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# 7.28.23 Board of you covered Directors

# Welcome, Roll Call, & Confirmation of Quorum

Vice-chair Dr. Nandini Kuehn

# Agenda

## **BeWellnm Board of Directors Meeting**

📅 July 28th, 2023 · 8:30am MDT

Welcome, Roll Call, & Confirmation of Quorum
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2023 and May 30, 2023 Board Meetings
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Matters from the Executive Committee
Matters from the Outreach and Education Committee
Matters from the Operations Committee
Matters from the Native American Committee
Agency Reports
Public Comment
Other Board Business
Next beWellnm Board Meeting
Adjournment

# **Approval of Agenda**

Vice-chair Dr. Nandini Kuehn



Motion to approve the agenda

# Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2023 and May 30, 2023 Board Meetings

Vice-chair Dr. Nandini Kuehn

▲ Vote

Motion to Approve previous Meeting Minutes

May 19 2023 Board Minutes.pdf

May 30 2023 Minutes.pdf

# **Chair's Remarks**

Vice-chair Dr. Nandini Kuehn

# **Matters from the CEO**

BeWellnm continues to make progress in moving toward our goals as set out in the Quarterly Roadmaps. Other items of note are, of course, the Medicaid Unwinding project and an update on our discussion with Optum regarding SLAs. We will also take a look at year-over-year enrollment numbers to compare this year to last.

You'll recall we began the year by creating a quarterly operation roadmap to both keep the Board advised of our priorities and track progress. As we move into the third quarter, it's worth looking back at those priorities and seeing how we've done.

### Q1 Roadmap

### Completed (4/5):

- Strengthen internal communications and governance technology
- Formally separate Communications and Outreach with the installation of appropriate leadership for each function
- Analyze the impact of ending the exchange's administration of the SHOP marketplace
- Preparation for transition of the Medicaid population in partnership with OSI and HSD

**Delayed:** Revisit and revise plan of operation and strategic plan

### Q2 Roadmap

### Completed (6/7):

- Continuation of Medicaid Unwinding
- Premium billing operations analysis and associated recommendation
- Transition plan to end SHOP administration
- Issuance of RFPs for communications and outreach assistance
- Preparation for and completion of SMART audit
- Completion of 1095A Issuance and Revisions

Delayed: Revisit and revise plan of operation and strategic plan

## Q3 Roadmap

- Continuation of Medicaid Unwinding
- SHOP Transition Completion
- RFP Awards and Vendor Onboarding
- Presentation of Premium Billing Operations Analysis and Associated Recommendation
- Initial PY24 Open Enrollment Planning
- Movement to Microsoft 365 Environment
- Initial 2024 Budget Development
- Begin Review of Strategic Plan/Plan of Operations Review

### **Medicaid Unwinding Update**

A quick update on the Medicaid Unwinding by the numbers:

- As of July 25th, almost 86,000 Medicaid closures have been reported to beWell by HSD.
- To reach that audience we have made over 150,000 automated calls, sent over 179,000 text messages, over 55,000 emails, over 5,000 postcards, as well as making almost 9,000 personal calls.
- Our online displays have gathered over 1,000,000 impressions and over 9,000 clicks, and we are running over 7,000 radio spots across the state as well as appearing on local morning television shows. We have also arranged for appearances on Telemundo to reach our Spanish-speaking population.
- We have sponsored a large number of education and enrollment events state-wide and are utilizing feedback and attendance statistics to continually adjust our outreach strategy.
- We continue to utilize multi-channel messaging (calls, texts, emails, events, social media, radio spots and television appearances) to educate those losing coverage and drive them to the exchange.
- We've enrolled over 1600 former Medicaid recipients. This represents nearly 7% of the programmatic closures, exceeding the Urban Institute's estimated marketplace enrollment of 5.5% nationwide.
- We have recently learned that 12,000 individuals who had received notice of disenrollment and whose files had been transferred to the Exchange have ultimately been redetermined to be eligible for Medicaid coverage and have been re-enrolled. We do not know how many more individuals who have been disqualified have reapplied or appealed and may rejoin the Medicaid rolls over the next few months.

### **Optum SLA Penalty Discussions**

After inquiry by NMHIX about a social media post from a customer that had not received notification from the Exchange, Optum reported that their text messaging phone number had not been properly registered with Amazon Web Services.

- Text messaging notification had been failing to delivery at high rates, particularly for large batches, since April 1.
- 2,126 account holders, with a stated preference for text notification, did not receive one or more notifications of an available notice (most commonly an invoice) in their message center.
- Optum, NFP and Exchange staff reviewed each account to determine the current status and mitigate any customer impact. The Exchange sent text notifications in June and, out of an abundance of caution, contacted 41 customers whose coverage was set to terminate for non-payment at the end of June to ensure they were aware of their current status.
- Consequently, on June 29th, the exchange formally notified Optum that, pursuant to Section 2.8, "Performance Standards and Service Level Agreements," of the Master Services Agreement between hCentive and NMHIX, we were claiming liquidated damages related to Optum's failure to notify NMHIX of an operational problem, failure to resolve the problem timely, and failure to deliver notices.
- We also advised Optum that we would require that it change standard operating procedures to add additional safeguards for necessary consumer communications as well as require formal notification of material service failures.

### Resolution:

- 1. The total assessed penalty is \$39,075.
- 2. Optum has resolved the AWS registration problem
- 3. NFP will automatically send paper notices when electronic notification delivery fails (in alignment with the existing process for eligibility notices)
- 4. Optum has revised the process for categorizing issues/problems to ensure they are properly identified, escalated, and resolved timely.
- 5. Exchange staff will have more visibility into <u>all</u> service tickets.

