

## Denver Health and Hospital Authority Board Meeting Minutes

1:30  p.m. - 4:57  p.m.				
<b>Board of Directors</b>	Staff	Staff	Guests	
Present:	Donna Lynne, DrPH	Morris Askenazi, M.D.	Judith Benton	
Patti Klinge	April Audain	Ansar Hassan	Gina Glockner	
Tom Kim	Amy Friedman	Abraham Nussbaum, M.D.	Peg Burnette	
Hollie Velasquez-Horvath	Kris Gaw	Chuck Scully	Steve Clark	
Frank deGruy, M.D.	Rebecca Hanratty, M.D.	Katherine Marinelli	Tracy Bruns	
Chris Watney	Romana Hasnain-Wynia, Ph.D		Phil Mehler, M.D.	
Jim Chavez	Amy King		Patty Gabow, M.D.	
Eli Provencio-Vasquez	Jacque Montgomery		Tim Jenkins, M.D.	
Doug Friednash	Natalie Nicholson, RN,		Anu Paranjape, M.D.	
Pia Dean	Read Pierce, M.D.		Daniel Kortsch, M.D.	
Absent:	Sean VanBerschot			
Kathy Nesbitt	Enid Wade, J.D.			
Lily Cervantes, M.D.	Lorena Zimmer			

601 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conf. Rm Thursday, April 24, 2025

Agenda Topic	Responsible Person(s)	Status/Comments
I. Call to Order and Preliminary Matters	Patti Klinge	Ms. Patti Klinge, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
A. Approval of March 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes		A motion was made to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
B. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement		Ms. Klinge requested disclosure of any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were disclosed.
C. Key Personnel Updates		Dr. Donna Lynne announced that Dr. Phil Mehler would be leaving Denver Health after a 40-year career. Dr. Mehler shared a few words about his career. Dr. Lynne introduced Dr. Ashesh Thaker as the Chair of Radiology. Dr. Lynne also recognized Ms. Amy Friedman's 17-year career at Denver Health and the legacy that she will leave. Mr. Sean VanBerschot was introduced as the

A. Executive Leadership Update	Donna Lynne, DrPH	Dr. Donna Lynne, herself or by calling on	
A. Executive Leadership Opuae	& Senior Leadership Team	others provided updates on key Denver Health events and matters. Dr. Lynne provided a brief update on Emerging Issues, Affinity Group Meetings, and the HRSA Site Visit, which resulted on "no findings." Ms. Kris Gaw reported on the increase of commercially insured patients since 2022 in the specialty care clinics. Dr. Pierce provided updates on the searches to fill vacant Department Chair roles. Dr. Pierce also reported briefly on the Vizient Hospital and Ambulatory Stars Performance metrics, which have improved from 2024. Mr. Ansar Hassan, reporting for Mr. Greg McCarthy, reported briefly on the 2025 Financial Updates for the Medical Plan. He also discussed the Improvement Plan with respect to several metrics that are in need of improvement and as set out in "Exhibit A" attached hereto.	
<ul> <li>B. State of the Department – General Medicine</li> <li>C. 10-minute Break</li> </ul>	Anu Paranjape, M.D.	Dr. Anu Paranjape reported on the Department of General Medicine. This department is made up of 13 divisions, 157 providers, and 233 operational team staff members. Dr. Paranjape reviewed the department's goals, accomplishments, challenges, and initiatives.	
D. Quarterly Strategy Update	Lorena Zimmer	Ms. Lorena Zimmer briefly reviewed the status and progress of the 2024-26 Strategic Framework. She reviewed the Q1 Metric results and how the metrics are consistently improving.	
E. IT Presentation	Chuck Scully & Daniel Kortsch, M.D.	Mr. Chuck Scully briefly reported on the innumerable services that the IT team provides to the organization. Services include cyber security, support of Biomedical devices and tickets, infrastructure equipment installation and upgrades, help desk requests. Dr. Daniel Kortsch briefly reported on the Clinical AI Integrations and the Impact of Epic-Gen AI License.	

V. Community and Board Member		
Reports		
A. Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee	Tom Kim	Ms. April Audain reported on the March financial results which reflect a gain of \$1.2M. Operational expenses were unfavorable in March. There was a brief discussion of the when medical expenses for those within correctional care are eligible to be covered through Medicaid.
B. Quality, Safety, and Service Improvement Committee (QSSIC)	Frank deGruy M.D.	Dr. Frank deGruy shared that the committee saw presentations from Dr. Walker Keach on Utilization Management; Dr. Allison Sabel on Vizient Hospital & Clinic Rankings; and another presentation by Dr. Sabel on Promoting Interoperability MIPS. Ms. Enid Wade also made a presentation on a Captive Model as a risk finance and management tool.
C. Denver Community Health Services	Pia Dean	Ms. Pia Dean reported that the HRSA site visit has officially concluded and was successful.
D. Nominating & Governance	Doug Friednash	Mr. Friednash reported the committee reviewed annual reports and charters from each board committee.
E. Chair's Report	Patti Klinge	Ms. Klinge reminded the board about the May 19 <sup>th</sup> Paramedic Event.
VI. Executive Session –	Board Members,	Mr. Kim made a motion at 3:48 p.m. to enter
<b>Deliberative Process Matters</b>	Donna Lynne, DrPH,	into executive session pursuant to C.R.S.
	& Members of Senior	sections 24-6-402 (4), (b), (c), (e), (f), and
A. CEO Matters	Leadership Team	(g), which allow for review and discussion of
B. Emerging Updates		legal advice on regulatory, legal, and
C. Litigation + Strategy (As Needed)		compliance matters, and on pending, threatened, or imminent litigation and
D. HR/Personnel Matters		settlements; to deliberate and discuss
E. Board – Only Deliberation		personnel and peer review matters; and
		matters confidential under HIPAA, and
		matters confidential under other laws, and
· · · · ·		positions and strategy for negotiation; and
		under the deliberative process privilege
		pursuant to common law and C.R.S. Section $24,72,204,(3)(a),(4)$ and $(13)$ . The motion
		24-72-204 (3)(a), (4), and (13). The motion was seconded, and the motion passed
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		unanimously. The board came out of
		executive session at 4:57 p.m.
VII. Adjournment	Patti Klinge	The meeting adjourned at approximately
-		4:57 p.m. Katherine Marinelli transcribed the
		meeting. Enid A. Wade and Patti Klinge
		reviewed the minutes.
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		Enid A. Wade, J.D.
		Secretary
		I, Enid A. Wade, Chief Legal Officer of
		Denver Health and Hospital Authority, attest
		that the discussion during any portion of the
		Executive Session that was not recorded,
		concerned attorney-client communication.
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