

Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
February 8, 2021
12:00 PM to 3:00 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, Mike Stahl, and Dick Thompson

Board Members Absent: None.

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

Teleconference and phone conference lines were available for members of the public to join.

I. Business Agenda

- Claire Brockbank called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- The minutes from the January Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Changes to the agenda: None.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.

II. Board Report

Board Treasurer

The Board discussed the recommended addition of a Treasurer, who will also Chair the Board’s Finance & Operations Committee, to the Executive Committee.

Dick Thompson motioned to recommend approval of the addition of a Board Treasurer. Mike Stahl seconded the motion.

Ms. Brockbank called for public comment.

No public comment was given.

Ms. Brockbank called for the motion to vote. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

III. CEO Report

Impact of Federal and State Changes to Current Priorities

Kevin Patterson discussed upcoming mid-year changes to the Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC) calculator. These changes will increase subsidies for individuals who purchase their plans through the Exchange by:

- Increasing monies for every federal poverty level (FPL) 400% and lower
- Opening the ability for individuals above the 400% FPL to also qualify for subsidies if they purchase on the Exchange

This proposal supports the core value of the Exchange by increasing subsidies and making a significant difference to those above the 400% FPL. It would require an additional \$2MM to accomplish the work for the year. The increase in subsidies would subsequently increase revenue for the Exchange. Staff is prioritizing additional efforts to quickly turn over the federal work. Discussion on this matter will be ongoing.

Open Enrollment 8 (OE8)

Staff presented updates on Open Enrollment 8 (OE8) from Marketing & Outreach, the Service Center and Service Center Roadmap.

Action Item

Staff to provide further information on customer shopping behavior versus autorenewal.

HIAFE Update

The Board reviewed redetermination options for the Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise (HIAE). The presentation highlighted the three redetermination options:

- Initial determination (no redeterminations) – This option is the Exchange’s preferred approach
- Initial determination, loss of benefit if customer loses APTC eligibility
- Redetermination with every eligibility change

PBC Update

Kevin Patterson provided the Board with a brief update on the Public Benefit Corporation (PBC). Annie Lee has been appointed as an Ex Officio member to the PBC Board. The PBC is working on the trade name and branding. Meetings continue to be held monthly and staff will continue to provide the Board with regular updates on the PBC.

Easy Enrollment Update

Staff presented an overview of the Easy Enrollment Advisory Committee.

IV. Finance & Operations

Staff provided a brief highlight of the January Committee Meeting. No actions or votes required at this time.

V. Policy

Policy Roadmap

Policy Committee Chair, Sharon O’Hara, provided a brief highlight of the January Committee Meeting. Staff has begun to formulate tactics for the problem statements presented on the Policy Roadmap.

VI. Public Comment

Public comment given by Daniela Gosselova, Broker.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stahl
Secretary

Next Meeting

March 8, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.