			Pl	an Year I	Enrollme	nt by Yea	ar and M	onth - M	edical		Enrol ENROLLE	llment Status D
45K si 40K-		38,778	38,780	38,738	39,015	39,883	41,023					2023 2022
40K- Count of Consumers 33K- 30K	35,956	35,486	35,479	35,255	35,055	34,936	34,718	34,601	34,408	33,958	33,556	33,219
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022	31,827	35,486 MoM % Increase 11.50% ▲	35,479 MoM % Increase -0.02% ▼	35,255 MoM % Increase -0.63%6 ▼	35,055 MoM % Increase -0.57% ▼	34,936 MoM % Increase -0.34% ▼	34,718 MoM % Increase -0.62% ▼	34,601 MoM % Increase -0.34% ▼	34,408 MoM % Increase -0.56% ▼	33,958 MoM % Increase -1.31% ▼	33,556 MoM % Increase -1.18% ▼	33,219 MoM % Increase -1.00% ▼
2023	35,956 YoY % Increase 13.0%.▲	38,778 YoY % Increase 9.3% ▲ MoM % Increase 7.85% ▲	38,780 YoY % Increase 9.3% ▲ MoM % Increase 0.01% ▲	38,738 YoY % Increase 9.9%▲ MoM % Increase -0.11% ▼	39,015 YoY % Increase 11.3% ▲ MoM % Increase 0.72% ▲	39,883 YoY % Increase 14.2% ▲ MoM % Increase 2.22% ▲	41,023 YoY % Increase 18.2% ▲ MoM % Increase 2.86% ▲					

### Year-over-Year Enrollment Comparison

- After a successful open enrollment we have seen higher retention and continued growth
  - From the end of last year, enrollment is up 23.5% (+7,804).
  - Enrollment is up 18.2% YoY (+6,305) in July and continues to climb.

 Factors that contributed to this growth are Medicaid unwinding, higher retention, more affordable plans, and new special enrollment periods such as easy enrollment.

# **Matters from the Finance Committee**

Brandon Fryar, Treasurer

The Exchange's BOK Financial advisor presented the quarterly Investment Review for the period ended 6/30/2023 to the Finance Committee. The BOKF advisor will not be presenting the report to the full Board of Directors, however, the report is available <u>here</u>.

**Review of Financial Statements** 

#### New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Statements of Net Position

		6/30/2023		12/31/2022
	(	unaudited)		(audited)
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash	\$	27,990,840	\$	12,915,320
Cash Equivalents		1,950,436		2,298,690
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	29,941,276	\$	15,214,009
Investments		12,416,768		11,592,465
Premiums due		245,787		707,907
Carrier assessments due		-		-
Accrued Interest		35,372		34,546
Prepaid expenses and other assets		72,610		265,147
Total current assets		42,711,813		27,814,074
Noncurrent assets				
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		92,324		83,907
Right of use assets, net of accumulated amortization		273,855		273,855
		366,179		357,762
Total assets	\$	43,077,992	\$	28,171,836
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	1,018,748	\$	3,284,010
Deferred Revenue	\$	14,044,015		
Premium due to carriers		7,273,218		7,349,009
Accrued liabilities		144,163		125,433
Current portion of lease liabilities (2600)		229,142		229,142
Compensated absences		183,159		125,982
Total current liabilities		22,892,446		11,113,576
Lease Liability, net of current portion (2601)		58,799		58,799
Total Liabilities		22,951,245		11,172,375
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets		78,237		69,820
Unrestricted		20,048,510	_	16,929,641
Total net position		20,126,747		16,999,461
Total liabilities and net position	\$	43,077,992	\$	28,171,836

#### New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Year-to-Date Ended June 30, 2023 and Year Ended December 31, 2022

		6/30/2023		2022
		(unaudited)		(audited)
Operating Revenues				
Carrier Assessments	\$	14,044,017	<u>\$</u>	26,061,007
Operating Expenses				
Technology and project management		6,560,266		14,730,078
Consumer and stakeholder engagement and support		1,264,354		3,201,329
Salaries and employee benefits		2,415,708		3,818,019
Operations		954,102		1,763,255
Professional services and board		563,207		1,509,641
Plan Management		7,842		565,000
Total operating expenses		11,765,479		25,587,322
Operating gain/(loss)		2,278,537		473,685
Nonoperating Revenues				
Grant Revenue		-		650,000
Investment (loss) income, net		598,749		(1,774,338)
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of capital assets		-		(1,684)
Interest Expense on ROU assets (5524)		-		(11,601)
Other Revenue		250,000		200,000
Total nonoperating revenues, net		848,749		(937,623)
Change in net position		3,127,286		(463,938)
Net position, beginning of year		16,999,461		17,463,399
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Net position, end of period or year	\$	20,126,747	<u>\$</u>	16,999,461

#### New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Actual vs Budgeted Expenditures Year-to-Date Ended June 30, 2023

		Actual ID 6/30/2023	Re	maining 2023 Budget	Tota	I 2023 Budget
Operating Revenues						
Carrier Assessments	\$	14,044,017	\$	14,044,015	\$	28,088,032
Operating Expenses						
Technology and project management		6,560,266		8,723,550		15,283,816
Consumer and stakeholder engagement and s		1,264,354		2,667,803		3,932,157
Salaries and employee benefits		2,415,708		2,843,375		5,259,083
Operations		954,102		1,597,301		2,551,403
Professional services and board		563,207		98,366		661,573
Plan Management		7,842		392,158		400,000
Total operating expenses		11,765,479		16,322,553		28,088,032
Operating gain/(loss)	\$	2,278,537		(2,278,537)	\$	-

