

Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization (CPCCO)
Board of Directors Meeting
October 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes



The meeting was held in-person at the CareOregon office in Portland. Ten of the thirteen Board members attended: Jon Betlinski, Shawn Bower, Sherrie Ford, Eric Hunter, Steven Manesis, Viviana Matthews, Monica Martinez, Erin Skaar, Joe Skariah and Nicole Williams.

Vice Chair Nicole Williams called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and declared a quorum for the record.

Member Moment

Staff from Youth Era presented an overview of their programs in Columbia County that have been supported by Columbia Pacific CCO. Their programs are peer led and focus on supporting youth, including a Youth Advisory Council, recovery, wraparound and housing programs, as well as a new mobile Drop Center in the county.

Discussion and Engagement Items

1. Overview of Changes to Medicaid and Rural Healthcare.

OHA Medicaid Policy Director shared an overview of the federal HR1 that will fundamentally re-shape Medicaid. New barriers and challenges, including work requirements, eligibility changes and financial cuts are expected to result in 30-40% disenrollment rates from Medicaid. OHA priorities will be: maintain coverage, reduce inequities and harm, but also adhere to new federal requirements. Discussion focused on the implications of work requirements for 19-64 year old adults as well as copayments. Oregon will be able to defer eligibility requirements until January 2028 since the state's 1115 waiver will prevail until fall 2027.

2. Implications of HR 1 Changes for the State and Columbia Pacific CCO.

Directors discussed the impacts to individual organizations, the counties/communities as a whole, and the populations most affected by HR1. Discussion included: everyone in our communities will be affected by these changes to Medicaid; this is about more than vulnerable populations; this is structural change; every organization will have a lot more demand, with fewer resources. It will be important for communities to work together, for the CCO to continue to be a convener, and for OHA to provide timely and frequent tactical information that can be used at the local level, rather than director top-down by the state.

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3. Priorities for CPCCO 'Guiding Principles' for 2026 and beyond.

- supporting enrollment
- keeping the front line staff and local organizations and providers well supported
- leveraging the CCO advocacy efforts in all venues
- financial health: losing enrollment while also seeing more disease and acuity in the population
- supporting the survival of our providers and most important services with the CCO as the objective convener for providers who may feel more competitive pressures between themselves

4. Action Items

By a vote of all Directors present, the Board approved the minutes of the September 21, 2025 Board meeting as written.

5. Wrap Up

The Board discussed the importance of being well-informed as the landscape and CareOregon continue to shift, as well as how to use them more effectively to advocate for Medicaid and rural health overall.

There being no further business to discuss, Board Chair Erin Skaar adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.