

Board Meeting Minutes
Connect for Health Colorado
March 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, and Marc Reece

Board Members Absent: Mike Stahl and Dick Thompson

Staff Present: Brian Braun, 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 12:01 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

Public Option Bill

Colorado Insurance Commissioner, Mike Conway, discussed the inclusion of the Public Benefit Corporation (PBC) to the Public Option bill. This will ensure that the individuals who are ineligible to purchase through The Exchange would have the opportunity to purchase the standardized benefit plan design through the PBC. The Public Option Bill has not been introduced into legislation yet.

III. CEO Report

Uninsured Enrollment Period

Staff presented an update on the uninsured enrollment period (UEP). The UEP has not had an impact on the service center’s call volume. However, website traffic has increased by 35.28% compared to last year.

A Stakeholder toolkit has been provided as an additional resource for anyone who needs it. The UEP will continue through May 2021.

Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise

Connect for Health Colorado continues to work with the Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise and prioritize the work needed to prepare for the needed changes; as well as the new American Rescue Plan (ARP).

Public Benefit Corporation

The Public Benefit Corporation (PBC) continues to work on the trade name and branding. Upcoming legislation at both the Federal and State levels, including the Colorado State Option and the ARP, will potentially have an impact on the PBC. Meetings continue to be held monthly and staff will provide the Board with regular updates.

American Rescue Plan

Staff continues to prioritize the work brought on by the ARP in order to align with the Federal Marketplace before the end of the special enrollment period.

IV. Finance & Operations

Carrier Assessment Fee for PY22

The Finance and Operations Committee recommended approval of the issuer fee for plan year 2022 (PY22). The proposal maintains the current 3.5% of plan premiums issued through the Exchange for PY22.

Lorez Meinhold motioned to approve the recommendation for the issuer fee proposal of 3.5%. Sharon O’Hara 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 approved as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: Patrick Gordon and Marc Reece

V. Policy

State & Federal Legislation

Staff provided a Federal and State Legislative update.

The Colorado State Option Proposal is in draft form and has not yet been introduced. Connect for Health Colorado will not take a position on legislation unless the legislation will have a direct and significant impact on the continued operation of the Exchange.

VI. Public Comment

Public comment given by A.J. Ehrl, Broker

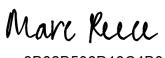
VII. Executive Session

Claire 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 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marc Reece
Interim Secretary

Next Meeting

April 12, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.