### 2022 Carrier Assessment Re-allocation Based on Actual Market Share

		w Mexico H essment Allo		d on 2022 Ma	<u> </u>	ire		
	Source: NAIC St	atutory Financ	ial Statement	filings for Year	Ended 1	2/31/2022		
NAIC#	INSURANCE COMPANY	Comprehensive (Hospital & Medical)	Medicaid Premium	Total Direct Written Premium Sbj to Assessment	2022 Market Share	Re-calculated 2022 Assessment based on 2022 Market Share	2022 Assessment Paid by Carrier	Balance o Refund Due
					%	\$ 26,061,008	\$ 26,061,008	\$ -
11504	PRESBYTERIAN INSURANCE COMPANY	\$ 67,130,182	\$ -	\$ 67,130,182	0.87%	\$ 227,688	\$ 251,123	\$ (23,434
16281	TRUE HEALTH New Mexico	158,365,361	-	158,365,361	2.06%	\$ 537,135	606,177	(69,042)
16351	Ambetter/Western Sky Community Care (CENTENE)	4,833,037	629,201,550	634,034,587	8.25%	\$ 2,150,483	2,065,683	84,800
60054	AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	47,954,399		47,954,399	0.62%	\$ 162,649	157,627	5,022
62308	Connecticut General Life Insurance Company	-		-	0.00%	\$-	47	(47)
65498	NY Life: Life Insurance Company of North America	8,963,304		8,963,304	0.12%	\$ 30,401	32,309	(1,908
67369	CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE CO	91,935,555		91,935,555	1.20%	\$ 311,822	235,268	76,554
70670	HEALTH CARE SERVICE CORPORATION	429,105,463		429,105,463	5.58%	\$ 1,455,416	1,359,801	95,615
78611	HCSC INSURANCE SERVICES COMPANY	-	2,612,162,181	2,612,162,181	34.00%	\$ 8,859,786	8,338,796	520,990
79413	UNITEDHEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY	218,803,461		218,803,461	2.85%	\$ 742,125	1,525,349	(783,223)
95330	PRESBYTERIAN HEALTH PLAN INC	116,080,126	3,206,634,940	3,322,715,066	43.24%	\$ 11,269,800	11,049,066	220,734
95739	MOLINA HEALTHCARE OF NEW MEXICO INC	74,192,856	-	74,192,856	0.97%	\$ 251,643	390,830	(139,187)
95774	Friday Health Plans of Colorado, Inc.	18,296,949		18,296,949	0.24%	\$ 62,059	48,931	13,128
	TOTAL	\$ 1,235,660,693	\$ 6,447,998,671	\$ 7,683,659,364	100.0%	\$ 26,061,008	\$ 26.061.008	\$-

# **Matters from the Executive Committee**

Vice-chair Dr. Nandini Kuehn

No report

# Matters from the Outreach and Education Committee

Mark Epstein, Chair

### **Medicaid Unwinding**

#### **THE NUMBERS**

- 157,550 automated calls
- 179,140 texts
- 55,163 emails
- 5,189 personal postcards
- 8,890 personal calls

Terrestrial Radio Executive Summary

 This portion of the campaign is running 30-second spots statewide across formats, including Hot Adult Contemporary, Pop, Classic Hits, Country, Rhythmic Pop, Regional Mexican, Adult Hits, News/Talk, and Spanish Variety, and across counties, including Bernalillo, Curry, San Juan, McKinley, Lea, Doña Ana, San Miguel, Otero, Chaves, Santa Fe, and Eddy Counties.

Spots	Impressions	GRPs	Reach	Frequency
7,370	9,007,000	598.4	32.1%	18.7





• The Online Display tactic drove 4,054,134 impressions over the course of this reporting period, representing 95% of the projected impressions, and up 8% since our last report. From those impressions, the campaign earned 3,726 total clicks, up 9% since our last report, giving the campaign an average click-through rate of 0.09%, which remains above the industry standard of 0.08%.

#### Online Video Summary

Impressio	ons	Completed Views	Activities	Clicks	Completion Rate	CPCV
1,162,84	18	912,129	3,583	9,122	78.85%	\$0.03

### What we have learned

### Automated calls are effective

- High listening duration times
- Ability to let us know if they will have insurance through an employer

#### Postcards didn't have a great return rate

- We sent out 5,000+ to cohort 1 and only 23 were scanned
- We switched up the approach to target just those with programmatic closures from cohort 2 & 3 those are being sent now

#### **Personal Calls**

- Low answer rates
- But valuable insight into consumer desires

- The biggest two responses: They want to go back to HSD/Will have insurance through work
- We are also focusing these on programmatic closures now



### The next six months

We anticipate the unwinding will roll right into OE and continue to work on strategies to address this as we gear up for our OE campaigns.

### **Medicaid Unwinding Enrollment Events**

Beginning in late April and in partnership with our Prime Vendor, HSD and broker partners we have been hosting Enrollment Events statewide. Consumers are invited to attend by leveraging the MOU and Account Transfer data used for the Drip Campaign to send texts messages and emails to consumers.

- 40 Enrollment events statewide
- 262 Attendees: 127 RSVP's, 60 QHP enrollments, 19 Medicaid enrollments, 68 Medicaid inquiries, 37 follow up appointments

### **Future Enrollment Events**

### **BROKER ENROLLMENT EVENTS**

Brokers have expressed interest in hosting enrollment events and we have begun piloting broker enrollment events with similar structure, expectations and reporting to our community events.

#### **VIRTUAL EVENTS**

We are piloted our first virtual enrollment event on July 19 where we invited consumers to participate via zoom meeting. Our pilot had low participation but we anticipate higher participation at future events.

