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Greetings,

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) is pleased to announce it has selected six new voting members for the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) Program Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC).

The Department received 32 applicants and interviewed 12 finalists over a four-month open application period. The individuals below will begin four-year terms on October 21, 2020.

Michael Aragon is the Director of Human Services in Las Animas county. He is leading efforts to implement a portfolio of economic development programming for the county in collaboration with the Board of County Commissioners. Michael, along with his husband, has served the broader southeastern Colorado region for over 15 years. He has helped serve at-risk youth at residential treatment centers and helped lead efforts to increase and improve access to secondary and post-secondary education. Michael draws from his multi-disciplinary vocational trajectory to develop creative and innovative solutions that advance the well-being of Las Animas' citizens.

Steve Johnson is an Administrator at the Community and Public Health Division of the Colorado Springs Fire Department. He oversees the strategic direction of the Community and Public Health Division, including building relationships with community partners and managing the division's programming. Steve's division oversees programs that assist super-utilizers of emergency services, respond to mental health crises and suicide hotline calls, provide system navigation support to those who are struggling to age in place, and provide outreach and assistance to those who are homeless. He is currently leading efforts to develop new programs for mental health and substance use treatment navigation.

Tom Keller is from Western Colorado and a graduate Colorado Mesa University and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. He, along with many of his family and friends, have been Health First

Colorado members and caregivers for other members over the past 20 years. Tom has served on the statewide Member Experience Advisory Council, the statewide Behavioral Health and Integration Strategies Subcommittee, Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) Region 1 Member Advisory Council, and RAE Region 1 PIAC over the past three years. Tom's goal is to help all members and caregivers receive better care regardless of age, location, or type of care as quickly, easily, and completely as possible.

Joseph Prezioso is from Denver and has been a Health First Colorado member since October 2017. He is a person with disabilities and suffers from a variety physical and mental health conditions, some rare and complicated. Joseph is a member of the Colorado Access Member Advisory Committee and the Colorado Access Region 3 PIAC and has served on the Colorado Access Community Innovation Pool Steering Committee. He also serves on the Colorado Association of People Supporting Employment First Board of Directors. In each role, Joseph brings a member perspective with a goal that all members will fully utilize their program benefits and will fully be informed of their rights.

Christina Suh, MD MPH, is a practicing general pediatrician with over 10 years of experience of delivering primary care to children in Aurora. She spent her career at the Department of Pediatrics at University of Colorado School of Medicine and at Children's Hospital Colorado. Christina has led several clinical initiatives to transform primary care through quality improvement activities. She is the physician champion for all food as health efforts at Children's Hospital Colorado and is a member of the statewide Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger Governance Council. Recently, Christina accepted a position to direct clinical content and social determinants of health product development for the health IT company, Phreesia.

Maria Zubia is the Director of Community Outreach at Kids First Health Care, where she has been an integral member of organization since 2001. She is responsible for providing community engagement and outreach activities as well as overseeing enrollment processes. Maria also provides community resource and referral information to families and staff as needed, in addition to a myriad of other projects that help Kids First Health Care reach out to potential patients and partners. She has over 30 years' experience in community navigation and management and is passionate about community health. Maria has three children and grew up in Commerce City, where she still lives and works.

The Department welcomes these new members to the PIAC and looks forward to partnering with them in the coming years.

For more information about PIAC, its subcommittees, and Regional PIACs, please visit its [webpage](#).

Sincerely,

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