



Pennie Board of Directors Meeting

August 19, 2021

Agenda

- Preliminary Matters
- Action/Discussion Items by the Board
 - Administrative Matters
 - Health Equity Update
 - **2022 Open Enrollment Planning**
 - Executive Session
 - Easy Enrollment Status Update
 - Update on Pennie and the COVID-19 Enrollment Period
- Adjournment

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Preliminary Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
- Opportunity for Public Comment

Administrative Matters

- Pennie Telework Policy Status
- Q1 & Q2 Financial Overview



Q1 & Q2 Financial Overview

August 2021 Financial Overview Q1 – Q2

Revenue	Q1	Q2	YTD
User Fees Billed	\$17,518,186	\$17,108,273	\$34,626,459
Treasury Interest	\$664	\$2,320	\$2,984
Federal Reimbursements Received	\$2,294,295	\$5,143,106	\$7,437,401
Total Revenue	\$19,813,145	\$22,253,699	\$42,066,84
Expenses	Q1	Q2	YTD
Personnel	\$1,090,191	\$1,132,470	\$2,222,661
Operations	\$8,096,322	\$12,510,350	\$20,606,672
Total Expenses	\$9,186,513	\$13,642,820	\$22,829,333
Net Income	\$10,626,63 2	\$8,610,87 9	\$19,237,511

August 2021 Budget Overview Q1 - Q2

		Budgeted	Actual	\$ Variance
YTD Totals	Personnel	\$2,780,458	\$2,222,661	\$557,797
	Operations	\$20,992,311	\$20,606,672	\$385,639
	Total	\$23,772,769	\$22,829,333	\$943,436



August 2021 User Fee Revenue Overview Q1 & Q2



% of Projection YTD	Quarters	CY21 Projected User Fee Revenue	Actual User Fee Revenue
100% 90% 80%	lst	\$16,547,125	\$17,518,186
70%	2nd	\$15,186,323	\$17,108,273
50% - 40% -	3rd	\$15,006,466	TBD
30% - 20% -	4th	\$15,027,646	TBD
10% - 0% -	Total	\$61,767,560	\$34,626,459

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Discussion of Health Equity



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Incorporating the Vision into our Strategic Goals

In Context:

- Execute New Federal ACA requirements (American Rescue Plan) to:
 - ° Maximize affordability and access
 - ° Minimize disruption to market participants and;
 - ° Ensure fiscal stability and responsibility
- Increase health coverage for the uninsured and underserved through the development and advancement of policies and systems reducing inequities experienced by vulnerable communities
- Achieve operational excellence through improved:
 - Customer service and;
 - Ease of doing business with Pennie

Goal One: Ensure equitable access to quality, affordable health coverage through the application and enrollment process

August 2021 Goal One: Equitable Access – Part 1

SUBGOAL	CURRENT STATE (PY2021)	MID-TERM GOAL (PY2022)	LONG-TERM GOAL (2023 AND BEYOND)
Breakdown administrative barriers that prevent underserved communities with traditionally lower health insurance literacy from accessing health coverage programs they are eligible for	 Customers aren't required to provide an SSN if they don't have one Ungated/gated SEP verification policies Extended OEP compared to HC.gov Actively decided not to run Failure to Reconcile Raised income Data Matching Inconsistency threshold Automatically rebalanced APTC via American Rescue provision Partnership with L&I to automatically apply UI benefits for current enrollees 	 Facilitate a seamless transition for low-income Pennsylvanians who 'churn' between Medical Assistance and Pennie by automating the application process for Medicaid account transfers; develop effective date rules for Medicaid-Pennie and Pennie-Medicaid account transfers that fulfill the 'No Wrong Door' policy under the ACA Develop a binder payment policy that does not prevent customers who make a minor billing error from effectuating health insurance coverage 	 Build logic into SSAP that accounts for Commonwealth MA programs; including emergency Medicaid Evaluate past proposal to integrate Pennie with DHS programs from a health equity perspective Develop PA Quality Rating System standards that provide a meaningful comparison tool for customers Be able to utilize DHS data sources as trusted Pennie data sources where possible
Create a single- streamlined application and website that is accessible for those with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)	 Pennie.com is available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Russian and Arabic FAQs on help.pennie.com available in Spanish Spanish-language paper application In-language taglines included with each notice (babel page) 	• Translate the online application, customer portal and all notices into Spanish in advance of November 2021 (OEP 2022)	 Translate the online application and portal into additional languages Translate notices into additional languages

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Goal One: Equitable Access – Part 2

