

Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
March 14, 2022
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Justin Brandon, Brian Braun, Stephanie Gray, David Hague, Jessalyn Hampton, Kelly Davies, Kelly Guthner, Kevin Patterson, Ilana Rivera, Alan Schmitz, Nina Schwartz, Lisa Sevier, Monica VanBuskirk, and Ezra Watland

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 12:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- The minutes from the February Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Changes to the agenda: None.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.

II. Board Report

Clair Brockbank provided an update on Board transitions:

- Lorez Meinhold has filled the open position of Chair-Elect.
- Mike Stahl's final term will end July 2023.
- Both Adela Flores-Brennan and Marc Reece will be termed off July 2023.

III. CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Patterson, led a brief Board discussion regarding American Rescue Plan (ARP) subsidies. A continuation of the subsidies has not been passed by Congress. Connect for Health Colorado will continue to monitor timeline updates from Congress.

Current Special Enrollment Period

Kevin Patterson shared a graphic of current special enrollment periods (SEPs) in 2022.

Planning for the End of the PHE

The public health emergency (PHE) is anticipated to extend through July 2022. Staff is currently reviewing new guidance provided by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Easy Enrollment

Staff presented an update on Easy Enrollment. The Easy Enrollment process, also known as Tax Time Enrollment, has been implemented and is available for all tax filers. The presentation outlines implementation updates, communications, media and outreach efforts, and enrollment updates.

IV. Finance & Operations

Approve Carrier Assessment Fee for FY23

The Board reviewed the issuer user fee recommendation for plan year (PY) 2023. The recommendation is to maintain the current structure of 3.5% of premiums on plans issued through the Exchange for PY 2023. The presentation also included information on comparable state-based exchange's (SBE's) fee structure and funding.

The Finance & Operations Committee motioned to recommend the approval of the plan year 2023 issuer user fee. Dick Thompson seconded the motion.

Ms. Brockbank called for public comment.

No public comment was given.

Ms. Brockbank called for the motion to vote. The motion was accepted as follows:

Yes: Christy Blakely, Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Annie Lee,
Lorez Meinhold, Marc Reece, Mike Stahl, and Dick Thompson

No: None

Abstain: Patrick Gordon

The April Finance & Operations Committee will be rescheduled to May 2, 2022.

V. Policy Committee

2022 Legislative Session

Staff presented a State Legislative update. The presentation included updates on the current general session, frequently asked policy questions, current iteration of Senate Bill 22-081 (SB22-081), and House Bill 22-1269 (HB22-1269) for Board consideration.

Staff recommends the Board to take a support position for HB22-1269. The lack of transparency around cost sharing arrangements creates customer confusion and results in prospective Connect for Health Colorado customers buying non-Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliant plans. Increasing transparency around these entities better informs Coloradans about these arrangements and increases education and awareness about Qualified Health Plans (QHPs).

Annie Lee motioned for the Board to take a support position on HB22-1269. Christy Blakely seconded the motion.

Ms. Brockbank called for public comment.

No public comment was given.

Ms. Brockbank called for the motion to vote. The motion was accepted as follows:

Yes: Christy Blakely, Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Patrick Gordon, Annie Lee, Lorez Meinhold, Mike Stahl, and Dick Thompson

No: Marc Reece

Abstain: None

VI. Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stahl
Secretary

Next Meeting

April 11, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.