

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Connect for Health Colorado**  
**May 8, 2023**  
**12:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

**Board Members Present:** Elisabeth Arenales, Mara Baer, Christy Blakely, Kim Bimestefer, Mike Conway, Patrick Gordon, Annie Lee, Lorez Meinhold, Allison Neswood, Marc Reece, and Dick Thompson

**Board Members Absent:** Mike Stahl

**Staff Present:** Justin Brandon, Brian Braun, Kelly Guthner, Jessalyn Hampton, Kevin Patterson, Ilana Rivera, Alan Schmitz, Nina Schwartz, Lisa Sevier, and Ezra Watland

Video conference and phone conference lines were available for members of the public to join.

**I. Business Agenda**

- Lorez Meinhold called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- The minutes from the April Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Changes to the agenda: None.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.

**II. Board Report**

Scheduling Policy & Operations Committee

Due to scheduling challenges, the Board briefly discussed the possibility of rescheduling one or both Committees to increase member participation. Scheduling changes to come.

Issuer Update

The Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI) and Friday Health Plans agreed that Friday Health Plans would no longer take new enrollments as of May 9, 2023. The DOI will continue to evaluate recent actions in other states where Friday operates and the financial position of the company. More information can be found [here](#).

**III. CEO Report**

Washington D.C. Trip

Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Patterson, and other leaders operating the State-based Marketplaces met in Washington D.C. Discussion topics included deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA), notice of benefit and payment parameters, OmniSalud, Medicaid unwind, and limiting customer abrasion.

Medicare to Marketplace Bridge

Staff at the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) has begun initial outreach for renewals and transitions in coverage communications.

Connect for Health Colorado and HCPF will continue to meet and discuss open questions regarding the end of continuous coverage.

Operation Updates Post OE

The Board reviewed a status update on the electronic data interchange (EDI) related issues seen post Open Enrollment.

**IV. Executive & Finance Committee**

SB-81 Budget

Staff presented the funding proposal for SB22-081. The presentation highlighted background information on SB22-081, funding proposals, and the anticipated spending for upcoming fiscal years 2023 – 2024.

The funding proposal was moved by Christy Blakely, seconded by Patrick Gordon, and accepted unanimously.

2024 Budget

Staff presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024. The presentation provided detailed budget assumptions, strategic focus areas, budget overview comparisons, 3-year projections, expense comparisons from 2022 – 2024, and technology initiatives. Staff is seeking approval of the operational budget with the caveat of flexibility to allow for higher enrollment during the Medicaid unwind. The Board is comfortable with a 7% enrollment assumption. Changes reflective of the 7% will be presented at the June Board meeting.

**V. Policy & Operations**

Board Position Policy

The Board reviewed the proposed amendment of the Board Legislative approach. Changes can be found on this document in purple font. Edits include the addition of the Executive Committee to the amended language.

The proposed changes were moved by Allison Neswood, seconded by Christy Blakely, and accepted unanimously.

Legislative Update

Staff presented a Legislative update to the Board. The presentation highlighted the Board Legislative approach, the current Board Legislative approach, status updates on tracked Legislation, information on HB23-1224 and HB23-1303, and the amend Board Legislative approach.

**VI. Public Comment**

Public comment given by Daniela Gosselova

Written Public Comment by Daniela Gosselova

Public comment given by Melanie Herrman, Broker

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stahl  
Secretary

**Next Board Meeting**  
June 12, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.