SUBGOAL	CURRENT STATE (PY2021)	MID-TERM GOAL (PY2022)	LONG-TERM GOAL (2023 AND BEYOND)
Meet cultural competency standards in customer service, including Pennie's call center and certified assisters, and brokers	 Spanish language call center services; staffing levels fluctuate as necessary to meet contractual service levels Call center training includes 'Vulnerable Population Sensitivity Training' Call center language line serves over 240 languages 33% of assisters proficient in Spanish; 8% of assisters proficient in languages other than English/Spanish 3% of brokers indicate proficiency in languages other than English in their Pennie profile; 89% do not list a language at all Broker & assister training courses include modules specific to cultural competency 	 Encourage brokers to list language proficiencies in Pennie profile Adopt cultural competency training materials into Customer Service Representative onboarding process 	 Evaluate adding Customer Service Representatives with proficiency in languages other than English and Spanish Work with PID on program to recruit brokers in underserved communities to join Pennie



Goal Two:

Reduce uninsured rates and promote health coverage and utilization of health care services in underserved communities

August 2021 Goal Two: Reduce uninsured rates, promote utilization of health care services

SUBGOAL	CURRENT STATE (PY2021)	MID-TERM GOAL (PY2022)	LONG-TERM GOAL (2023 AND BEYOND)
Build programs and implement policies that specifically target the uninsured and improve access to health care	 COVID-19 SEP COBRA SEP Outreach to unemployed who are not enrolled in Pennie coverage through L&I partnership 	 Develop Easy Enrollment program in partnership with Dept. of Revenue that provides an 'on-ramp' for the uninsured to access health coverage through the state income tax return Implement monthly SEP for individuals with HH income under 150% FPL (pending federal guidance) Advocate for making ARP benefits permanent 	 Create 'alternative affordability' program that incentivizes chronically uninsured populations to get covered and/or to utilize health care services Partner w/ PA providers to create a Pennie coverage2care program to improve health literacy and utilization of health care services in non-emergency settings. This can include a repository of resources on Pennie.com explaining how enrollees can utilize health care services; engaging navigators to help customers understand their coverage and how to use it; hosting community events with providers
1) Develop targeted messages specific to each community and 2) inform outreach, education and advertising initiatives	 Messages focus on transition to SBE; access to ARP benefits Significant outreach and advertising in markets across PA 	 Develop messages specific to different communities with higher-than-average uninsured rates: 1) African Americans, 2) Latinos, 3) Limited English Proficiency (LEP), 4) Rural communities, 5) Non-citizens; recent immigrants, 6) LGBTQ+ Ensure these messages reach target communities Continuously review and improve SSAP to ensure sensitivity for all populations 	 Work with community and grassroots organizations to develop messages and outreach opportunities in hard-to-reach communities Develop a cadre of trusted community messengers in each PA region (NM)
Invest in outreach, marketing, and in-person events in areas and communities with higher- than-average uninsured rates	 YMCA health equity tour Assisters have a presence in all counties throughout PA Outreach efforts with elected officials Outreach and Education Workgroup; quarterly meetings with advocates 	 Deepen engagement with community groups across the Commonwealth Make sure we are hearing a diverse set of grassroots voices, not just grasstops leaders Build a presence in County Assistance Offices Provide access to LEP assister/broker resources Ensure adherence to navigator requirements in proposed NBPP 	 Recruit community leaders to educate their communities about Pennie Breakdown defacto barriers that prevent families with mixed-immigration statuses from enrolling

Goal Three:

Understanding the data making up the Commonwealth marketplace

August 2021 Goal Three: Increased understanding of marketplace

SUBGOAL	CURRENT STATE (PY2021)	MID-TERM GOAL (PY2022)	LONG-TERM GOAL (2023 AND BEYOND)
Additional data collection and analysis of Pennie customers by race/ethnicity	 Produced a comprehensive 2021 Annual Report Pulling district-level data to share with State Reps. to facilitate engagement with those offices 	 Develop data repository to measure enrollment by race/ethnicity & breakdown by citizens v. non-citizens Create enrollment benchmarks to measure progress in reaching underserved communities Work with CMS to make race/ethnicity questions in SSAP a required field to improve reporting (NY) Add "Middle Eastern/North African" to race/ethnicity choices (NY, others) 	 Contract with surveyor to conduct a representative survey of Pennie enrollees & uninsured to better understand barriers to enrollment & utilization of care Encourage insurers to include essential community providers (ECP) in their networks where available, that serve predominately low-income, medically-underserved individuals
Insurers as partners in achieving health equity goals	 Work with insurers to build a comprehensive understanding of current enrollees by race/ethnicity 	 Work with insurers to build a comprehensive understanding of enrollees by race/ethnicity & work together to fill-in data gaps Establish incentives that encourage insurers to collect more robust race/ethnicity data 	 Accept non-M/F gender identities in SSAP Adopt NCQA standards for cultural competency and achieve Health Equity Accreditation as an organization
Granular analysis of uninsured in communities throughout the Commonwealth	 SHADAC 2018 analysis of PA uninsured (slide 23) SHADAC analysis of 2019 ACS d ata (limited) 	 Update 2018 SHADAC data and conduct internal analysis of where the uninsured live Data project to discern the chronically uninsured populations from COVID-related uninsured populations 	 Have comprehensive map of the uninsured by zip code Develop an interactive map in SSAP that helps customers connect to assisters and brokers in their area

