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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Overview of the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee

Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of the 2016 membership of the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee, charge and activities of the committee, and information regarding committee staff and the committee website.

2016 Committee Membership

Representative Dianne Primavera, Chair
Representative Lois Landgraf
Representative Beth McCann
Representative Su Ryden
Representative Lang Sias

Senator Kevin Lundberg, Vice-Chair
Senator Irene Aguilar
Senator John Kefalas
Senator Beth Martinez Humenik
Senator Jack Tate

Background

Senate Bill 11-200 established the Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee and created the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange, which operates as Connect for Health Colorado (exchange). Connect for Health Colorado is the state's insurance exchange created in accordance with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Through Connect for Health Colorado, consumers may shop for and purchase health insurance, determine their eligibility for public health assistance programs such as Medicaid, and receive advance premium tax credits to help purchase qualified health insurance. Senate Bill 15-256 changed the name of the committee to the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee (committee) and increased the number of meetings permitted. The committee has several key functions, including reviewing the financial and operational plans of the exchange and approving the appointment of an executive director to administer the exchange.

Committee Details and Charge

The committee is charged with reviewing grants applied for by the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange Board of Directors (board) to implement the exchange, reviewing the financial and operational plans of the exchange, and approving the appointment of an executive director to administer the exchange. The board is required to submit a report on the exchange's financial and operational plans to the committee annually.

Meeting Dates and Activities

The committee is required to meet at the call of the chair at least two times during each calendar year, but is allowed to meet an unlimited number of times during the legislative session and up to seven times per year outside of the legislative session. The first 2016 meeting was held on April 13, 2016. At that meeting, Connect for Health Colorado staff and board members presented an update to the committee on the 2015-16 open enrollment period and information about the strategic plan and budgeting process for the exchange.

Requests for Legislation and Deadlines

The committee may submit up to eight bills for consideration during the next legislative session. Committee members must request bills during a single committee meeting set for requesting legislation. If the request is approved by a majority of the committee, the request is submitted to the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS) for drafting. The last day for committees to meet to request legislation is September 1, 2016.

There must be at least 35 days in between the meeting at which legislation is requested and the meeting at which it is approved. To allow time for Legislative Council Staff to prepare the fiscal analysis of the proposal, there must be 14 days between the date the proposed bill is finalized with OLLS staff and the date of the meeting to consider the proposed bills. The last day to finalize bill drafts with OLLS staff is September 22, 2016, and the committee must meet and vote on the bill drafts by October 6, 2016. All proposed interim committee bills must be presented to and approved by the Legislative Council prior to introduction in the next legislative session.

Committee Staff and Website

The Legislative Council Staff is charged with assisting the committee in its activities. If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the committee or issues concerning the committee, please contact any of the following committee staff:

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Documents distributed during the meetings and meeting summaries may be found on the committee website at:

<http://www.colorado.gov/LCS/ExchangeReviewComm>.