

Health Care Cost Transparency Board meeting minutes

March 15, 2021
Health Care Authority
Meeting held electronically (Zoom) and telephonically
2-4 p.m.

Note: this meeting was video recorded in its entirety. The recording and all materials provided to and considered by the board is available on the [Health Care Cost Transparency Board webpage](#).

Members present

Sue Birch, chair
Lois Cook
John Doyle
Bianca Frogner
Sonja Kellen
Pam MacEwan
Molly Nollette
Mark Siegel
Margaret Stanley
Kim Wallace
Carol Wilmes
Edwin Wong
Laura Kate Zaichkin

Call to order and welcome remarks

Sue Birch, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Agenda items

Welcoming remarks

Sue Birch

Ms. Birch welcomed the board to the second meeting. She reminded the Board of the importance of reducing the growth curve of health care costs. She introduced two new Board members, Mark Siegel and John Doyle, and noted that Board membership is now complete.

Adoption of February 18 minutes

AnnaLisa Gellermann, Board Manager, instructed the Board on the consensus process. The February 18 minutes were adopted unanimously, and consensus was put on the record.

Presentation: What is a cost growth benchmark, why pursue one, and its impact on health care costs
Michael Bailit, Bailit Health

Presentation: Review of other states' health care cost growth benchmark programs
January Angeles, Bailit Health
Discussion of programs in Massachusetts, Delaware, Rhode Island, Oregon, and Connecticut.

Presentation: Cost growth benchmarks amid the COVID-19 pandemic
Michael Bailit, Bailit Health

Update on Advisory Committee of Providers and Carriers

AnnaLisa Gellermann, Board Manager, updated the Board on the role of the committee and the nomination process for members. The Board is anticipated to vote on the Committee membership at the April 13 meeting.

Vote on Proposed Charter and Operating Procedures

AnnaLisa Gellermann shared with the Board suggested edits that had been received on the version presented at the February 18 Board meeting. It was requested that additional language reflecting the purpose of the Board be included. The Board determined by consensus to reconsider the Proposed Charter including the additional language at the April 13 meeting, at which time they intend to vote.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

Next meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Meeting to be held on Zoom
10-12 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.