

Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
November 9, 2020
12:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Board Members Present: Elisabeth Arenales, Kim Bimestefer, Claire Brockbank, Mike Conway, Adela Flores-Brennan, Patrick Gordon, Annie Lee, Lorez Meinhold, Sharon O’Hara, Marc Reece, and Mike Stahl, and Dick Thompson

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nyle Boyd, Brian Braun, Saphia Elfituri, David Hague, Kelly Guthner, Emma Oppenheim, Kevin Patterson, Ilana Rivera, Alan Schmitz, Lisa Sevier, Monica VanBuskirk, and Ezra Watland

Teleconference and phone conference lines were available for people to join.

I. Business Agenda

- Claire Brockbank called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- The minutes from the October Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Changes to the agenda: None.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.

II. Board Report

Executive Summary Plan Year 2021 Consumer Impact Analysis

The Board reviewed the consumer impact analysis conducted by Wakely Consulting Group, LLC (Wakely). The Organization contracted Wakely to analyze the individual market rate changes for 2021 before and after federal premium subsidies, as well as the impact on consumers.

Two key observations made by Wakely:

- There is an increase in choice available to enrollees in the state, creating greater opportunity for households to shop and find affordable health coverage that meets their needs in 2021
- On an enrollment-blended basis for continuing enrollees, there was an increase in rates, with the exclusion of aging, but the magnitude of the increase for the unsubsidized population is much lower compared to increases observed in years prior to the implementation of the state’s reinsurance program

Action Item

Staff to provide the Board with a breakdown of data rate impacts from the Grand County and South West Alliance Communities.

Qualified Health Plans 2021

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires the exchange to certify Qualified health Plans (QHPs) and Qualified Dental Plans (QDPs) to be sold on the exchange (45 CFR 155.100).

The Exchange is seeking Board ratification of the prior conditional certification for all on-exchange individuals, small group health, and dental plans consistent with the plans reviewed and approved by the Division of Insurance (DOI) under the rate & form filing process.

General Counsel, Alan Schmitz, recommends approval to proceed in the ratification of the prior conditional certifications.

Ms. Brockbank called for public comment. There was no public comment.

Ms. Brockbank called the recommendation to a vote. The recommendation was approved as follows:

Yes: Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Annie Lee, Lorez Meinhold, Sharon O’Hara, Mike Stahl and Dick Thompson

No: None

Abstain: Marc Reece and Patrick Gordon

III. CEO Report

Strategic Plan Update

The Board reviewed the progress made to the 2021 – 2024 Strategic Plan. During this stage proposed success measures have been added to the objectives. Staff is requesting feedback from the Board on these success measures for further discussion at the November Committee Meetings.

Board Member input includes:

- How will rural employers be measured? (Goal 1 - Objective 1 - #5)
- More community involvement and focus on the subsidized population in rural Colorado. (Goal 1 - Objective 2)
- How will the enrollment effectuation rate be measured? (Goal 2 - Objective 1 - #2)
- How are the underserved populations being defined?
- Kim Bimestefer will share results from a survey being conducted by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy (HCPF) as to why people are not getting coverage at the December Board Meeting.
- Provide clarification around language such as “maintain” or “lower” to provide a target percentage and justification.

- Further discussion required on encouraging participation in investigative consumer reporting agencies (ICRA).
- Adapt an approach to allow internal and external views of equity and address social determinants of health (SDOH).

Open Enrollment 8 (OE8)

Staff presented an update on the technology status and Marketing and Outreach during OE8.

Staff will continue to offer additional support to Brokers and Assistors facing issues.

IV. Finance & Operations

Financial Audit FY 20

The Board reviewed the financial audit for fiscal year (FY) 2020 conducted by Plante Moran.

The audit reviewed the independent auditor’s report, management’s discussion and analysis, basic financial statements (statement of net position, statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position, and statement of cash flows), and notes to financial statements.

There were no significant findings or issues during this audit.

Finance Committee Chair, Lorez Meinhold, recommended acceptance of the FY 2020 financial audit.

Ms. Meinhold called for public comment. No public comment given.

Ms. Meinhold called the motion to a vote. Sharon O’Hara seconded the motion. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

V. Policy

Policy Committee Chair, Sharon O’Hara, provided Board members with a brief highlight of the October Policy Committee Meeting and Board Advisory Group Meeting.

VI. Public Comment

Public comment given by Bethany Pray, Colorado Center on Law & Policy.

Public comment given by Daniela Gosselova, Grand County resident.

Public comment given by John Luhman, Broker.

Public comment given by Dana Gibson, Broker.

VII. Executive Session

Ms. Brockbank entertained a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss matters concerning personnel and/or contractual matter. A vote was called for and passed with unanimous approval.

The Executive Session is permitted pursuant to CRS §24-6-402(4)(e) & (c) and 24-6-402(4)(f).

The Board will not return after the Executive Session, the public portion of the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stahl
Secretary

Next Meeting

December 14, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.