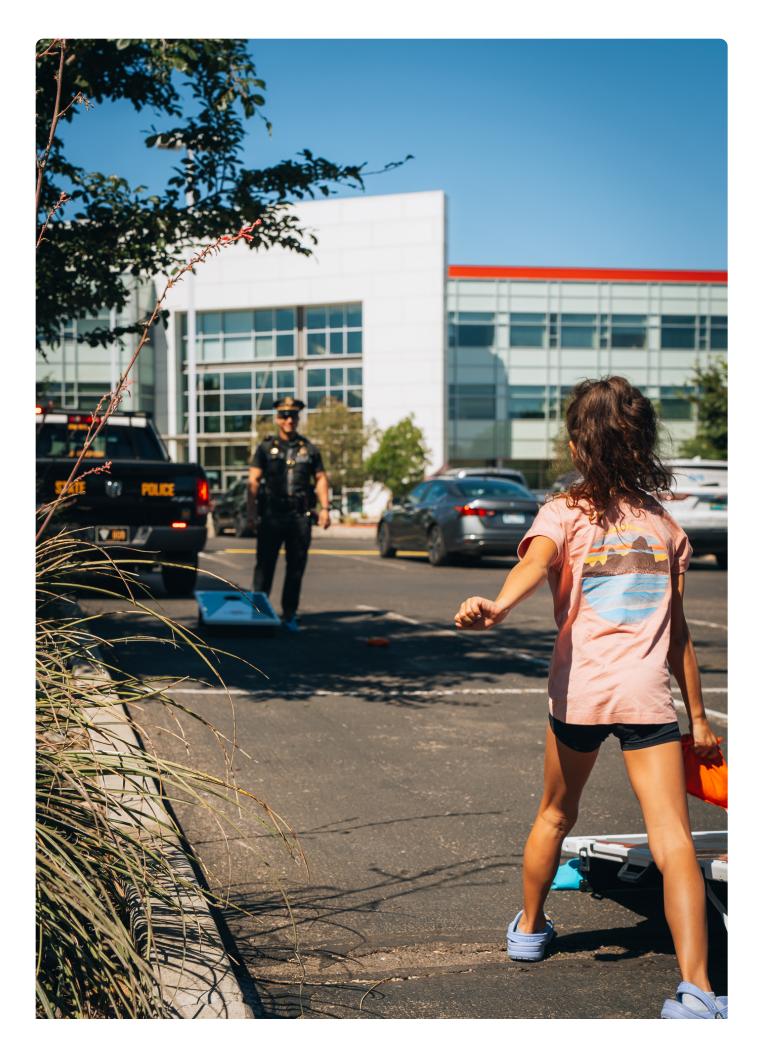
**BeWellnm Outreach and Awareness Events** 



- 200+ attendees
- 55+ appointments with Brokers in the office
- 10 Brokers on-site + our staff helped enroll consumers
- Several appointments with HSD who had two reps here helping
- 10+ Media interviews & an Op-Ed (English and Spanish interviews)

- 300+ paletas!
- Countless smiles!









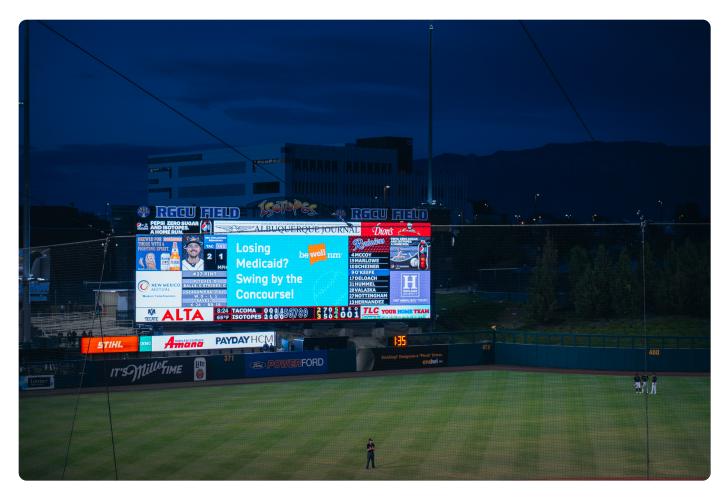
**Community Outreach** 



PrideFest



United Games



Isotopes

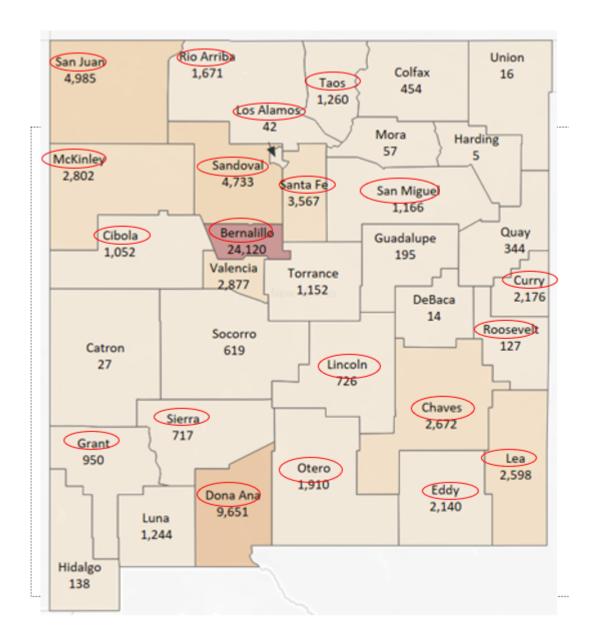
### **Future Outreach**

- Community College Outreach
- Hospital Outreach
- Back to School Opportunities
- Duke City Marathon



### **Supplemental Statewide Outreach**

In addition to our awarded Assister contracts and our existing broker relationship, we are piloting part-time contract positions that will be housed within the community to align with the contract period (August 2023 - December 2024), and support a more comprehensive statewide approach in the following counties.



