

September 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Date	Friday, September 19, 2025
Time	12:00-1:00 p.m. MT
Meeting	NHP Health Equity Committee / Subcommittee
Facilitator	Alee Kuzniarowicz, NHP

1. Welcome and Introductions

Alee Kuzniarowicz welcomed participants and opened the meeting. The committee was framed as a collaborative forum for NHP staff, providers, community partners, and other stakeholders to inform health equity priorities and identify opportunities to reduce barriers across the region.

2. Health Equity Committee Charter

The committee reviewed the Health Equity Committee Charter and the proposed structure for ongoing participation. Members were invited to review the charter and provide feedback or request changes. Discussion also included committee membership, invitees, voting members, and the need to represent both rural and urban perspectives across Region 2.

3. Immunization Updates and Alignment to Quality

The committee reviewed timely immunization updates and implications for access and quality. Maternal vaccination guidance highlighted COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy, preconception, postpartum, or lactation; influenza vaccination during any trimester; and maternal RSV vaccination during the recommended gestational window in RSV season when clinically appropriate.

Colorado actions to preserve COVID-19 vaccine access were also reviewed, including a state public health order, a standing order, and pharmacy rulemaking activity. At the time of the meeting, uncertainty remained regarding Vaccines for Children (VFC) coverage of the 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccine because VFC access depends on ACIP-recommended guidance. Continued monitoring of federal and state guidance was identified as important for Medicaid pediatric access.

4. Violet Health

The committee discussed Violet Health as a resource to support culturally responsive care and provider education. The discussion connected provider cultural competency development with NHP's broader health equity and quality strategy.

5. Health Equity Structure and Establishing Impact

Participants discussed how the committee and related workgroups could move from broad health equity discussion toward actionable, measurable work. Key questions included how to bring member voice into the process, who should be involved, and how to translate data and community experience into strategies that close identified gaps.

- Maintain representation from rural and urban communities and a range of provider and community partners.
- Create meaningful opportunities for members and advocates to contribute lived experience and community insight.
- Use quality and population health data alongside stakeholder input to identify disparities and prioritize interventions.
- Align health equity work with NHP quality improvement activities rather than operating as a separate effort.

6. Taskforce / Workgroup Interest

An interest survey was shared to help establish focused health equity taskforces. Participants could express interest in maternity, behavioral health, and prevention-focused work and indicate preferred meeting days and times. The survey requested responses by October 17, 2025.

7. Public Comment and Closing

Time was reserved for public comment and final discussion. No specific public comments, formal motions, or votes were documented in the materials provided. The meeting concluded with a focus on finalizing the committee structure and moving toward topic-specific, action-oriented equity work.

Follow-Up Items

Follow-Up / Action	Responsible Party	Timing
Review the Health Equity Committee Charter and submit requested feedback or revisions.	Committee members	Following meeting
Complete the Health Equity Taskforce Interest Form for maternity, behavioral health, and/or prevention work.	Interested participants	By Oct. 17, 2025
Continue monitoring federal and Colorado immunization guidance affecting Medicaid and VFC access.	NHP / clinical leadership	Ongoing
Refine committee and taskforce structure, including representation and voting membership.	NHP Health Equity Team	Ongoing
Expand opportunities for member and community voice in equity planning and gap-closing strategies.	NHP / Committee	Ongoing