Goal Four: Build a diverse and representative organization & engage with other Commonwealth agencies

August 2021 Goal Four: Build a representative organization and work with partners

SUBGOAL	CURRENT STATE (PY2021)	MID-TERM GOAL (PY2022)	LONG-TERM GOAL (2023 AND BEYOND)
Build health equity measures into contract requirements; ensure Pennie is working with small and minority-owned businesses	 Have incorporated Commonwealth Small and Diverse Business (SDB) standards into Procurement activities 13.5% of contracts are with SDB/Veteran Business Enterprise/Small Business vendors; Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion, and Small Business Opportunities (DGS) has told us this is above average 	 Consider establishing procurement standards that go beyond Commonwealth requirements for SDB vendors 	 Consider adopting NCQA standards for multi-cultural competency and achieve Health Equity Accreditation as an organization
Create a Board and workforce that is representative of the Commonwealth	 Assumption: Unknown. We have not surveyed staff to date. Assumption: Unknown. We have not surveyed the BOD to date. Pennie has several governing bodies and working groups, but none that focus specifically on health equity. 	 Anonymous survey to staff and Board of Directors on gender, race, ethnicity, disability to understand current workforce & governing body Develop a plan to attract an ethnically/racially diverse workforce Utilize new DEI organization within the Governor's office Consider hiring a Chief of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Establish a health equity subcommittee within Pennie's current governing structure to provide guidance and expertise (WA) 	
Join PID's health equity efforts and collaborate with other Commonwealth agencies on health equity initiatives.	 Have broad awareness of efforts taking place throughout the Commonwealth Part of Governor's Health Equity Taskforce in 2020 Part of PA DOH COVID-19 and Health Equity Response Committee Current partnerships w/ L&I, DHS, DOR 	 Engage w/ PID to support their work with NAIC Reengage in Commonwealth- initiated taskforces Deepen engagement with other HHS agencies 	• Partner with the DOH, DHS, and PID to conduct a health disparities impact assessment & use assessment to help determine how to best allocate marketing, community outreach, and navigator funds. (CT, RI)
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2022 Open Enrollment Planning

August	August September	
Early-August - Receive Approved Insurer 2022 Plan Data from PA Insurance Department.	Early-September - Insurers Review Plans in Pennie Portal.	Early-October - OEP Awareness Marketing Campaign. - Renewal Eligibility and Auto-Renewal Processing Begins.
Mid-August - Load Insurer Plan Data into Production.	Mid-September - PY2022 Assister Training Available.	Mid-October - OEP Email Campaign Begins.
Late-August - SEP Awareness Marketing Campaign. - 2022 Broker Training available. - Training "Blackout" Period for Assisters.	Late-September - Release 21.9 Production Deployment. - All 2022 Plans Certified.	 Late-October Broker - Assister Recertification Training Deadline. Auto-Renewal Enrollments Sent to Insurers. Auto-Renewal and Eligibility Notices sent to Customers.
November	December	January
Early-November - Open Enrollment Begins. - 2022 Anonymous Shopping Available. - "Call to Action" Marketing Campaign Begins.	Mid-December - Plan Shopping Deadline for January 1 Coverage. - Catch-up Auto-Renewals Generated for New Customers.	Mid-January - Plan Shopping Deadline for February 1 Coverage. - Conclusion of OEP.

