED and CEO:

Patty Fontneau outlined four core areas of work staff are focusing on right now: Business Operations, Service and Technology Framework, Policy Decisions, and Partner, Network and Stakeholder Outreach. The Gruber report will be made available to the public on the COHBE website. Patrick Holland from Wakely Consulting gave a briefing to staff and the Board Finance Committee chair about the financial model he developed for COHBE. This will be discussed further at the next Finance Committee meeting.

The next policy decision facing COHBE is related to the Essential Health Benefit (EHB) Plan for Colorado. The Rules and Regulations Committee plans to talk about the EHB bulletin on Jan. 12th. A draft RFP has been released for review and comment to the Implementation and Technology committee and select individuals who have signed non-disclosure forms. Staff plan to publicly release the RFP on January 23rd following approval of the RFP process by the board. A summary about Exchange planning during 2011 is due to Legislature on January 15th. The Communications and Outreach Manager developed a tribal outreach plan and will present at the tribal meeting scheduled this same day January 9th.

A number of public presentations have been given by staff to the Denver Metro Chamber, CCHN Executive Committee, and the Colorado Commission on Aging. Jim Riesberg presented to the Chamber in Northern Colorado.

Robert Ruiz-Moss asked for an outline of key decision points and an accompanying timeline for the board to review.

2. Report from Finance Committee:

Robert Ruiz-Moss reported the committee held its first meeting on December 12th. He met with staff from the Governor's office to review the remaining funds COHBE has from the supplemental grant until Level One Grant funds are received in mid-February. There is enough money for COHBE to carry forward without disruption. Going forward he plans to do the following and then reconvene the committee:

- Engage outside assistance to review what rules apply to tracking Federal contracts
- Review other long-term banking options
- Review the preliminary revenue model developed by Patrick Holland from Wakely Consulting

3. Report from Rules and Regulations Committee:

Steve ErkenBrack reported HHS issued a bulletin about Essential Health Benefits and the committee plans to discuss this topic at the next meeting scheduled January 12th. He would like to follow a similar process used by the committee in responding to HHS

proposed rules and regulations by developing a comment letter that outlines questions and concerns identified by Colorado and emphasize Colorado's need to have flexibility in order to make something work in our unique market. Staff will work with the committee to develop a comment letter that incorporates input from the public and questions raised by the Division of Insurance. A draft set of questions and comments will be shared with the board for review on January 23rd.

1. Discussion of Workgroups

At the beginning of the Exchange planning period workgroups were set up as advisory groups with specific timelines and charters. The Small Employer Workgroup (SEWG) and the Eligibility, Verification and Enrollment Workgroup (EVE) answered many questions, shared their recommendations to the board and for the time have disbanded. In the future COHBE will continue to gather input from the small employer and broker communities. The Data Advisory Workgroup (DAWG) is close to finishing its work developing evaluation metrics for COHBE and will give a report to the board later in February. The Marketing, Education, and Outreach Workgroup continues.

Arnold Salazar recommended appointing specific people to advisory groups to ensure various kinds of expertise are represented and different viewpoints are shared. He recommended following a structure similar to what was used for the 208 Blue Ribbon Commission. Another recommendation was given to tie the purpose and timeline of advisory groups to upcoming policy decisions. Sue Birch raised the idea of forming a resource development and policy advisory group. Gretchen Hammer recommended forming an innovation group to think outside the box in relationship to plan design.

Public comment: Dan Anglin recommended combining workgroups to facilitate the blending of the conversation so as not to duplicate conversations in isolated ways.

Adjourn: The meeting ended at 9:35am.