

Summary: CICP Stakeholder Advisory Council Meeting

Date: May 23, 2022

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Via Zoom

Agenda: <https://tinyurl.com/3bxz9x2p>

Attendees:

- HCPF: Nancy Dolson, Taryn Graf, Shay Lyon, Chandra Vital
- GPS (Facilitator): Greg Bellomo and Kate Newberg
- Advisory Council Members:
 - Stephanie Arenales, Colorado Consumer Health Initiative (CCHI), Consumer Advocate
 - Stephanie Brooks, Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN), Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHCs)
 - Megan Axelrod, filling in for Stephanie Fillman, Colorado Hospital Association, Hospital Association
 - Erik Knudsen, Denver Health, Denver Health/University
 - Bethany Pray, Colorado Center on Law and Policy (CCLP), Consumer Advocate
 - Katie Schweber, Colorado Rural Health Center, Organization of Non-FQHC Clinics
 - Shawn Bodiker, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Department
 - Suanne Kindel, Children's Hospital Colorado, Urban Hospitals
 - Excused: Marcia Elstob, Southeast Colorado Hospital District, Critical Access/Rural Hospitals
- Website: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/colorado-indigent-care-program-stakeholder-advisory-council>
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General Notes:

- Welcome & introductions, Stephanie Brooks, Chair, 1:00 to 1:05
- Meeting Minutes, Council approval, 1:05 to 1:10
 - Bethany Pray motioned to approve meeting minutes from April 25, 2022
 - Katie Schweber seconded the motion
 - No one disapproved the motion, April 25 meeting minutes approved
- Recap proposal and the process for editing, Greg Bellomo, GPS 1:10 – 1:15
- Share proposal and live edit with Council (paragraph by paragraph) 1:15 – 2:30 PM

- Moved the Open Forum for Public Comment, 2:30 – 2:45 PM up in the agenda to allow additional input prior to Advisory Council motion and vote to approve the proposal as final and ready for distribution to the Department
 - Dede de Percin with Mile High Health Alliance, agrees with the proposal as long as there is a method to ensure the population between 2015 - 250% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG) continues to have access to discounted health care
 - Colorado Safety Net Collaborative has no objections to the proposal, and pointed out the policy assumption that matching funds associated with the Primary Care Fund (PCF) do not exist for beyond the 200% FPL
 - Desire for DSH payments to still be available for hospitals (understand the State regulations on how hospitals qualify will need to be developed)
 - Comment that PCF is in the state constitution and therefore we are limited in the changes that can be made, and that CICIP will not be funded
 - Desire for Department to provide guidelines or guidance to clinics and hospitals on how to maintain charity care access for low-income patients
 - Kevin J. D. Wilson from Children’s Hospital does not have a strong leaning on the proposal but cautioned the Department to be careful in unwinding the CICIP to ensure clinics, hospital, and patients understand what is happening and what is available for charity care

- Roll call vote to approve the proposal as-is, request additional edits, or provide a minority opinion
 - Note all CICIP Advisory Council members in attendance voted to approve the proposal as-is
 - Stephanie Arenales, Colorado Consumer Health Initiative (CCHI), Consumer Advocate: Approved as-is
 - Stephanie Brooks, Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN), Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHCs): Approved as-is
 - Megan Axelrod, Colorado Hospital Association, Hospital Association: Approved as-is
 - Erik Knudsen, Denver Health, Denver Health/University: Approved as-is
 - Bethany Pray, Colorado Center on Law and Policy (CCLP), Consumer Advocate: Approved as-is
 - Katie Schweber, Colorado Rural Health Center, Organization of Non-FQHC Clinics: Approved as-is
 - Shawn Bodiker, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Department: Approved as-is
 - Suanne Kindel, Children's Hospital Colorado, Urban Hospitals
 - Marcia Elstob, Southeast Colorado Hospital District, Critical Access/Rural Hospitals was excused

- Now that the CICP Advisory Council has approved the proposal:
 - Department leadership will review proposal and will make a decision by August
 - If the Department leadership decides to proceed with the proposal then it will submit the proposal to the Governor's Office
 - If the Governor's Office determines to make the proposal a part of the Department's Legislative Agenda, the decision will be made by October
 - If the proposal becomes part of the Department's Legislative Agenda, the standard legislative process will be followed
- Next CICP Advisory Council meeting: July 25, 2022 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- Adjournment
 - Motion to adjourn by Bethany Pray at 2:51 PM
 - Stephanie Arenales seconded and the meeting adjourned