

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Behavioral Health and Integration Strategies (BHIS) Program Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Subcommittee**

Virtual Meeting

February 5, 2025, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

#### **1. Introductions**

##### **Facilitators:**

- Daniel Darting                      Signal Behavioral Health
- Lexis Mitchell                      Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF Liaison)

##### **Voting Members:**

- Deb Hutson                      Behavioral Health Administration
- Elizabeth Freudenthal              Children's Hospital Colorado
- Amanda Jones                      Community Reach Center
- Thomas Keller                      Medicaid Member
- Monica Lintz                      Denver Health
- Charles Davis                      Crossroads' Turning Points, Inc.
- Imo Succo                      Southwestern Colorado AHEC

#### **2. Housekeeping**

Daniel Darting calls the group to approve the December 2024 BHIS minutes. Amanda Jones motions to approve; Imo Succo seconds. Committee members voted to approve the December 2024 minutes. There are no objections. There are no abstentions. December 2024 meeting minutes are approved by voting members.

#### **3. CCBHC Update**

Jennifer Holcomb, HCPF, presented an update on the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) planning grant that Colorado was awarded. This grant is

designed to ensure access to coordinated, comprehensive behavioral healthcare and awards \$1M over the period of one calendar year. The grant period is December 31, 2024 through December 30, 2025. This gives Colorado the opportunity to provide additional support to the safety net system using CCBHCs. This is a joint effort between HCPF and the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA).

There are several stakeholder engagement opportunities available:

1. Monthly CCBHC Planning Grant Steering Committee: includes individuals with lived experience and their family members, those with CCBHC background, and state SMEs.
  - a. There will likely be an application process to serve on the steering committee as a decision-making body.
2. Monthly CCBHC Stakeholder Forum: for all stakeholders at all levels interested in attending for updates and report outs. Register on the [CCBHC webpage](#).
3. Monthly Subcommittees: certification/provider, PPS, quality measure and data collection.
  - a. Subcommittees will make recommendations. Anybody who would like to participate in a subcommittee can do so.

HCPF is engaging a third-party vendor to help facilitate communication and stakeholder engagement. More information will be shared as it becomes available. Please reach out if you are interested in serving on the steering committee.

#### 4. 1115 Waiver Approval

Jennifer Holcomb, HCPF, presented an update that the 1115 waiver that Colorado submitted to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) was approved. The 1115 waiver allows the state of Colorado to waive certain limitations of Medicaid coverage in order to provide more comprehensive care to our Members. Colorado's 1115 demonstration waiver provides Colorado with the necessary authorities to cover the following services:

- Pre-release services for individuals transitioning from correctional facilities
- Reimbursement for acute inpatient and residential stays in institutes for mental disease (IMD) for individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED)
- Housing services including pre-tenancy and housing navigation services, tenancy sustaining services, rent/temporary housing for up to six months (including utilities), and one-time transition and moving costs
- Nutrition services including meals or pantry stocking, medically-tailored meals, and nutrition counseling/education



Colorado received approval of amendments 1 and 2 on January 13, 2025. Go live will occur in July of 2025, with the renewal go-live in January of 2026 for an additional five years of the demonstration waiver.

## 5. Department of Corrections (DOC) Metric Update

Matt Pfeifer, HCPF, provided an update on the Department of Corrections (DOC) metric. This metric is part of the performance pool incentive funds and was developed in partnership with BHIS to comply with SB19-222. This monitors the percentage of members releasing from a Department of Corrections (DOC) facility with at least one billed behavioral health capitated service or short-term behavioral health visit within fourteen days of their release. This is a statewide metric with a six-month delay for claims runout. The initial rate in June of 2019 was 9.02%. The target rate for the current fiscal year is 34.28%. The current rate through June 2024 is 33.44%.

## 6. Wrap Up and Next Steps

There was a suggestion from the committee to cover care coordination/transitions of care challenges at a future meeting. The committee suggested discussing the balance of data and quality metrics with providing face to face support to Members.

A meeting participant shared concerns about management of waiver programs at HCPF during the open comment period and was thanked for sharing their thoughts and experiences with the group.

The March BHIS meeting will occur on March 5, 2025 at 9:00AM.

