

Policy Committee Minutes
May 28, 2020
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Board Members Present: Claire Brockbank, Mike Conway, Adela Flores-Brennan, Sharon O’Hara, Marc Reece, and Mike Stahl

Staff Present: Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Bailey Dvorak, Saphia Elfituri, Kelly Guthner, Danny O’Neil, Emma Oppenheim, Kevin Patterson, Carolyn Pickton, Ilana Rivera, Lisa Sevier, Aron Snyder, Monica VanBuskirk, and Ezra Watland

I. Welcome and Introduction

Sharon O’Hara chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance, both in-person and on the phone.

The April Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. Health Insurance Affordability Bill

The Committee reviewed a summary of the Health Insurance Affordability Bill. Currently, the bill is in draft form and staff is seeking the Board’s support of the bill.

Colorado has the opportunity to extend the assessment this legislative session by using legislation to repurpose the 3% Health Insurance Providers Fee as a state health insurance fee starting in 2021. This will capture significant funding that Colorado can use to improve affordability and accessibility of individual-market coverage without increasing costs to insurers, consumers, or the state general fund. According to initial estimates from the Division of Insurance (DOI), a 3% fee could raise roughly \$160 million per year depending on market size.

Mrs. O’Hara recommended a motion to support the Colorado Health Insurance Affordability Fund to assure affordability and accessible health care coverage for Coloradans in the small and individual group market

Mrs. O’Hara called for public comment. Public comment given by Bill Wehrle, Kaiser Permanente.

Mrs. O’Hara called the recommendation to a vote. The recommendation was approved as follows:

Yes: Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Sharon O’Hara, Mike Stahl

No: None

Abstain: None

III. HCPF Update

None.

IV. DOI Update

Staff at the Division of Insurance (DOI) provided an update on coverage regulation of Covid-19 treatment. The DOI will continue communication with Connect for Health Colorado to combine efforts concerning coverage.

V. COVID Impacts

The Committee reviewed a presentation to initiate a preliminary conversation on the economic impacts of Covid-19. The presentation outlines potential impacts the Exchange anticipates, what is unknown, and potential opportunities.

Action Item

Staff will add to the opportunities section:

- Platforms launched by Brokers to create portability
- Medicaid market once health crisis ends.

VI. Federal & State Policies

The State Legislature reconvened this week and will be in session for approximately three weeks.

House Bill 20-1236, the health care coverage easy enrollment program, has passed to the second reading in the House and will go through a third reading.

VII. Community Resource List

Staff demoed the community resource list The community site tool was launched on May 1, 2020 and allows assisters and brokers to educate and refer customers to various resources in their areas. The program listing is maintained by a data team at Aunt Bertha who are continually researching, reviewing, and adding programs.

VIII. Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O'Hara
Policy Committee Chair