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Colorado Indigent Care Program

Colorado Indigent Care Program Stakeholder Advisory Council Department of Health Care Policy & Financing Meeting Minutes

[Zoom Webinar](#)

July 26, 2021, 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

CICP SAC in attendance: Stephanie Arenales, Marcia Elstob, Stephanie Fillman, Suanne Kindel, and Sylvia Santana.

HCPF in attendance: Taryn Graf, Nancy Dolson, Karola Cochran, and Vincent Sherry.

Others in attendance: Amanda Craig, Beth Bragalone, Tennie Masterson, Alice Steiner, Cindy Smith, Angela Modesitt, Edna Franco, Jean Frickey, Jackie Pacheco, Erika Pike, and others.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Stephanie Arenales, Interim Chair, 1:03 to 1:09
- Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Minutes

- Council Discussion, 1:09 to 1:11 - without a quorum.
- Taryn Graf - Erik Knudsen approved the minutes from last meeting via email.
- Stephanie Arenales - Any discussion on the minutes?
- Marcia Elstob - Please correct the spelling of her name.
- Stephanie Arenales - No other changes.
- Taryn Graf - I will correct Marcia's name and will send out an email to the Council to get approval for the minutes.

3. SB21-212

- Nancy Dolson, HCPF, 1:11 to 1:28
- The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) enacted this bill as part of the FY 2021-22 budget. The JBC is the sponsor of the bill. It is a very short bill and straight-forward. We have plenty of time for questions.
- The history of the Primary Care Fund goes back to the 2004 Tobacco Tax. The Primary



Care Fund gets 19% of the Tobacco Tax proceeds.

- The funds are allocated to qualified clinics. Clinics can apply and receive funds based on the number of patients served. Qualified applicants receive funds based on their share of low-income, uninsured patients served compared to all other Primary Care Fund clinics.
- The CICP Clinics have historically received around \$6 million.
- The JBC conferred with various parties and struck the \$6 million line-item for CICP Clinics from the budget. SB21-212 directs the Department to seek federal matching dollars through Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). In effect, we have been directed to seek Federal Matching dollars on the proceeds from the Tobacco Tax.
- A State Plan Amendment (SPA) will be filed this month. CMS has 90 days to deny, approve, or ask for more information. Typically, CMS works to approve SPAs.
- While CMS is reviewing our request, we will not be able to pay the CICP clinics, as no money has been allocated through the state budget.
- Stephanie Arenales - So, clinic payments will be delayed starting when?
- Nancy Dolson - Taryn, when are they paid?
- Taryn Graf - The next time the clinics would normally be paid is in September.
- Nancy Dolson - We will make the payment after we are approved. Since the SPA is being submitted this month and CMS has 90 days to approve the SPA, we are projecting a payment date of December or January. We are optimistic that we will have approval this fall.
- The Tobacco Tax funds the Primary Care Fund (PCF), which normally receives their payments each fiscal year in October, January, April, and July. Long term, the CICP payments would shift one month to align with the PCF.
- Any questions from providers? Any concerns?
- Nancy Dolson - We have been in communication with CCHN, and Phyllis Albritton. Any questions?
- Amanda Craig - In the future, will be receiving one reward letter or two?



- Nancy Dolson - There will be one award letter for both programs. We anticipate sending this year's award letter by the end of this week, with timing and the overall payment amount. We are then looking for ways to streamline applications and payments in the future, as well.
- Amanda Craig - Will this affect CICIP Audits in the future?
- Nancy Dolson - Not at this time. It will remain the same as far as audits go. We also audit the PCF. Nothing specific at this time. We will be looking into this in the future.
- Cindy Smith - What if the funding isn't approved?
- Nancy Dolson - The JBC took their vote, so if CMS doesn't approve the federal matching funds, we can go back to the JBC and ask for a supplemental line item to restore the CICIP line item in this fiscal year budget.
- Sylvia Santana - Does this mean more money for CICIP?
- Nancy Dolson - It means a lot more money for CICIP. With an additional \$25 million from federal matching funds, that amounts to approximately \$10 million additional for CICIP clinics.
- Stephanie Arenales - Any other questions?
- Nancy Dolson - We will keep everyone posted with the dollar amounts and estimated timeline in the letters we will be sending out later this week. Also, read the CICIP Newsletters, check the website and other modes of communication.

4. Regulatory Review Rule Update

- Taryn Graf, HCPF, 1:28 to 1:33
- We took the rules for CICIP from the Regulatory Review to the Medical Services Board (MSB) in March. Then we withdrew them from final adoption in April because of the discussion over the definition of homeless. We re-defined homeless and added in the term doubled-up. We added the doubled-up definition into the rule language, as well.
- The revised rule will go back to the MSB in August and will be effective in November. Once we have them effective, we will be sending out information regarding these changes.



- Stephanie Arenales - There was training in June, will there be additional training?
- Taryn Graf - We don't anticipate a need for additional training. But I can review the changes, and at the very least an FAQ sheet will be distributed as was requested in the January Advisory Council meeting.
- Stephanie Arenales - Any other questions?

5. Open Forum for Public Comment

- 1:33 to 1:36
- Taryn Graf - The floor is open for any additional comments.
- Tennie Masterson - Regarding SB21-212. Do we have any idea of when the CICIP matched funding will be approved?
- Nancy Dolson - Optimistically, it will be October. The earliest we could have approval would be October, but most likely, it will December or January.
- Taryn Graf - This funding match just effects CICIP Clinics, not hospitals.
- Suanne Kindel - Is Children's the same way?
- Taryn Graf - Yes, yours still falls under the Disproportionate Share Hospital payment.
- Chandana Gaddipati - Would the PCF payment be delayed? Or will that still be made in October?
- Nancy Dolson - The PCF payments don't happen until October, but this year, they will occur with the CICIP payments, either in December or January.

5. Next Meeting

October 25, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. via Zoom Webinar

6. Adjournment - 1:37pm

