# MINUTES

**State Medical Assistance & Services Advisory Council**

Virtual Meeting

July 28, 2021: 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via Google: <https://meet.google.com/bxb-dntm-wsg>

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1. **6:00 Call to Order**

# Kim Jackson

# Roll Call: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE & SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

# Members Excused: Chris Newman, Erika Alexander & Meg Tomcho

# Members Present:

# Jill Atkinson Leah Schulz Heather Gitchell

# Kim Jackson Katya Mauritson Peter McNally

# Janet Puglisi Sarah Elliott Josina Romero O’Connell

# J. Ron DeVries Theresa Buxton Jasmine White

1. **Minutes Approval**

Kim Jackson – Minutes Approved

1. **Vaccination Updates**

Sally Langston

1. **Office of eHealth Innovation Roadmap/Updates**

Carrie Paykoc

Colorado’s Health IT Roadmap developed in 2018 by SB15-008

Significant investments in infrastructure, innovation, and policy

Advances Polis-Primavera Priorities

Refresh in 2021: Health Equity, Public Health and Behavioral Health, Sustainability – end of HITECH, and Interoperability

**Successes:**

* Refocused efforts toward health equity, rural, and [telehealth](https://oehi.colorado.gov/oehi-projects/telemedicine-and-broadband) in FY20/21
* Invested over $40 million in health IT infrastructure, policy, governance, and innovation
* Hosted Regional Learning Telehealth Collaboratives to inform state recommendations- coming soon!
* Annual [Innovation Summit](https://www.primehealthco.com/innovation-summit) with Prime Health
* Agile governance and business processes allowed for COVID-19 emergency response projects
* Establishing [Social Health Information Exchange (S-HIE)](https://oehi.colorado.gov/oehi-projects/care-coordination) infrastructure through regional projects
* Establishing [Colorado’s Health Information Governance Guidebook](https://docs.google.com/document/d/12kZGCV4wOD5LEHtJ_mNAUhpx3rWAqe6DgaLq5CK-Mjo/edit?usp=sharing)

**Goals for the Health IT Roadmap Refresh**

* Guide Colorado’s Health IT strategy for the next 3-5 years.
* Highlight progress made, areas of alignment, and needed changes.
* Refine foundational principles and establish a framework for achieving them.

**When considering the structure of the Roadmap**

* The Opportunity
* Goals
* Core Values
* Achieving the Goals: Policy, Technology/Services, Funding
* Stewarding the Work: Defining Roles and Responsibilities
* Evolving to Meet Future Needs

**Core Values to Guide the Work**

* Accountability
* Alignment
* Equity
* Innovation
* Sustainability
* Value

**Achieving the Goals: Policy Ideas**

* Specific **consent forms** and **processes** for exchanging behavioral health and social determinants of health (SDOH) data.
* Use of **specific data standards** for exchanging behavioral health, physical health, and SDOH data.
* Providers (practices, pharmacies, hospitals) submit their data through at least one **health information exchange (HIE)**.
* **Codifying OeHI and the eHealth Commission** and their relationships with state agencies, HIEs, and other stakeholders.
* Require **all state value-based reporting programs** to use the **HIEs** to collect comprehensive data and report clinical quality metrics.

**Timeline**

* Stakeholder Engagement: 2 phases
  + Development (June/July)
  + Refinement (August/September)
* Refresh complete by Fall 2021

1. **Department Efforts around Children’s Mental Round Robin**

John Laukkanen

Children have access to the full spectrum of BH services provided to all Medicaid Members

* Prevention/Early Intervention (Screening, developmental, ST/OT/PT, etc.)
* 6 STBH Visits – BH services provided at a PCMP – no diagnosis needed
* Outpatient services – CMHCs, Independent Providers, School-based therapist, etc.
* IOP/PHP/Day Treatment
* Inpatient services – psychiatric hospital, residential services, etc.
* Crisis – walk-in, mobile crisis, etc.
* Pharmacy
* Care Coordination

Additional Resources Available

* Telehealth Services – updated policy effective Jan 2021
* SUD services – Adolescent residential, Special Connections
* Waiver Services – CHRP, CES, etc.
* EPSDT – covers services for children under 21 that are not a part of State Plan or received out of state.
* CYMHTA – for families who don’t qualify for Medicaid
* Buy-in Medicaid <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/medicaid-buy-program-children-disabilities>

COVID Impact on Behavioral Health

Challenges

* Access to services when locations close – school, PCMP, etc.
* Facilities reduce capacity for social distancing (fewer beds)
* Increase in acuity at first outreach for help (hospitals, crisis, etc.)
* Reduction in Child Abuse Hotline Calls when schools close

Opportunities

* Medicaid Coverage has extended through the PHE
* Expanded Telemedicine coverage
* Federal Funding ($400 Mil) to provide services – waiting on CMS
* State Legislation (free annual BH check up, etc.)

1. **Senate Bill 21-158: Increasing Medical Providers for Seniors**

Marceil Case

* Goal: increase access in Colorado to providers with specialties in geriatrics
* Colorado Health Services Corp (CDPHE)
  + Provides loan forgiveness for providers who agree to service in rural and/or underserved areas for 2-3 years; state and federal funds are used
  + This bill adds geriatric specialists as a distinct category of provider that can compete for and receive these financial awards
    - Funds are awarded twice a year
    - Other categories include physicians, NPs, PAs, dentists, and behavioral health professionals
* https://www.statebillinfo.com/bills/bills/21/2021a\_158\_signed.pdf

1. **Round Robin**

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1. **Adjournment**

Kim Jackson

**Next Meeting will be held on September 22nd from 6pm-7:30pm**

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