### **Native American Outreach**

- RFP County Coverage: Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties
- Pilot in Farmington San Juan County
  - Navajo Nation and Jicarilla Apache Tribe

- Pilot in Gallup McKinley County
  - Navajo Nation and Zuni Pueblo
- Pilot in Jemez Sandoval County
  - Jemez, Zia, Santa Ana, San Felipe, Cochiti Pueblos, Torreon and Cuba Navajo Nation

### Statewide Outreach

- RFP County Coverage: Taos, Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Otero, Lincoln, Chavez, Eddy, Lea Counties
- Pilot in Las Cruces Dona Ana County
  - Bilingual outreach position housed at HSD Offices

### **Broker Recruitment**

• Incentivize Broker recruitment in Grant, Sierra, Curry, Cibola, and Roosevelt Counties.

### **Communications and Outreach Procurements**

BeWellnm recently issued 5 RFPs for the procurement of Communications and Outreach services. The new contracts are for services currently being performed under the prime vendor model. The evaluation committees selected successful offerors and now request that the Board approve the following contracts:

- Social Strategy Services (RFP #2023.005)
  - 3 proposals received
  - Proposal submitted by Stamats Communications, Inc. was selected as the proposal most advantageous to beWellnm
  - Request Board approve contract in an amount not-to-exceed (NTE) \$198,951
- Marketing Services (RFP #2023.006)
  - 7 proposals received
  - Proposal submitted by K2MD, Inc. was selected as the proposal most advantageous to beWellnm
  - Request Board approve contract in an amount NTE \$1,155,000
- Website Services (RFP #2023.007)
  - 9 proposals received
  - Proposal submitted by Esparza, Advertising, Inc. was selected as the proposal most advantageous to beWellnm
  - Request Board approve contract in an amount NTE \$357,856
- Rural Certified Assister Partners (RFP #2023.008)
  - Request Board approve contract with Constellation Consulting, LLC in an amount NTE \$185,000
  - Request Board approve contract with Holy Cross Medical Center Benefit Navigation Program in an amount NTE \$96,074
- Native American Certified Assister Partners (RFP #2023.009)

• Request Board approve contract with Albuquerque Indian Center, Inc. in an amount NTE \$150,000

### **Motions for Contract Approval**

1. Move that the Board authorize the CEO to enter into a contract through December 31, 2024 with Stamats Communications, Inc. for Social Strategy Services, with a contract NTE of \$198,951.

2. Move that the Board authorize the CEO to enter into a contract through December 31, 2024 with K2MD, Inc. for Marketing Services, with a contract NTE of \$1,155,000.

3. Move that the Board authorize the CEO to enter into a contract through December 31, 2024 with Esparza Advertising, Inc. for Website Services, with a contract NTE of \$357,856.

4. Move that the Board authorize the CEO to enter into a contract through December 31, 2024 with Constellation Consulting, LLC for Rural Certified Assister Partner Services, with a contract NTE of \$185,000.

5. Move that the Board authorize the CEO to enter into a contract through December 31, 2024 with Holy Cross Medical Center Benefit Navigation Program for Rural Certified Assister Partner Services with a contract NTE of \$96,074.

6. Move that the Board authorize the CEO to enter into a contract Native American Certified Assister Partner Services with a contract NTE of \$150,000.

## **Matters from the Operations Committee**

Dan Foley, Chair

The Operations Committee met on July 12, 2023, and received presentations and discussed two topics:

- 1. Medicaid Unwinding
- 2. Premium Billing Analysis and Recommendations

## Medicaid Unwinding Update

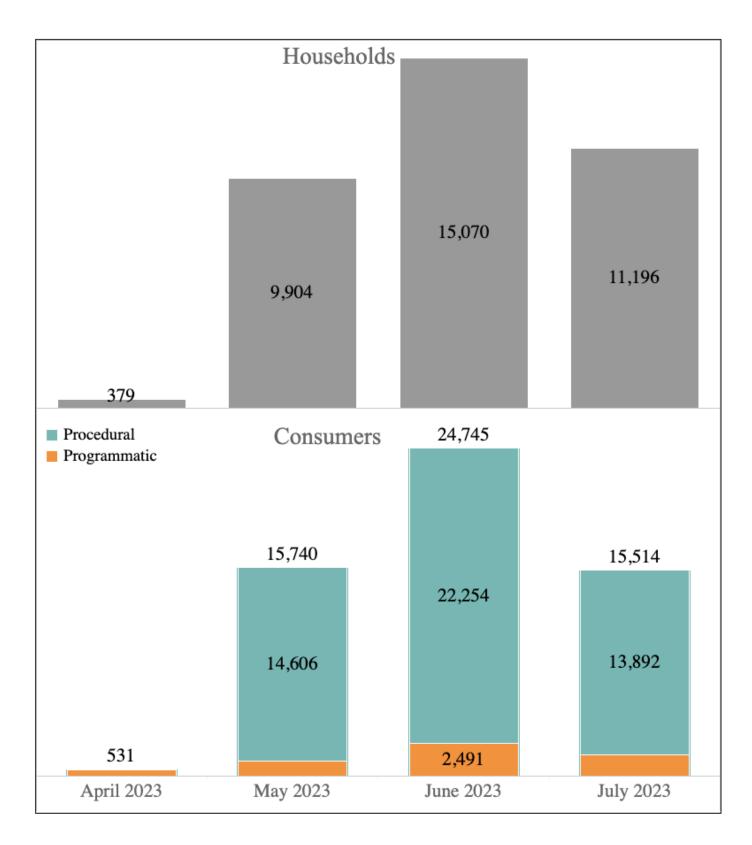
#### ACCOUNT TRANSFERS FROM HSD

85,757 individual closures have been referred to beWellnm from HSD (as of July 25)\*\*

