

***Board Advisory Group Meeting  
August 3, 2022  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM***

**Advisory Group Members Joining via Phone:** John Barela, Jane Barnes, Krystin Beadling, Chandler Budlong-Springer, Rosie Duran, Meagan Fearing, Allison Hiltz, Erin Miller, Michelle Nay, Eddie Sandoval, Cindy Watson, Donna Wehe, and Julia Wiswell

**Advisory Group Members Absent:** Susan Budd, Rachel Dauer, Amanda Massey, Nikki Meredith, Kavita Nair, Bethany Pray, and Liz Tansey

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Jane Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance. The May meeting minutes were approved.

New member Chandler Budlong-Springer was introduced.

**II. Review of Charter and C4 Mission**

An overview was provided to the Group on Connect for Health Colorado's Mission and Strategic Goals for 2021-2024.

**III. Federal Legislative Updates**

Hannah Sieben provided federal legislative updates to the Group.

Reconciliation and ARPA Subsidies –

A deal was struck in the Senate to include a 3-year extension of ARPA subsidies to make Marketplace coverage more affordable. Extension would help Medicaid to Marketplace bridge at the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). Without Congressional action, 76% of enrollees could see reduced or eliminated financial help and over 25,000 Coloradans are expected to drop health coverage.

Public Health Emergency (PHE) Extended –

The PHE was extended on July 15<sup>th</sup> for another 90 days until October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) continues to say there will be a 60-day notice period before any end to the PHE.

Family Glitch –

No updates.

**IV. CoverCO**

CoverCO will take place this year during October 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> from approximately 9am-3pm. It will be virtual and there is no cost to attend. The crucial content that will be included is:

- Colorado Connect
- Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise (HIAE)
- CO Option
- Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP), Hospital Financial Assistance Law, and other financial help programs

Registration for CoverCO will open this month.

**V. SB22-081 Implementation**

Jessalyn Hampton and Ezra Watland provided a walkthrough of the tentative approval timeline and Year 1 post-PHE fund dispersal for SB22-081. The proposal will go in front of the Connect for Health Colorado Board on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. Public Comment**

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.