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Plan Management

August

- Insurance Department (PID) completes review of 2022 plans
- 2022 plans loaded into Pennie, not yet publicly available

September

• Insurers review and finalize their 2022 plan data on Pennie

October

• Producer commission schedules for OEP provided to Pennie & brokers

November

• 2022 plans available on Pennie anonymous shopping

August 2021 Release Planning

21.9 (Fall Release) - High Level Scope

Spanish Translation SSAP & Notices, Verbiage Changes to Notices for 2022 PY, Removal of ARP content

August

- User Acceptance Testing August 30, 2021 September 17, 2021
- Outreach to external stakeholders to participate in testing pilot program

September

- Stakeholder Testing (Assisters/Brokers/Insurers) September 6, 2021 September 17, 2021
 - Stakeholders will be able to self-service test customer, assister/broker functionality, including generation of file transmissions for insurers
 - Goals are to identify issues and secure feedback on changes being made to the system from a broader group of users and stakeholders and to learn from the experience in the interest of improving stakeholder testing for future releases.
- Implementation September 27, 2021

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- Production run of renewal processes 97% of households were auto-renewed for the 2021 plan year
- Send 834 auto-renewal files to insurers
- Distribute notices and emails to customers about auto-renewal, eligibility, rebalancing and unemployment benefits
 - Paper-preferred customers will receive stuffer within autorenewal notice to highlight changes to 2022 costs due to 2021 rebalancing or Unemployment Insurance benefits
 - Email-preferred customers will receive educational email reminders about changes to premiums.
 Other efforter Emploiner videos, Stakeholder toolkit, pennie.com FAQs

December

• Catch up Auto-Renewals generated for 2021 SEP enrollees after the first Auto-Renewal batch

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Targets & Tactics

Key Audiences

- Current Customers (ex. customers who noted they prefer Spanish)
- Customers Leads
- Limited English Proficiency Populations
- The Uninsured
- Young Invincibles and the Self-Employed
- Stakeholders/Insurers

Marketing Strategy

- Paid Media Robust Advertising Strategy
- Email/Mailing Campaigns
- Earned Media Media interviews/Press Conference & Releases
- Owned Media Social, Newsletter, Website
- Strategic Outreach Partnerships

August 2021 Communications and Outreach

August

- Broker training & re-certification begins
- Limited SEP advertising campaign begins

September

- Continue YMCA Health Equity Tour in Western and Northern Pennsylvania
- Onboarding new creative service vendor
- Assister training & re-certification

October

- Pre-OEP advertising begins
- Distribute stakeholder toolkit

November

- OEP advertising and media campaign
- OEP outreach events begin in conjunction with stakeholders and legislature

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Contact Center Preparation

August

- Ongoing Refresher training/New Customer Service Representative (CSR) training classes
- Pilot new telephony system Broker/Assister Line; Customer Line
- Stress/Load testing telephony system

September

- Ongoing Refresher training/New Customer Service Representative (CSR) training classes
- Go-Live with the new telephony system

Executive Session







Easy Enrollment Status Update



Easy Enrollment – Update on work to date

- Conduct workgroup meetings with DOR IT, Operations teams & GetInsured
- Develop common understanding of data fields needed to run eligibility determination and what information can be sent to Pennie
- Finalize program requirements and limitations
- Pennie & DOR finalize Easy Enrollment timeline and implementation plan

- Meetings occurring bi-weekly
- Starting technical workgroup calls
- DOR has provided data fields that they can transfer; GetInsured has indicated what they need
- Information transferred from DOR will be used to create an account and an eligibility estimate, which will be shared with the potential customer via a notice

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Easy Enrollment Implementation Plan

- Generate a lead profile which uninsured tax filers and their dependents can claim via an account claiming notice
- Account claiming notice will include an eligibility estimate that mirrors the anonymous shopping tool
- Process will trigger a new 60-day 'Tax SEP' for tax filers to claim their account and create and submit their application
 - Applicants who are QHP-eligible will be able to shop for coverage on Pennie
 - Applicants assessed as eligible for Medicaid/CHIP will be transferred to DHS





August 2021 Timeline of Work with Department of Revenue & GetInsured

- Understand data fields that can be shared with Pennie to build eligibility application
- Submit finalized tax schedule to DOR
- Finalize scope of project with DOR and GetInsured
- Technical working group set up to connect GetInsured and DOR

Fall/Winter 2021

- Establish secure connection with DOR to accommodate transfer of information from DOR to Pennie
- Create SEP for tax filers identifying as uninsured to enroll in coverage
- Develop new notice to inform tax filers of how to claim new Pennie account and potential eligibility
- DOR develops new schedule to be included in state tax form
- Complete data sharing agreement between Pennie and DOR

Jan – Early March 2022

- New schedule sent out to Pennsylvanians for the 2022 tax filing season
- DOR collects information from tax filers who 'check the box'