- 85.5% or 73,324 are procedural closures
  - We receive an account transfer for individuals who lose Medicaid for procedural reasons, but we do not pre-populate an Exchange application. The notice we send informs the individual of their Medicaid reconsideration period (90 days post closure) and how to apply for Exchange coverage.
- 14.5% or 12,433 are programmatic closures

\*\* Of the account transfers with a closure, 12,001 individuals (13.9%) have re-enrolled in Medicaid with July coverage. We are tracking this on a

### monthly basis.



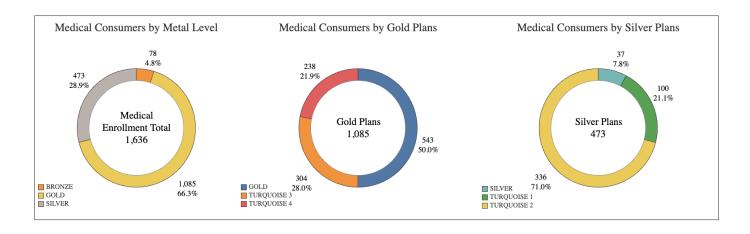
#### ENROLLMENT

1,667 enrollments of former Medicaid customers

### • 1,636 medical

• 31 dental only

## 7% of programmatic closures enrolled in coverage through beWellnm



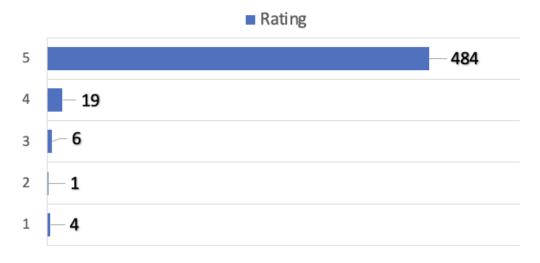
#### **MEDICAID TRANSITION PREMIUM RELIEF (MTPR)**

- 490 Households (796 individuals) received their first month of coverage for free
- Average amount of the subsidy payment is \$101.92
- Total MTPR payments = \$51,671.93

#### CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT CENTER

- 3,360 total calls since beginning of July (as of 7/21); calls are up slightly but still below projected levels
  - 0.4% abandoned
  - 12 second speed to answer
  - ~8 minute average handle time
- 876 online chats

## CUSTOMER SURVEY RESPONSES\*



## \*On a scale from 1-5, with 5 being the highest rating

#### CEC STAFFING FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS

With the initial expectation that HSD would complete the bulk of the recertifications of households with higher incomes by July, CEC was scheduled to ramp down staffing in August. However, HSD has a backlog of recertifications and new applications. Therefore, we are planning for more activity in August throughout Open Enrollment.

We invoked the contingency authority in the contract to maintain higher staffing levels in August and September. In August, we'll begin planning for staffing during Open Enrollment.

## **Premium Billing Analysis and Recommendation**

#### PURPOSE

Guide leadership in determining whether beWellnm should continue premium billing and collection activities

#### SCOPE

Compare and contrast current operation to an alternative whereby health insurance carriers perform premium billing and collection

#### PREMIUM BILLING AND COLLECTION OVERVIEW

### Premium Billing and Collection by the Numbers

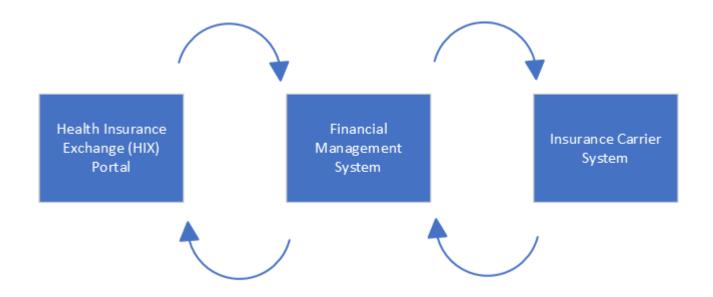
- 29,187 number of policies through beWellnm
  - 9,446 policies with \$0 monthly premium
  - 10,489 of policy holders enrolled in auto pay
- \$2,383,802 annual operating cost

Category	ategory Description		
Personnel	Staff salaries	\$597,042	
	Staff payroll taxes and benefits	\$226,876	
	Staff overhead	\$210,828	
Contractor(s)	Contractor(s) Portion of Optum contract		
Other	r Postage and printing		
	Credit card fees	\$509,056	
I	Total	\$2,383,802	

- \$81.67 per policy annually to operate premium billing and collection (annual operating cost / number of policies)
- For the period September 2022 through June 2023, the premium billing team handled 24,264 calls, averaging 2,400 calls per month

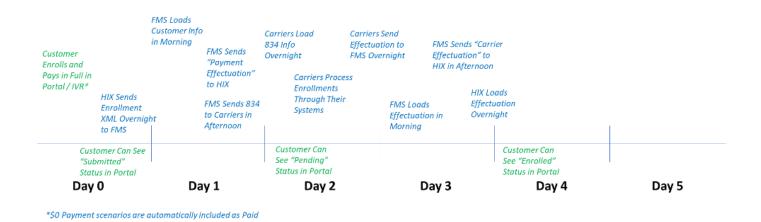
### **Current Process**

- beWellnm operates two primary systems for eligibility, enrollment, premium billing, and collection
- The Financial Management System (FMS) is responsible for premium billing, premium collection, sending enrollment and payment files to carriers, receiving acknowledgement of enrollment from carriers, and providing reports and data to federal agencies



- Premium payments are collected as part of the enrollment process.
- A full binder payment must be made for enrollment to be sent to the carrier
- Individuals or households with a \$0 premium follow the same process but are not required to make a payment at time of enrollment

