

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Connect for Health Colorado**  
**July 10, 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, Marc Reece, and Mike Stahl

**Board Members Absent:** Dick Thompson

**Staff Present:** Brian Braun, Kelly Davies, Kelly Guthner, Jessalyn Hampton, Kevin Patterson, Ilana Rivera, Alan Schmitz, Nina Schwartz, 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 12:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- The minutes from the June Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Changes to the agenda: None.
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest: None.

**II. Executive Session**

Ms. Meinhold 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 returned from Executive Session at 12:52 p.m.

**III. Board Report**

CEO Annual Review

Work on the annual 360 review for Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Patterson, continues.

Outgoing Board Members

Terms for Marc Reece and Mike Stahl have ended, and they will no longer be serving on the Board of Executives for Connect for Health Colorado. Board members and staff express gratitude for their diligence.

**IV. CEO Report**

Echohawk Lefthand

Kevin Patterson introduced mentee, Echohawk Lefthand, of the Emerging Leaders of Color Fellowship held by the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP).

Medicaid to Marketplace Bridge

Staff at the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) provided an update on the public health emergency (PHE) unwind.

Staff at Connect for Health Colorado provided an update on the Medicaid to Marketplace bridge.

State Identity Proofing Question

Connect for Health Colorado has been working closely with HCPF, the Governor's office, and the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to address the issue with state identity verification that affected approximately 1,800 accounts. The issue has since been resolved and of those accounts, 70% have had successful enrollments. Enrollment planning and follow-up for the remaining 30% continues.

BAG

Staff presented an update on the Board Advisory Group (BAG), highlighting role breakdown, geographic breakdown, and recruitment. The Committee is currently accepting applications for two vacancies.

**V. Finance**

Assistance Network Funding

The Board reviewed an update on the Assistance Network funding plan for fiscal year 2024 (FY24). The update included information on the contract extension process and supplemental funding for FY24 as well as mapping of the Assistance Network locations.

**VI. Public Comment**

Public comment given by Daniela Gosselova

Public comment given by Melanie Herrman

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stahl  
Secretary

**Next Board Meeting**

August 14, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.