

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update Webinar

Disability, Older Adult, & Advocacy Communities

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy &
Financing

Office of Community Living
Health Programs Office

May 19, 2022

Agenda

- **Background & Recap**
Budget Update
General Project Updates
Bonnie Silva - Office of Community Living Director
- **Key Project Updates**
Meredith Davis - Health Programs Office, Population Health Behavioral Health Special Projects Manager
Colin Laughlin - Office of Community Living, Deputy Office Director
Amanda Lofgren - Office of Community Living, Division Director
- **Funding Opportunities & Reminders**
Hayley Gleason - Office of Community Living, Division Director
Meredith Davis - Health Programs Office, Population Health Behavioral Health Special Projects Manager
Colin Laughlin - Office of Community Living, Deputy Office Director

The American Rescue Plan Act

- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was passed by Congress on March 11, 2021
- **Section 9817 of ARPA** supports HCBS services, including behavioral health components
 - 1915 (c) Home and Community-Based (HCBS) Waivers
 - Personal Care
 - Targeted Case Management
 - Home Health Care
 - Private Duty Nursing
 - Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
 - Behavioral Health

Public Health Emergency Extension



- **Recently extended on April 12, 2022 for an additional 90 days**
 - Current potential expiration is July 11, 2022
- Federal declaration put into place in Jan 2020
- Requires HCPF to maintain eligibility for all members enrolled during the PHE
- Provides an additional 6.2% federal funding match while PHE is in place per Families First Coronavirus Relief Act

ARPA Extension

After national advocacy, associations are reporting (and CMS has verbally confirmed) that CMS will be extending the time allowed for spending ARPA HCBS to **March 31, 2025**



- Do not yet have written guidance from CMS
- Provides no additional funds
- Gives one more year to spend the approx. \$530M
- More information to come once we receive the final announcement

ARPA HCBS By the Numbers

10% Enhanced FMAP from April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022 resulting in:

64 Projects

11 Grant Projects
11 Pilot Projects

3,252

total attendance at
ARPA Stakeholder
Engagement
Opportunities

\$529 Million

reinvestment

**90% Directly Benefiting
the Community**

3.5% Admin

34 months to spend it

END DATE:

