CCBHC Certification and Provider Readiness Subcommittee

September 2, 2025

Agenda

- Introductions & Poll

- Approved Recommendations Updates

- Data Measurement Recommendation Request

- Designated Collaborating Organization (DCO) Contracts

  - Explanation

  - Examples

- Next steps

Introductions & Poll

In the chat, please provide:

- Name, pronouns if you'd like
- The organization you represent

Please complete poll. The goal of including a poll is:

- To better understand who is here,
- What perspectives are represented (or missing),
- Measure progress of this subcommittee.

Meeting Expectations

Subcommittee Goals:

- Create and review processes and tools that meet CCBHC model requirements and work well for Colorado

- Define state and local strategies

- Incorporate feedback from subject matter experts

Meeting Expectations:

- Ask questions at any time using the chat. Raised hands will be called upon by the speaker
- Slide decks will be posted after the meeting on the CCBHC webpage

CCBHC Planning Grant Roadmap

12-month Process	Planning for CCBHC Implementation (January 2025 – December 2025)											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Steering committee(s)		Develop committee(s)	Maintain committees, subcommittees, and partnerships (e.g., state clinics, associations) with regular meeting cadences, notes, and deliverables to ensure stakeholder and community engagement in the CCBHC demo									
Populations & service areas		Solicit input from focus populations, identify potential CCBHCs & their service areas				Identify population health needs and secure insight from those communities, work with providers to select initial sites and regions they will serve as CCBHCs						
CCBHC training & education			Identify and provide TA needs for providers (e.g., CCBHC-PPS, billing, quality measures) as possible									
Infrastructure for data quality		Identify data collection infrastructure needs and begin processes for quality measurement				Onboard and maintain technology platforms for clinic and state efforts to ensure accurate measurement of quality measures and population health needs						
Assess clinic & community needs		Launch and complete community needs assessments and clinic readiness assessments				Assure clinics' community needs assessments and clinic readiness assessments are complete, accurate, and aligned for criteria and certification needs						
Scope of Services & Certification		Finalize Scope of Services and activities that will be included in certification & PPS rate			Formalize CCBHC criteria & Create certification process			Work with clinics to meet SAMHSA and state certification criteria, certify clinics, and plan for future certifications				
Establish CCBHC-PPS				Select CCBHC PPS	Establish a CCBHC-PPS system and work with clinics to help calculate a clinic specific rate					Establish payment operations & review cost reports		
CMS Approval for CCBHC										Prepare to apply for the Demonstration in 2026		

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Subcommittee Work Plan

Topic	September	October	November
Certification Subcommittee Recommendations Anticipated	● Quality Metrics for certification ● DCO contracting Guidance	● Certification Process	● Service Area ● Population of Focus ● Statewide Governance Board
Statewide Strategy	● Discuss recommendation for statewide stakeholder engagement ● Review strategy recommendations and incorporated subcommittee feedback	● Formalize a stakeholder timeline ● Develop communication plan ● Build a compliance review process, audits, and status checks for non-claims audit items ● Establishing Statewide CCBHC governance board	● Present compliance review process to steering committee
Populations of Focus	● Finalize needs assessment requirement materials	● Identify evidence based practices ● Present draft community engagement requirement	● Outstanding needs (TBD)
Service Areas and Operational Needs	● Introduce task(s),which include service area boundaries and definitions ● Develop guidance document for DCO contract, reporting and shadow claimings ● Seeking workgroup participation	● Research options for division of service areas and related considerations ● Draft proposed service area definitions ● Draft outreach strategy to serve unique individuals	● Outstanding needs (TBD)

Recommendations Update

Steering Committee Recommendations

- We are moving forward with implementing SAMHSA's 9 required services

- We are moving forward with implementing the Provider Readiness Assessment tool

Data Recommendations

- Proposed measures for initial certification:
  - Time to Service (I-SERV)
  - Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan (CDF-CH and CDF-AD)
- Are we in favor of moving forward with these data measures?

