

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

Board Members Present: Claire Brockbank, Mike Conway, Adela Flores-Brennan, Patrick Gordon, Sharon O’Hara, Mike Stahl, Dick Thompson

Board Members Joining via Phone: Elisabeth Arenales, Kim Bimestefer, Lorez Meinhold

Board Members Absent: Annie Lee, Marc Reece

Staff Present: Justin Brandon, Brian Braun, Monica Caballeros, Leslie Chadwick, Kelly Davies, Saphia Elfituri, Kelly Guthner, Ian McMahon, Kevin Patterson, Carolyn Pickton, Ilana Rivera, Alan Schmitz, Michael Stephen, Monica VanBuskirk, Ezra Watland

No guests attended the meeting in-person, the conference line was available for people to join by phone.

I. Business Agenda

- Adela Flores-Brennan called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance, both in-person and on the phone.
- The minutes from the February Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
- There were two changes to the agenda:
 - Under Board Report: approval of new member to the Board Advisory Group.
 - Under Policy Committee: add a discussion and vote on HB20-1349.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.

II. Board Report

Review Board Charters

The Board reviewed the current status of the committee charters. There were no recommended changes.

Action Item

Staff to update committee charters with correct committee member names.

Currently, the Board Advisory Group has a vacancy. The Executive Committee did not meet in the past month; therefore, the vote to fill the vacancy was brought to the full Board for a decision.

Staff has recommended Silvia Santana with Mountain Family Health Centers.

Sharon O'Hara motioned to appoint Silvia Santana to the Board Advisory Group.

Lorez Meinhold seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

III. CEO Report

Action Items

The Board reviewed the updated list of action items.

Staff continues to work on the vision statement for the organization and plan to bring final suggestions to the Board at the April board meeting.

Service Center Transition

The service center went live with the new vendor, Faneuil, on March 2nd. The transition went well, and everything is functioning as anticipated.

Review Strategic & Operational Goals for Upcoming Fiscal Year

Staff discussed the strategic and operational goals for the organization. Currently the objectives are being reviewed and updated to be brought to the Board for further discussion.

IV. Finance & Operations

Revisions to Finance Policy & Authorization Matrix

The Finance and Operations Committee reviewed changes to the financial policies and the authorization matrix during the February committee meeting. Changes made were minor and included:

- Update Section 4.3 Financial Planning, Reporting and Management and change policy to the new format.
- Added language in response to the organization moving to a new credit card format for purchases.

The Finance and Operations Committee recommended approval of the changes to the financial policies and authorization matrix.

Ms. Flores-Brennan called for public comment. There was no public comment.

Ms. Flores-Brennan called the recommendation to a vote. The recommendation was approved as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

2021 Carrier Fee Rate Approval

Staff requested the Board to approve no change to the current 3.5% carrier fee rate. This rate is comparable to what other state based exchanges are charging.

Dick Thompson motioned to approve the 3.5% carrier fee rate.

Claire Brockbank seconded the approval.

Ms. Flores-Brennan called for public comment. There was no public comment.

Ms. Flores-Brennan called the recommendation to a vote. The recommendation was approved as follows:

Yes: Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Lorez Meinhold, Mike Stahl and Dick Thompson

No: None

Abstain: Patrick Gordon

V. Policy

Legislative Update

Staff updated the Board on Colorado bills currently being tracked by the organization:

- House bill 20-1008 - This bill makes changes and recurring requirements around health care sharing ministries requiring them to report information about customer base, financials, etc. to the Division of Insurance (DOI). Changes have been proposed to the bill:
 - Increase requirements for brokers to provide written information to consumers.
 - Clarifying language around disclosures and reporting of information to the DOI.
 - The exchange is in an official support position of this bill.
- House bill 20-1236
 - This bill would allow individuals to select on their tax returns if they are uninsured. If uninsured they would receive an option of receiving health insurance affordability programs and outreach from the exchange to be enrolled in coverage.
 - Creates a special enrollment period.
 - Creates an advisory committee.

- The exchange is in an official support position of this bill.
- House bill 20-1349 – Just introduced
 - Requires carriers to offer the Colorado Option plan in each county where they offer plans in the individual market. Commissioner of Insurance is required to ensure that there are at least two Colorado Option Plans in each county.
 - Must be a standardized qualified health plan (QHP) that includes pre-deductible coverage for certain services and offered at Bronze and Silver levels of coverage, both on and off the exchange.
 - Expected to be priced lower than other plans due to some controls
 - Authorizes the Commissioner of Insurance to adopt rules to mitigate any adverse impact the Colorado Option plan has on the purchasing power of financially assisted exchange customers.
 - Creates an advisory board that will advise the commissioner on development, implementation, and operations of the Colorado Option plan. The CEO of Connect for Health Colorado is named as a board member.
 - The advisory board will also consist of 8 other governor and legislative leadership appointed members with expertise in various health care roles across all regions of the state.
 - Authorizes the commissioner to expand the Colorado Option into the small business market in 2023.

The Board discussed HB20-1349. Concerns discussed included:

- The impact on the exchange’s financially assisted consumers
- The impact on access
- The impact on rural providers

Ms. O’Hara motioned for Board approval to support House Bill 20-1349, as currently written.

Ms. Brockbank seconded the motion.

Ms. Flores-Brennan call for further discussion.

Board requested staff to inform and highlight any changes to the bill that may affect access, affordability and choice.

Ms. Flores-Brennan called for public comment. Public comment was given by Melonie Herrman, broker and Bethany Pray, Colorado Center on Law and Policy.

Ms. Flores-Brennan called the motion to a vote. The motion was approved as follows:

Yes: Claire Brockbank, Adela Flores-Brennan, Patrick Gordon, Lorez Meinhold, Sharon O'Hara, Mike Stahl and Dick Thompson

No: None

Abstain: None

Action Item

Board to state policy impact on why they are considering taking a position on legislation prior to discussion of the position.

With the current COVID-19 virus, Connect for Health Colorado is working with staff to prepare to work from home as needed. Additionally, the organization is working with its vendors to determine the best way to ensure business continuity in the organization.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

VII. Executive Session

Ms. Flores-Brennan entertained a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss matters concerning a 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 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Brockbank
Secretary

Next Meeting

April 13, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.