Late – March – April (or end of filing season) 2022

- Pennie receives data files from DOR starting in late March and occurring up to 3 times by the end of tax season
- Account invitation notices and 'Tax SEP' triggered
- Tax filers and their families enroll in coverage

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Easy Enrollment Next Steps

- Finalize scope of work and costs with GetInsured
 - Development costs are currently being negotiated costs will be incurred in CY2022 budget which will be considered in the October 2021 board meeting and can be paid for in part by previously acquired development hours
- Secure feedback on policy considerations, including the tax-filer SEP
 - Policy options will be considered and approved at the October 2021 board meeting, as necessary
- Consensus with vendors and DOR on the timeline displayed previously



Update on Pennie and the COVID-19 Enrollment Period

Enrollment Data: As of 08/16/2021



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Platform (Exchange) Metrics for 08/16/2021

Current Enrollment 340,728

New ARP Enrollment

Existing Customer, Changed Plan 30,573

Existing Customer, Same Plan

Existing, No ARP 24,031

<u>Note:</u> Excluding "Current Enrollment", data shown is for enrollments that have application eligibility received since 4/16/21 and thus affected by ARP.

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Enrollment Data: As of 08/16/2021

Current Enrollment 340,728





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Enrollment Data: Unemployment-Income-Attested



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Customer Service Metrics for 4/16 to 8/15

		Total
	Calls Offered	226,957
Call Volumes	Handled by IVR	46,274
cui voluttico	Handled by CSR	146,124
	Calls transferred	26,981
	ASA (secs)	81.0
Call Handling Metrics	AHT (mins)	9.22
5	Call abandonment rate	2.91%







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Appendix

Dashboard Definitions

Platform (Exchange) Metrics		
	All Accounts	Count of unique households
	All Applications	Count of all household applications: HC.GOV (created before 11/1/2020) and new (created since 11/1/2020)
	Medicaid Inbound	Count of unique application referrals from the Medicaid system to Pennie
	Medicaid Outbound	Count of unique applications that had at least one individual assessed as potentially Medicaid eligible and were therefore transferred to the Medicaid system for determination
	New Enrollment	Count of unique enrollees on enrollment records created after 11/1/2020 by accounts that do not have external applicant IDs (indicate they came from HC.GOV)
	Brand New	Count of unique enrollees on enrollment records with eligibility received after 4/16/2021, that did not have a Pennie enrollment before 4/16/2021.

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Dashboard Definitions

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	Enrollment by Financial Assistance- Total	Display of enrollment by financial assistance breakdown. Limited to Enrollees & Subscribers, to enrollees with coverage ending 12/31/21, and removing those with canceled enrollment
	Enrollment by Metal Tier– Total	Display of enrollment by application metal tier. Limited to Enrollees & Subscribers, to enrollees with coverage ending 12/31/21, and removing those with canceled enrollment
	Average PMPMs - Total	Display of per-member-per-month metrics. Limited to Enrollee & Subscribers, to enrollees with coverage ending 12/31/21, and removing those with canceled enrollment
	PMPM APTC	Sum of Enrollment record level of the <i>used</i> Advanced Premium Tax Credit ("APTC") Amount, divided by Count of Unique Enrollees. Split to 3 groups: All enrollees, those who had APTCs applied to their gross premiums, and those who had no ATPCs applied to their gross premiums (*this last group includes members who were ineligible for any APTCs and members who were eligible for APTCs but elected to not use them)
	PMPM Net Premium	Sum of Enrollment record level Net Premium Amount, divided by Count of Unique Enrollees. Split to 3 groups: All enrollees, those who had APTCs applied to their gross premiums, and those who had no ATPCs applied to their gross premiums (*this last group includes members who were ineligible for any APTCs and members who were eligible for APTCs but elected to not use them)
	Unemployment Income (UI) Attestation	The customer has indicated on their application that they received unemployment income sometime during 2020

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Dashboard Definitions

<section-header><section-header><section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header>	All calls	Total number of calls received. Note: the calls handled will not sum to this number as they don't include abandons or transfers. Only calls started during call center business hours have been included
	Calls Handled by IVR	Number of calls handled by the interactive voice response
	Calls Handled by CSR	Number of calls handled by a call center representative
	IVR Call Transfers	Number of calls transferred by the interactive voice response to the reported destination (HC.GOV, Medicaid, Insurers, other)
	ASA	Average speed to answer measured in seconds
	AHT	Average handle time measured in minutes
	Call Abandonment Rate	Percentage of total calls that a customer dropped before a CSR picked up the call to provide service
	Number of abandoned calls	Number of calls that a customer dropped before a CSR picked up the call to provide service

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