• The enrollment process can take up to 5 business days for full effectuation and display to the customer



• Premium payments can be made through three different channels



#### WHY DID BEWELLNM DECIDE TO DO PREMIUM BILLING

- Simplify the customer experience allowing for one premium payment to be made to cover multiple policies (e.g., medical and dental)
- Provide customers with multiple payment options
- Reduce the amount of time to fully effectuate a customer from 4 months to 5 days

- Provide customers with one number to call for assistance with eligibility, enrollment, and payments
- Flexibility to apply state only premium assistance

#### STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

### **Insurance Carrier Feedback**

- All five carriers responded to the questionnaire
- Two carriers identified benefits to the carrier regarding the current operation of premium billing and collection functions by beWellnm
- Two carriers noted that beWellnm is the only state health insurance exchange they work with that performs premium billing and collection functions, resulting in specialized processes for those carriers
- Numerous challenges were identified by all carriers related to beWellnm's operation of premium billing and collection
- However, one carrier stated that "the premium billing process has been smooth and uneventful."

### **Broker Feedback**

- Nine brokers responded to the request for feedback regarding premium billing and collection
- Brokers were mixed in their feedback
  - 44% of brokers found it beneficial that beWellnm performed premium billing and collection

- 44% of brokers preferred to have beWellnm perform premium billing and collection
- 56% of brokers acknowledged challenges with premium billing and collection

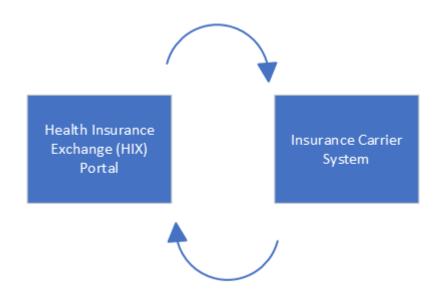
### NFP Health Feedback

- NFP Health identified some opportunities to improve the premium billing and collection process
  - Issue weekly 820 electronic data interchange (EDI) files to carriers
  - Separate the impact of delinquency and termination on medical and dental enrollments

#### **ALTERNATIVE FOR CONSIDERATION**

beWellnm could enable health insurance carriers to perform premium billing and collection functions while preserving the business case for premium billing and collection by the organization and save \$1.35M annually

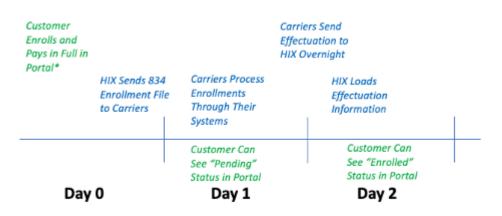
- beWellnm would eliminate the use of the financial management system (FMS) provided by NFP Health
- Carriers would expose their payment gateways to beWellnm and customers would still be able to make payments similar to how they do today



• The alternative solution will require significant changes by beWellnm and insurance carriers to implement

### Benefits of the Alternative Solution

• Customers could enroll in plans quicker than they do today (40% less time)



\*Green = customer action; Blue = HIX or carrier action. \$0 Payment scenarios are automatically included as Paid; Payments would be collected by the health insurance carrier's payment engines.

• beWellnm can save \$1.35M annually by eliminating some costs associated with premium billing and collection: vendor contract, postage, and credit card fees.

Category Description		Cost	
Contractor(s)	Contractor(s) Portion of Optum contract		
Other	Postage and printing	\$400,000	
	Credit card fees	\$509,056	
	Total	\$1,349,056	

• The initial business reasons for beWellnm to perform premium billing and collection are mostly preserved

Initial Business Reasons for Performing Premium Billing	Current State	Alternative Solution
One premium payment across multiple policies	$\checkmark$	
Provide customers with multiple payment options	<ul> <li></li> </ul>	✓
Reduce the amount of time to enroll		✓
Provide customers with one number to call for assistance	$\checkmark$	✓
Flexibility to apply state only premium assistance	$\checkmark$	✓

### **Alternative Solution Dependencies**

- Implementation of the alternative solution would require significant time and effort by multiple parties.
- Insurance carriers reported that they would need anywhere from 2 to 12 months to be ready to assume premium billing and collection responsibilities; One carrier noted needing a 15 month advance notice of this change
- Carriers noted that this change would result in costs to the carriers
- beWellnm would incur costs to enhance the HIX system to be able to interface with carriers directly and estimate that this change could take a year or more to implement

### **Organizational Impact**

- Implementation of the alternative would impact beWellnm in several ways
  - Staff assigned to perform premium billing and collection functions would be reassigned to other areas
  - beWellnm would need to enhance its carrier support and reconciliation functions
  - beWellnm would need to align resources and priorities to focus on implementing the change
  - Operational costs for beWellnm could increase during the implementation of the alternative solution

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO LEADERSHIP**

• Implement the alternative solution but the solution cannot be fully implemented until January 2026

The full report is available <u>here</u>.

