

Policy Committee Minutes
December 16, 2019
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Board Members Present: Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Kate Harris (proxy for Mike Conway) Sharon O’Hara and Mike Stahl

Staff Present: Brian Braun, Bailey Dvorak, Saphia Elfituri, Ian McMahon, Carolyn Pickton, Ilana Rivera, Monica VanBuskirk and Ezra Watland

I. Welcome and Introduction

Sharon O’Hara chaired the Policy Committee Meeting and the meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance, both in-person and on the phone. The October 28th Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. Including Churn Report Question on the Marketplace

The committee discussed the churn report presented at the previous Board meeting. The primary concern with the report was the lack of data. Staff suggested the implementation of a two-way street between the exchange and Colorado department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) to allow better data exchange between the two entities.

Action Item

Sharon O’Hara to draft a letter to HCPF asking to re-engage in data exchange.

III. 2020 Legislative Session Overview

The 2020 Legislative session will be held from January 8, 2020 – May 6, 2020. The Lobby team was present to provide their perspective on what is to come during this session. The issues concerning the exchange and flagged by the lobby team are: 1) the re-insurance bill and 2) discussion around public option.

There will be a hearing on the reinsurance bill Wednesday December 18th which will be covered by the lobby team. The main driver of this hearing is for an informative briefing on reinsurance and budget.

IV. Standardized Plan: Patient Centered Plan Design

The committee reviewed a follow-up presentation on consumer enrollment from the previous Board meeting. This presentation focused on extended bronze plans and plans with the fewest enrollees (100 or less) to gather information on what the exchange’s role should be and what is more impactful to consumers, either plan design or plan display.

Action Items

Additional conversation is required between the Connect for Health Colorado and the Department of Insurance (DOI) to clarify authority with respect to the certification process and report back to the Board.

Staff is to follow up with DOI on the potential for collaboration to gain customer insights on plan design.

V. Easy Eligibility

The committee reviewed the easy eligibility process along with documentation presented by Alison Neswood of the Colorado Center on Law and Policy. The Colorado Center on Law and Policy is working closely with staff at the exchange to develop an easy health coverage enrollment legislation that will use the tax filing process as an onramp for individuals to get health coverage. Maryland is moving towards an automated process where individuals can auto enroll for no cost health insurance. The first year is still focusing on the outreach process. The easy eligibility process with what is envisioned for Colorado as the exchange as co-chair.

There is need for legislation to determine a new definition of special enrollment periods, create the work group, allow information sharing between the department of revenue and the state exchange, as well as information sharing between HCPF and the exchange.

VI. Public Comment

Given by:

Tim Hebert with the Colorado State Association of Health Underwriters (CSAHU).

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon O'Hara
Policy Committee Chair