



COLORADO

Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Meeting Minutes

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

Virtual Meeting

June 5, 2024, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

1. Introductions

Facilitators:

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

Voting Members:

- Amanda Jones Community Reach Center
- Monique McCollum Parent of special needs children on Medicaid
- Elizabeth Freudenthal Children's Hospital Colorado
- Deb Hutson Behavioral Health Administration
- Taylor Miranda Thompson Colorado Community Health Network
- Nina Marinello SCL Health
- Charles Davis Crossroads' Turning Points, Inc.
- Thomas Keller Medicaid Member

Other Attendees: Abby Worthen, Alan Girard, Alan Marschke, Alyson Williams, Amy, Amy Hale, Andrea Alvarez, Andrea Bradley, Andrea Kedley, Andrea Loasby, Angela Ukoha, Bob Dyer, Chantel Hawkins, Christine, Cindy Dandoy, Claire Dinger, Courtney Bishop, Cris Matoush, Edward Arnold, Emilee Kaminski, Emily DeFrancia, Erin Herman, Erin Sears, Frank Cornelia, Heather Salazar, Jeremy White, Jo Donlin, John Laukkanen, Kara Gehring, Katie Matus, Katie Roe Ryan, Katie Ryan, Laurel Karabatsos, Lauren Gomez, Lexis Mitchell, Lisa Donahue, Lisa Pulver, Lori Crawford, Lori Roberts, Marisa Gullicksrud, Matthew Pfeifer, Matthew Sundeen, Meghan, Melane Sosa,



Michelle Blady, Mona Allen, Monica Lintz, Natalie Hazemi, Nina M, Rachael Porter, Raina Ali, ReNae Anderson, Sherrie Bedonie, Sophia, Tessa Stackow, Tom Franchi

2. Housekeeping

Daniel Darting calls the group to approve the April 2024 BHIS minutes. Monique McCollum motions to approve; Amanda Jones seconds. There was one abstention. Committee members voted to approve the April 2024 minutes. There are no objections. April 2024 meeting minutes are approved by voting members.

3. Legislative Update

Jo Donlin, HCPF, presented a legislative update from the recent legislative session.

- Final details will be available soon at CO.gov/HCPF/legislator-resource-center
- HCPF's FY23-24 budget is \$15.9B Total Fund and \$5.0B General Fund, about 1/3 of the state budget.
 - Highlights include:
 - Across-the-board rate increases 2% for FY24-25.
 - Targeted Rate increases: approved at or above most all HCPF requests. Surgery rate increase slightly lower than requested. Rejected co-surgery rate increase.
 - Direct care workers wage increase across the state to \$17 per hour and in Denver \$18.29 per hour, effective July 1, 2024.
- New reporting requirements from Legislative Requests for Information (LRFIs).
- In total, there are 45 bills to implement, 9 new or changed reports, as well as 8 LRFIs.
- Planning for the 2025 legislative session is underway.
 - There was a question from the committee as to how disenrollment from the PHE unwind might be incorporated into the planning for the 2025 legislative session. At this point, there is not specific information to share, but HCPF will continue to incorporate efforts to address disenrollment in planning for the next legislative session.



4. Behavioral Health Incentive Program Presentation - RAE 4

Edward Arnold, HCI, presented on the Behavioral Health Incentive Program for Health Colorado, Inc.

- HCI uses three strategies for performance measures improvement:
 - A focus on excellent directional communication with the state and with network providers.
 - Utilization of the Data Analytics and Reporting Team (DART) to create dashboards to identify current performance and areas for improvement.
 - An overall goal to win on all performance measures by prioritizing improvement activities using visualizations and a structure to reward high performers when incentive dollars are earned.
- HCI supports practices and their performance improvement work through facilitating a number of groups:
 - Performance measures strategy workgroup to work through Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) cycles to target measures they have identified as priorities.
 - Performance Measures Action Planning (PMAP) groups target specific measures that often involve multiple organizations (health neighborhood) and complex workflows.
- A portion of incentive funds are also used to fund the practice transformation program. HCI has practice transformation coaches working with primary care practices to facilitate performance improvement.
- Another portion of incentive funds are returned to the communities in the form of community reinvestment grants.

5. Walk on item: Public Health Emergency Unwind

Elizabeth Freudenthal, Children's Hospital Colorado, requested to add an agenda item to discuss disenrollment from the Public Health Emergency Unwind. She reported that recent data shows that over 600,000 have been disenrolled, with 211,000 of those individuals being children and most of these individuals remain without coverage.

- Matt Sundeen, HCPF, shared that we are working with PIAC chairs to present on PHE unwind data to the PIAC committee and the subcommittees to ensure we are all working with the same information.
- HCPF is working collaboratively with the RAEs, Office of Community Living, and the Case Management Agencies to address the backlog of applications for re-



enrollment for coverage.

- Additionally, the ACC program is utilizing available incentive funds to support the impacts of continuous coverage unwind through the RAEs. The RAEs are developing plans to support PHE unwind efforts in their regions and will use the incentive funding to implement the plans and support these efforts. The plans are currently in the approval process. Once the plans are approved, HCPF and PIAC will arrange for presentations on how these funds are being utilized to support these efforts in each region.

6. Wrap Up and Next Steps

There was a request from the committee to have future discussions regarding the impact of the Prospective Payment System on behavioral health providers and care delivery. For more information and to review the FAQs, see the [website](#).

Matt Sundeen, HCPF, shared that along with the Public Health Emergency (PHE) ending, HCPF is now ensuring providers are revalidation (which was paused during the PHE). For more information, please visit: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/revalidation>.

The July BHIS meeting is canceled. Next meeting will be August 7, 2024.

