

February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Date	Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Time	12:00-1:00 p.m. MT
Location	Virtual – Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89940003541 Meeting ID: 899 4000 3541
Facilitator	Alee Kuzniarowicz, NHP
Meeting Focus	Healthy Colorado for All and future regional health equity priorities

1. Welcome and Committee Purpose

Alee Kuzniarowicz welcomed participants and reviewed the purpose of the NHP Health Equity Committee. The committee creates space for members, providers, hospitals, community organizations, advocates, and other regional stakeholders to share lived experience and community insight, learn about regional priorities, and help shape actionable health equity work.

The discussion emphasized that equity strategies are strongest when informed by the communities they are intended to serve, particularly across a region with differing urban, rural, and frontier access challenges.

2. Healthy Colorado for All Overview

The committee reviewed Healthy Colorado for All as the framework guiding NHP's long-term approach to advancing health equity. Discussion focused on moving from broad equity goals toward measurable regional priorities, defined target populations, and strategies that can improve outcomes over the next seven years.

NHP described health equity as integrated across population health, quality improvement, Care Coordination, provider engagement, member engagement, and community partnerships rather than as a stand-alone initiative.

3. Future Health Equity Priorities

The committee reviewed areas expected to guide NHP's future health equity work, with particular focus on maternity, behavioral health, prevention and population health, and the barriers that influence whether members can access and remain engaged in care.

- Maternity and perinatal health, including timely prenatal and postpartum care.
- Behavioral health access and follow-up after emergency department visits or hospitalization.
- Prevention and population health, including chronic disease management, screenings, well care, and immunizations.

- Language access, culturally responsive communication, disability inclusion, transportation, and geographic access.
- Provider availability and other social or community factors that may contribute to differences in outcomes.

4. Identifying Priority and Target Populations

NHP discussed using stratified data to identify populations experiencing poorer outcomes or greater barriers rather than applying the same intervention uniformly across all members. Analyses may consider geography, race and ethnicity, preferred language, age, disability status, sex or gender, and other relevant clinical or social characteristics when the data support meaningful interpretation.

Participants also discussed the importance of interpreting performance data alongside member experience, provider knowledge, and community context. Differences in outcomes may reflect access barriers, resource availability, transportation, language, cultural responsiveness, data completeness, coding, or small population sizes. Priority populations and interventions will therefore be refined as additional data and feedback become available.

5. Community and Member Voice

The committee discussed its role in ensuring that regional strategies reflect the experiences of the communities NHP serves. Data can help identify where disparities occur, while members, providers, and community partners can help explain why those differences exist and which solutions are practical within individual communities.

- Barriers experienced by members and populations that may require additional support.
- Existing community resources, local initiatives, and partnership opportunities.
- Gaps in available services or access pathways.
- Strategies that may improve outreach, engagement, access, and follow-through.

6. Seven-Year Strategy and Ongoing Evaluation

NHP discussed the need for a long-term strategy that can evolve as regional needs, data, populations, and available resources change. The approach will combine member engagement, Care Coordination, provider collaboration, community partnerships, access support, technology-enabled solutions, and quality improvement activities.

Progress will be reviewed over time using performance data and stakeholder feedback. Strategies may be adjusted when disparities persist, barriers change, or new needs emerge.

7. Discussion and Closing

Participants were invited to provide feedback on NHP's future priorities, populations that may need additional attention, and considerations that should inform the Healthy Colorado for All Plan. NHP emphasized that continued community and stakeholder participation will be important throughout plan development and implementation.

No formal motions or votes were documented. The meeting concluded at approximately 12:42 p.m.

Follow-Up Items

Follow-Up / Action	Responsible Party	Timing
Continue development of NHP's Healthy Colorado for All Plan and regional health equity strategy.	NHP Health Equity Team	Ongoing
Review quality and population health data to identify disparities and potential target populations.	NHP	Plan development
Incorporate member, provider, and community feedback into priorities and interventions.	NHP / Committee	Ongoing
Continue assessing barriers related to geography, language, disability, transportation, provider access, and other social factors.	NHP / regional partners	Ongoing
Maintain stakeholder engagement as the seven-year strategy is developed, implemented, and refined.	NHP	Ongoing