## **Matters from the Native American Committee**

Sharon Clahchischilliage, Chair

#### **Native American Advisory Committee Meeting**

There have been no further tribal appointees from Tribes and Pueblos. Currently, we have three (3) from Nambe Pueblo, Mescalero Apache Tribe and Navajo Nation. Our June meeting was well attended with 32 attendees, new participants from Mescalero, Taos, Gallup, Shiprock to Dulce tribal organizations, programs, Indian Health Service and Tribal 638 Health Centers. We covered the following items:

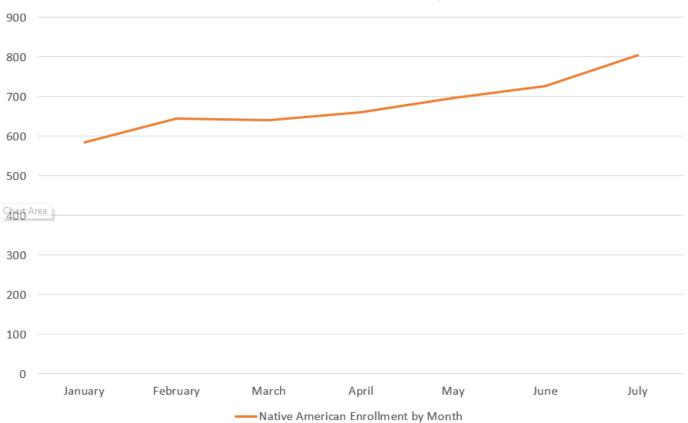
- Medicaid Unwinding HSD Update
- Outreach & Marketing
- Enrollment Update
- Resources

#### **Enrollment Update**

Enrollment has increased 27% since January. Navajo Nation's enrollment increased by 46 from June to July.

- January 584
- February 645

- March 641
- April 661
- May 696
- June 726
- July 804



### Native American Enrollment by Month

Native	American	by Tribe
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Top 10 Tribes by Consumers - All States		Top 10 Tribes	Top 10 Tribes by Consumers - New Mexico	
NM NAVAJO NATION	305	NM NAVAJO NATION	305	
OK CHEROKEE NATION	46	NM PUEBLO OF LAGUNA	43	
OK CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA	45	NM PUEBLO OF ISLETA	23	
NM PUEBLO OF LAGUNA	43	NM PUEBLO OF ACOMA	21	
NM PUEBLO OF ISLETA	23	NM PUEBLO OF JEMEZ	18	
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NM PUEBLO OF JEMEZ	18	NM PUEBLO OF TAOS	16	
OK THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION	18	NM ZUNI TRIBE OF THE ZUNI RESERVATION	16	
NM SANTO DOMINGO PUEBLO PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS KEWA PUEBLO NEW MEXICO AND AS PU	17	NM MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE OF THE MESCALERO RESERVATION	15	
NM PUEBLO OF TAOS	16	NM PUEBLO OF SANTA CLARA	12	

## **Outreach & Marketing**

We continue to renew and grow our Native American network and partners as communities continue to slowly open up and events being planned. Medicaid Unwinding is resulting in tribal programs and organizations requesting educational presentations at various resource and health fairs. Below are events that we have attended and will be attending:

- June 9, 2023 Santo Domingo Health Center: Public Health Emergency on Medicaid
- June 23, 2023 Pine Hill Health Center Health Fair
- June 28, 2023 Taos Pueblo Community Health Insurance Outreach
- June 28, 2023 Coyote Canyon Chapter Educational Presentation (Navajo Nation)

- July 11, 2023 Albuquerque Indian Hospital Educational Resource Table
- July 14, 2023 Community Health Representative Resource Fair, Upper Fruitland Chapter House (Navajo Nation)
- July 15, 2023 Gallup Community Health Day!
- July 20, 2023 Educational Information Session, Central & Unser Public Library
- July 26, 2023 Canoncito Band of Navajo Health Center Inc. Lunch & Learn
- July 28, 2023 Coyote Canyon Chapter Educational Presentation (Navajo Nation)

### **Ongoing partnership with Lorraine Y. Chavez Insurance Agency, Inc.**

#### HELPING BUILD ADDITIONAL BRIDGES WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

Following Jacqueline Torivio, the agency's first hired Native American insurance agent, Lorraine Chavez hired a second Native American insurance agent, Gabriella Concepcion. Gabriella is Laguna Pueblo, born and raised in the Village of Paguate. She has been a licensed insurance agent for nearly a year and is looking forward to creating opportunities and supporting Native American communities across the State of New Mexico.



Gabriella Concepcion

### Native American marketing efforts include a website stories



- How Native Americans can get no-cost to low-cost health insurance based on their annual gross income and tax household
- How beWellnm works with Indian Health Service and Tribal Healthcare Center healthcare coverage
- Can access care at a contracted provider or facility through the insurance company

#### Messaging in monthly newsletters and social media posts



# Native American Enrollments on the Rise in New Mexico

We are pleased about the increase in Native American enrollments in New Mexico since January 2023. Over the past few months, there has been a notable upward trend, reflecting beWellnm's ongoing efforts to provide accessible healthcare options and support to Native American communities. Let's continue this momentum and encourage Native American communities to enroll in affordable healthcare coverage with beWellnm. To





#### Lorraine Y. Chavez Agency Expands Native American Representation with Gabriella Concepcion

BeWellnm continues to support Native American communities through our partnership with Lorraine Y. Chavez Insurance Agency, the agency has truly committed to bringing education, outreach and enrollments to the Native American communities.

First, we introduced Jacqueline Torivio, the agency's first hired Native American insurance agent, and now their second Native American insurance agent, Gabriella Concepcion.

Gabriella who is Laguna from the Village of Paguate, has been a licensed insurance agent for nearly a year and is focused on solving problems, creating opportunities, and offering support to communities and families across New Mexico.



Gabriella Concepcion, Insurance Agent, Lorraine Y. Chavez Insurance Agency

## **Agency Reports**

- Matters from the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance Superintendent Alice Kane
- Matters from the New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool Superintendent Alice Kane
- Matters from New Mexico Human Service Department Secretary Kari Armijo

## **Public Comment**

(1-2 Minutes/Participant)

## **Other Board Business**

**Directors & Bruce Gilbert, CEO** 

## **Next beWellnm Board Meeting**

September 22, 2023, at the CNM Work Force Training Center

## Adjournment

🖄 Vote

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

## **Premium Billing Analysis Report**

Final Premium Billing Analysis Report 072023.pdf

## **BOK Financial Investment Review**

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