



COLORADO

Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

MINUTES OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOSPITAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM

Virtual attendance only

September 16, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Amy Luu called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

The following were in attendance:

Megan Axelrod (Colorado Hospital Association), Tayler Morrison (UCHealth), Brittany Briggs (Children's Hospital Colorado), Lourdes Schlager (Denver Health Hospital), Stephanie Vega (Student, UCCS), Patti Payne (CCHA, RAE 6), Anna Carrell (Children's Hospital CO), Jen Hale-Coulson (NHP, RAE 2), Elizabeth Freudenthal (Children's Hospital Colorado), Tyler Marsh (HCPF), Kelli Gill (CCHA, RAE 6 & 7), Doug Muir (Centura Health), Meredith Davis (HCPF), Cristen Bates (HCPF)

3. High Intensity Outpatient Grant and Funding Opportunities

Meredith Davis presented the funding opportunities. There is about \$530 million available from the American Rescue Plan Act with 65 initiatives to transform Home and Community Based Services.

One opportunity is around expanding the behavioral health safety net, outlined in SB 19-222. There is \$30 million funding available. There is another opportunity around funding a short-term grant for behavioral health crisis and transition services between residential/inpatient and outpatient care. There is \$14 million of funding available. Funds will be available through a Request for Applications (RFA). Applicants can include providers and local government entities. There is grant writing assistance available through the CU Anschutz program which will be noted in the RFA. There will be an RFA published in the coming weeks. Another opportunity aims to provide health-care practice transformation to support whole-person health through integrated models. This grant program is for physical health and behavioral health care providers. There is \$31.75 million of funding available.



The BHA has funding opportunities for workforce development, capacity building, children/youth behavioral health services, criminal justice reform, and other opportunities. For additional information, you may contact christopherx.miller@state.co.us

You may reach out to meredith.davis@state.co.us or rodrick.prayer@state.co.us for any questions.

4. Wrap Up and Housekeeping

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