

WELCOME

DEAR ATTENDEES,

The Colorado Health Foundation's Health Coverage goal is that all Coloradans achieve stable, affordable and adequate health coverage by 2023. Since our state expanded Medicaid and opened Connect for Health Colorado three years ago, our uninsured rate has dropped from 14.3 percent to 6.7 percent. Nearly 500,000 Coloradans are more likely to access the care they need, due in large part to your dedication to helping them learn their options and assisting them with enrollment. That is a phenomenal accomplishment.

Every single newly insured individual requires multiple touches before gaining coverage – through messaging, outreach, eligibility and enrollment. Over the years, you have adapted quickly to state and federal changes, worked through system tweaks and given your honest feedback to make improvements, all with the aim of helping your community get access to health care.

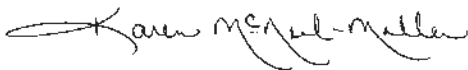
We have learned a lot about how health insurance is working and not working for Colorado consumers. And the hard work isn't over. The remaining uninsured will be some of the hardest individuals to reach. We hope this year's Building Better Health conference supports and inspires you for the work ahead.

Building Better Health is focused on getting you the training and resources you need, but more importantly, helping you make the connections you need to make to each other. Both of the lunch sessions during the conference include dedicated time for you to meet others from your region as well as Colorado leaders in health coverage. We hope this helps you strengthen and extend your partnerships for further success during the third open enrollment period and beyond.

In fact, the Colorado Health Foundation has broadened our own partnerships to design a program that we hope will surpass your expectations. We would like to thank Connect for Health Colorado, the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the Colorado Consumer Health Initiative, Colorado Covering Kids and Families, the Colorado Division of Insurance and PEAK Outreach for their collaboration in designing and executing this event.

We also would like to express our sincerest gratitude for your hard work and commitment to getting Coloradans covered. It is my honor to welcome you to Building Better Health.

Sincerely,



Karen McNeil-Miller
President and CEO
The Colorado Health Foundation

