



CHASE

Colorado Healthcare Affordability and
Sustainability Enterprise

Meeting Minutes

Colorado Healthcare Affordability & Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Board Meeting

Via [Zoom](#)

Tuesday, October 24, 2023; 3:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- a. Dr. Kimberley Jackson, Vice Chair, 3:00 p.m.

2. Approve Minutes from August 22, 2023 Meeting

- a. Board members, 3:05 pm
- b. Present: Jon Alford, Jason Amrich, Scott Lindblom, Ryan Westrom, George Lyford, Mannat Singh, Dr. Claire Reed, Dr. Kim Jackson, Jeremy Springston, Bob Vasil
- c. Absent: Matt Colussi
- d. Janie Wade has retired and will no longer serve on the board.

3. HCPF Updates and Upcoming Board Schedule

- a. Nancy Dolson, 3:10 pm
- b. Senate Bill (SB) 23-1215 Facility Fee Steering Committee orientation meeting will be held on October 25, 2023, from 11am-1pm, virtually via Zoom.
- c. The Hospital Community Benefit event will be held in November.

4. Board Discussion

- a. James Johnston, 3:15pm
 - i. Changes to Hospital Financial Transparency Report (see slides).
 - ii. The 2024 report will not contain any information obtained from hospitals prior to the passage of House Bill (HB) 23-1226.

- iii. Jon Alford asked about the section referring to the impact of COVID-19.
- iv. James Johnston replied that it will have to do with changes in fees, salaries and wages due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- v. Jon Alford asked about what will be included in the financial analysis section and whether or not the analysis could show negative amounts when calculating gains and losses. James Johnston confirmed that it could.
- vi. Some but not all hospitals use Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA), which is a non-standard reporting group, so data will be incomplete. This discrepancy will be taken into account for the report.
- vii. The new Hospital Financial Transparency web page is live. It shows the differences between HB19-1001 and HB23-1226.
- viii. Bob Vasil asked if there would be a meeting to discuss the new requirements with hospitals.
- ix. James Johnston said yes, and that once those requirements are finalized, that information will be dispersed.
- x. No more questions.

b. Matt Haynes, 3:28 pm

- i. Hospital Quality Incentive Payment (HQIP) update (see slides).
- ii. Two (2) 2023 measures within HQIP that require action today: Cesarean section (C-section) scoring distribution recommendation, and Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) scoring distribution recommendation.
- iii. Review of 2023 calculated bounds for C-section scoring (see slides).
- iv. Jon Alford asked if the percentages are the C-sections amount divided by live births.
- v. Matt Haynes confirmed yes.

- vi. The HQIP subcommittee did a great job in reviewing the literature and creating a fair scoring system.
- vii. C-section rates were similar across the country, but were higher in for-profit hospitals than in not-for-profit hospitals.
- viii. Review of 2023 calculated bounds for HCAHPS scoring (see slides).
- ix. Jason Amrich requested additional detail about the questions in the composites. Matt Haynes said he'd get that information as soon as possible.
- x. Jason Amrich also asked if the ranks are responding in the positive. Matt confirmed that yes, they are.
- xi. Dr. Kim Jackson expressed concern that numbers could be affected by people not understanding how to answer the questions on the survey.

5. Public Comment

- a. 3:54pm
- b. No comments.

6. Board Action

- a. HQIP Scoring Tiers, 3:56pm
- b. Nancy Dolson presented the two (2) HQIP measurements up for board action.
- c. Matt Haynes clarified that the data for these measurements were collected from the calendar year 2022, which were approved by the board in 2023.
- d. Dr. Kim Jackson paused for questions from the board.
- e. 2023 C-section Scoring Distribution:
 - i. Jason Amrich motioned to approve. Jon Alford seconded the motion.
 - ii. Jon Alford voted yes.

- iii. Jason Amrich voted yes.
- iv. Dr. Kim Jackson voted yes.
- v. Scott Lindblom voted yes.
- vi. George Lyford voted yes.
- vii. Dr. Claire Reed voted yes.
- viii. Mannat Singh voted yes.
- ix. Jeremy Springston voted yes.
- x. Bob Vasil voted yes.
- xi. Ryan Westrom voted yes.
- xii. The vote was unanimous. The recommendation passes.

f. 2023 HCAHPS Scoring Distribution:

- i. Jon Alford motioned to approve. Bob Vasil seconded the motion.
- ii. Ryan Westrom voted yes.
- iii. Bob Vasil voted yes.
- iv. Jeremy Springston voted yes.
- v. Mannat Singh voted yes.
- vi. Dr. Claire Reed voted yes.
- vii. George Lyford voted yes.
- viii. Scott Lindblom voted yes.
- ix. Dr. Kim Jackson voted yes.
- x. Jason Amrich voted yes.
- xi. Jon Alford voted yes.

xii. The vote was unanimous. The recommendation passes.

7. Adjourn

a. 4:03pm

8. Next meeting: November 14, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. via [Zoom](#)

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