DCOs in the CCBHC

- **What:** Formal partnership that delivers required CCBHC service(s) under contract/MOU

- **Why:** Expand access, capacity, specialty depth; still one coordinated system of care

- **Authority:** SAMHSA CCBHC Criteria; Colorado HCPF/BHA guidance

- **Accountability:** CCBHC retains clinical, quality, compliance responsibility

CCBHC — DCO A
CCBHC — DCO B
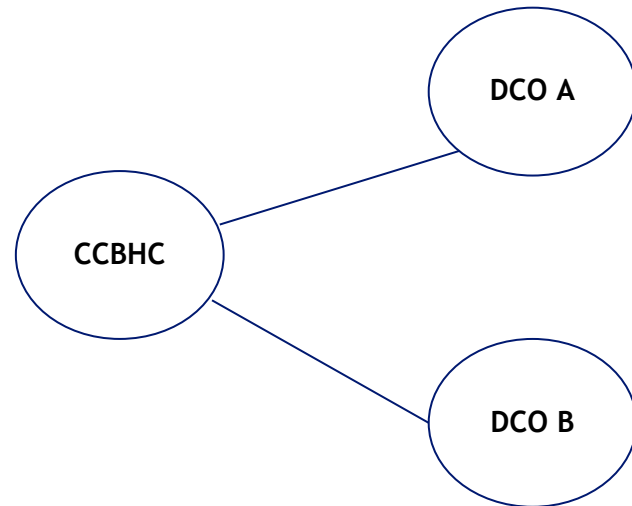
When to Use a DCO

- Start with community needs assessment & staffing plan

- Map gaps to the 9 required services

- Decide: build internally vs. DCO partnership

Community Needs	Gap Found	Build or DCO	Monitor KPI
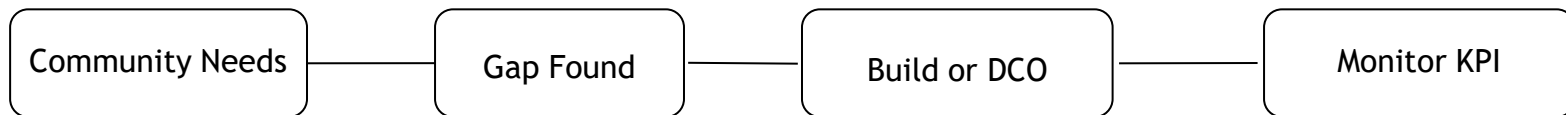
Ex. 1: Partnering with VA-Related Facilities

- Use case: High veteran needs; trauma/SUD specialty

- Scope: Trauma therapy, SUD, peer support, PCP coordination

- Steps to establish a DCO (next slide)

Ex. 1 (continued)

Steps to establish a DCO:

- Define veteran need & outcomes

- Identify & vet VA-related partner

- MOU/contract: scope, roles, data

- Quality & performance metrics

- Payment & encounter reporting

- Electronic Health Record (EHR)/data-sharing & consents

- Launch → monitor → improve

Ex. 2: No-Cost DCO: Grant Funded Peer Recovery Center

- Why: Gap in peer support and recovery coaching

- Partner: County Peer Recovery Center funded by a grant

- No exchange of funds, formal MOU define scopes and roles

- Service under the CCBHC treatment plan

- Accountability: CCBHC coordination

DCO Guidance

- Current DCO Guidance:

  - Definition and Authority

  - Relationship between CCBHC's and DCO's

  - Payment and PPS Considerations

  - Care Coordination and Information Sharing

  - Quality Standards

  - Required Elements of a DCO agreement

Memorandum #1

- The memo will be used for broad communication efforts around CCBHC implementation

- Provides a background of the CCBHC model, Colorado's approach, and sub-regulatory guidance

- Serves as a starting point for education and outreach with stakeholders

- Includes an introduction to the provider selection process and timelines

Next Steps

- Memorandum #2 in development
  - More detailed information, steps for first cohort

- DCO Guidance

- Finalization of Service Area and Operational Needs

  - Any volunteers?

Questions?

Exit Survey: Please take 2 minutes to complete an exit survey

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