



COLORADO

Department of
Regulatory Agencies

Division of Insurance

Colorado Option Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2023, 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Adam Fox called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

- Present (8): Jennifer Fanning, Adam Fox, Andy Jacob, Chris Zivalich, Valerie Larson, Amanda Massey, Kevin Stansbury, Dr. Reginald Washington
- Absent (2): Bianey Bermudez, Dr. Qaiser Khan

Others present from the Division of Insurance (DOI) included Kyla Hoskins, Sara Bencic, and Tara Smith. Angela Little attended from the Attorney General's Office.

Announcements. Amanda Massey announced that she had recently changed positions.

December Meeting Minutes. The December 14, 2022 Advisory Board meeting minutes were approved, as presented (8 approved).

Staff Updates:

- **2023 Open Enrollment Presentation.** Kyla Hoskins from the Division of Insurance provided an overview of the number of Coloradans who enrolled in Colorado Option and OmniSalud plans during the 2023 Open Enrollment period, the types of plans (metal level) consumers purchased, and average and net plan premiums. Members requested clarification around the number of enrollees in small group Colorado Option plans, and asked for additional information around outreach efforts associated with the Medicaid unwinding.
- **Program Implementation Updates.** Kyla Hoskins presented updated information on the implementation of the Colorado Option program, including milestone activities from calendar year 2022, as well as the current status of planned 2023 activities. Board members appreciated both the level of detail and the format of the presentation, and requested that future updates also include information on challenges or problems (what isn't working or hasn't gone as planned), so that the Board is aware and can engage in dialogue around such issues.

Public Hearing Process: Kyla Hoskins presented an overview of the Division's upcoming Public Hearing process. Members asked clarifying questions related to the timing and sequence of the process, and encouraged the Commissioner to consider current economic



COLORADO

Department of
Regulatory Agencies

Division of Insurance

conditions and circumstances (pharmaceutical costs, workforce costs, inflation) into account when reviewing complaints involving rural hospital providers.

Colorado Option Workforce Trends Report RFP 22-0103 Presentation. Michele McGinn from DIRA presented an overview of DIRA's approach to the Workforce Trends Report required by statute. Board Members expressed appreciation of the information provided, and emphasized the importance of the report in the overall implementation of the Colorado Option program. Members also highlighted specific challenges that DIRA may face in capturing the nuances associated with impacts that can be tied to the Colorado Option, including the diversity of hospitals in Colorado, and in capturing the diversity of the workforce.

Public comment.

Agenda Items for April Board Meeting. The Board discussed potential agenda topics for the April meeting. The first suggestion was to have the DOI provide a status update on the public hearing process and carrier submissions. The second suggestion was to discuss recruitment efforts for the Colorado Option program enrollee board member seat.

Two public comments/questions were offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.