



Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting #1 Notes

August 25, 2020

1. Meeting Overview

The August 25, 2020 Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting covered the following:

- Introductions
- Project Background
- Role of Stakeholders
- Project Overview and Timeline
- Model Development Workflow and Process
- Discussion Questions

The slide deck presented is available on the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) PCBA website:
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/person-centered-budget-algorithm-pcba>.

2. Key Feedback Themes

Model Development Process

- Please include illustrations in all presentation materials.
- It will be helpful to get presentation materials for the TAG ahead of time.
- Stakeholders are interested in receiving the data that are going to be used.
- There are concerns about the amount of data available.



- The Department and Optumas need to be very transparent.
- The use of outcome-based data would be truly person-centered.

Colorado-Specific Considerations

- Colorado should strongly consider consumer direction in all waivers and if/how consumer direction will be a part of the PCBA.
- The diversity of Colorado's population should be considered in development of the PCBA.
- Other states have systems that identify underlying comorbidities. Colorado should examine these.
- It would be beneficial to evaluate existing systems for quality through their data.
- Colorado home care systems have intermittent and "all the time" care. Some individuals only need intermittent supports and get along fine during the day. The reason why may not be represented in the data.
- There are more than a few factors to consider when looking at urban vs rural (e.g. cost of living).
 - There are quantifiable data that can be used.
 - Some members have low utilization because of provider access issues.
- Colorado struggles with identifying members' primary disability.
- Historically, utilization in Colorado is low. This is especially true for intellectually or developmentally disabled populations.
- Natural supports should be factored in.
- Unmet needs should be studied. The model should try to capture these.

Drivers of Resource Need

- It will be important to balance individuals with easily identifiable problem behaviors with those that have less easy to identify problem behaviors.
- Side effects of medications are seriously underestimated.



Statewide Presentation Considerations

- Please share information on how prevalent these models are around the country (e.g. this has been done in 30 states).

Additional Questions

- The Department and Optumas have addressed contextually appropriate questions on the CO PCBA website (<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/person-centered-budget-algorithm-pcba>).
 - The FAQ includes questions received via the Google Meeting chat.
- On a scale of 1 (Poor) to 5 (Excellent), most TAG participants rated their understanding of the PCBA development process a 4 (via an anonymous live poll during TAG meeting). The Board Coordinator called the roll. There were sufficient members for a quorum with eight members participating and three members excused.

3. Action Items

- Continue to monitor potential availability of additional data.
- Develop a plan to distribute meeting materials ahead of TAG/Statewide meetings.
- Begin discussions on appropriate level of data sharing.
- Include visuals in upcoming Statewide Meeting presentation materials.
- Include varying types of rural areas for consideration in analyses.
- Post updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on website.

4. Next Steps

- Follow up questions or comments can be shared with the Department or Optumas.
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