

***Board Advisory Group Meeting  
March 29, 2023  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM***

**Advisory Group Members Joining via Phone:** Jane Barnes, John Barela, Chandler Budlong-Springer, Erin Miller, Michelle Nay, Bethany Pray, Cindy Watson, and Donna Wehe

**Advisory Group Members Absent:** Krystin Beadling, Chandler Budlong-Springer, Rachel Dauer, Nikki Meredith, Kavita Nair, Eddie Sandoval, and Liz Tansey

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Jessalyn Hampton called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m., welcoming everyone in attendance. The January meeting minutes were approved, and new member Melanie Herman was introduced.

There is a vacancy in the Group for the Consumer Advocate position.

**II. Remarks from Kevin Patterson**

Kevin Patterson gave a presentation on looking ahead and the major areas of focus and initiatives for 2023-2024. The core areas of focus include:

- Preparing systems and processes for additional volume
- Customer decision support
- Medicaid to Marketplace bridge
- Integrating and modernizing application and eligibility processes

**III. Tax Time Enrollment Reminder**

Jessalyn Hampton reminded the Group that it is currently Tax Time Enrollment Season. To enroll in health coverage through the Tax Time Enrollment Special Enrollment Period (SEP), an individual must:

- Be uninsured
- Be eligible for coverage and financial help through Connect for Health Colorado or coverage through Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program)
- Have filed taxes by the tax filing deadline, regardless of filing extensions

**IV. Guiding Principles and Ranking Activity and Discussion**

At the previous meeting, the Group discussed how to ensure customers can attain and retain the best health coverage for their circumstances. The goal was to generate 3-5 guiding principles to apply when considering future topics.

From this discussion, the main themes were consolidated and ranked by members of the Group. The results of the ranking were presented and discussed.

Guiding Principles Ranking:

1. Accuracy of Information – 38 points
2. Expand Ability to Explore Plans – 37 points
3. Maximize Financial Assistance Available – 34 points
4. Increase Health Literacy – 21 points

**V. HB23-1224: Colorado Option Stakeholder Forum and Discussion**

Jessalyn Hampton provided an update on HB23-1224: Colorado Option

The bill text as of March 29, 2023:

“The exchange, with the consent of the commissioner, shall develop a format for displaying the standardized plans on the exchange in a manner that encourages value-based shopping and allows consumers to easily compare the standardized plans.”

This text is subject to change.

The update included key takeaways and implementation considerations and was followed by a stakeholder forum and a Group discussion.

**VI. Medicaid Unwind: Health Care Policy and Financing Connect for Health Colorado**

Marc Williams and Alison Ludden from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), as well as Nina Schwartz gave a [presentation](#) to the Group on the Medicaid Unwind.

**VII. Senate Bill 22-081 (SB22-081) Funding**

An update was provided on the SB22-081 Funding. This update included the Fiscal Year 1, Round 2 Funding Proposals and the intended outcomes of those proposals.

**VIII. Public Comment**

Sharon O’Hara and Daniela Gosselova provided public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.