March 31, 2025*

15,494

page views on the ARPA
webpage



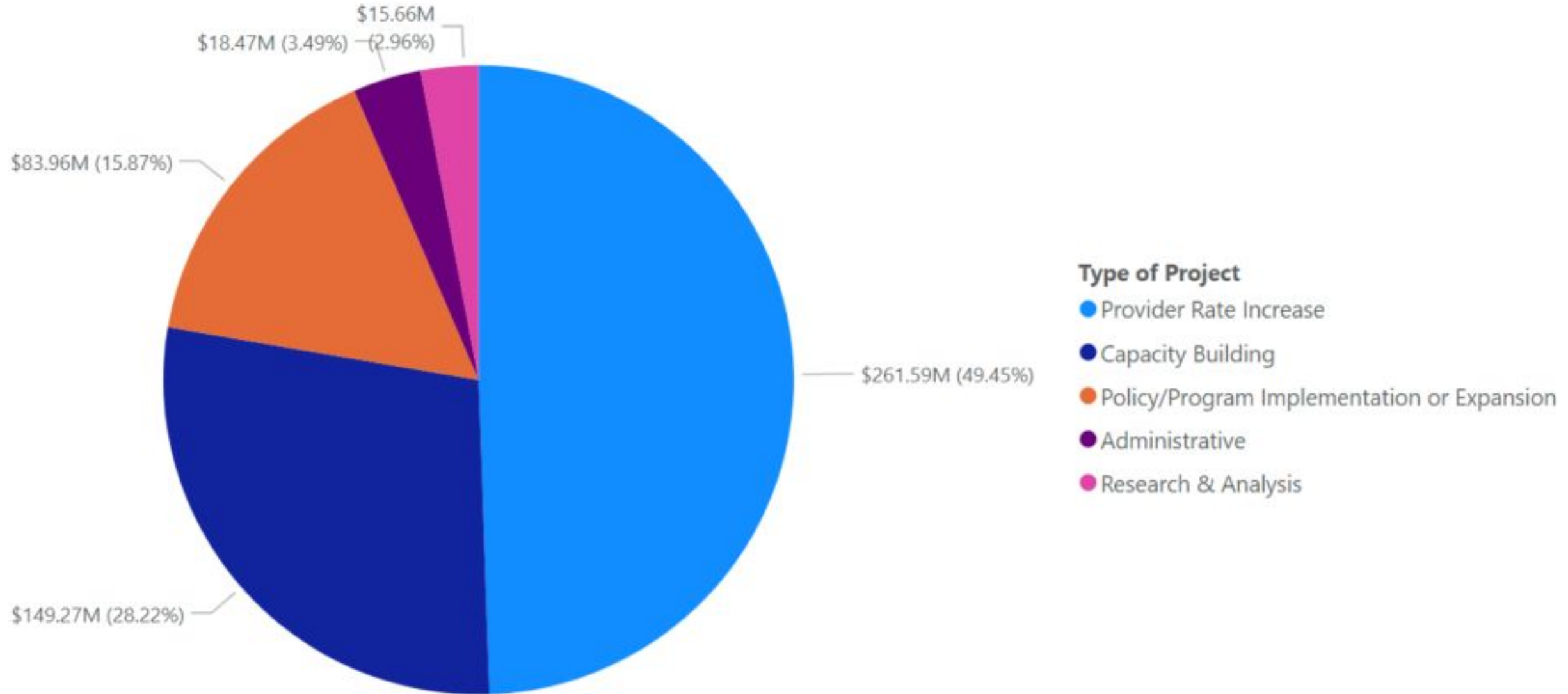
Budget & General Project Update



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Budget by Type of Project

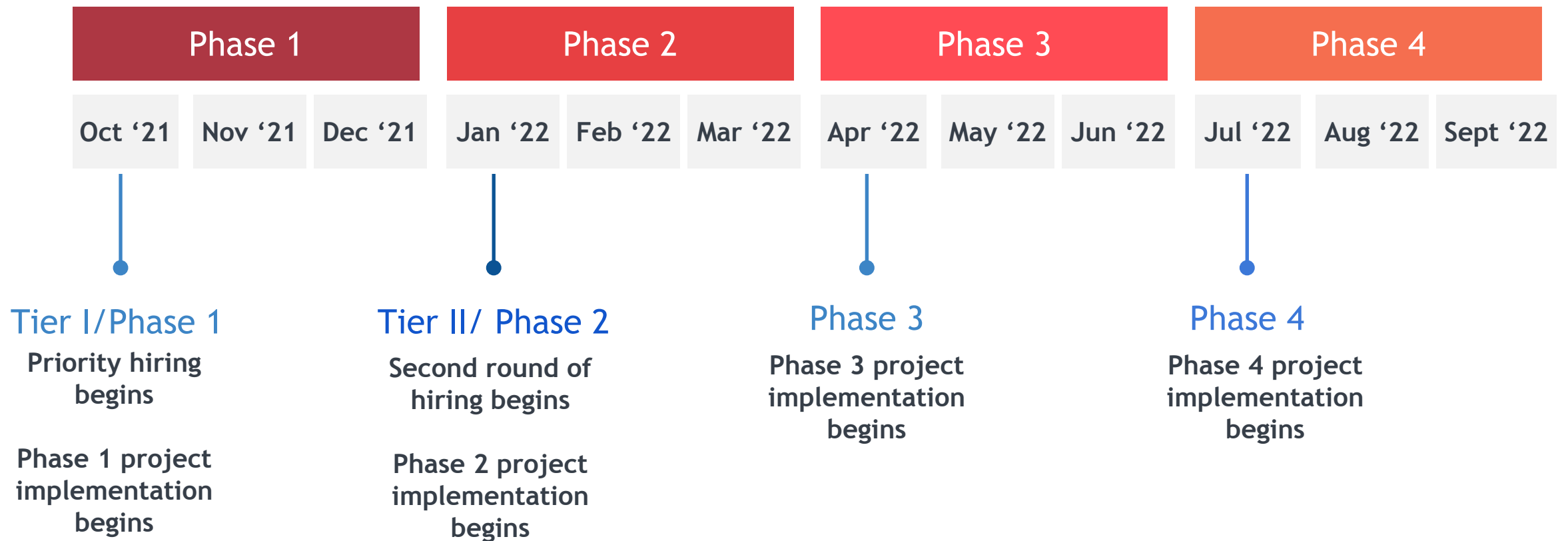


Budget Update



ARPA Project Phasing

Project Phasing

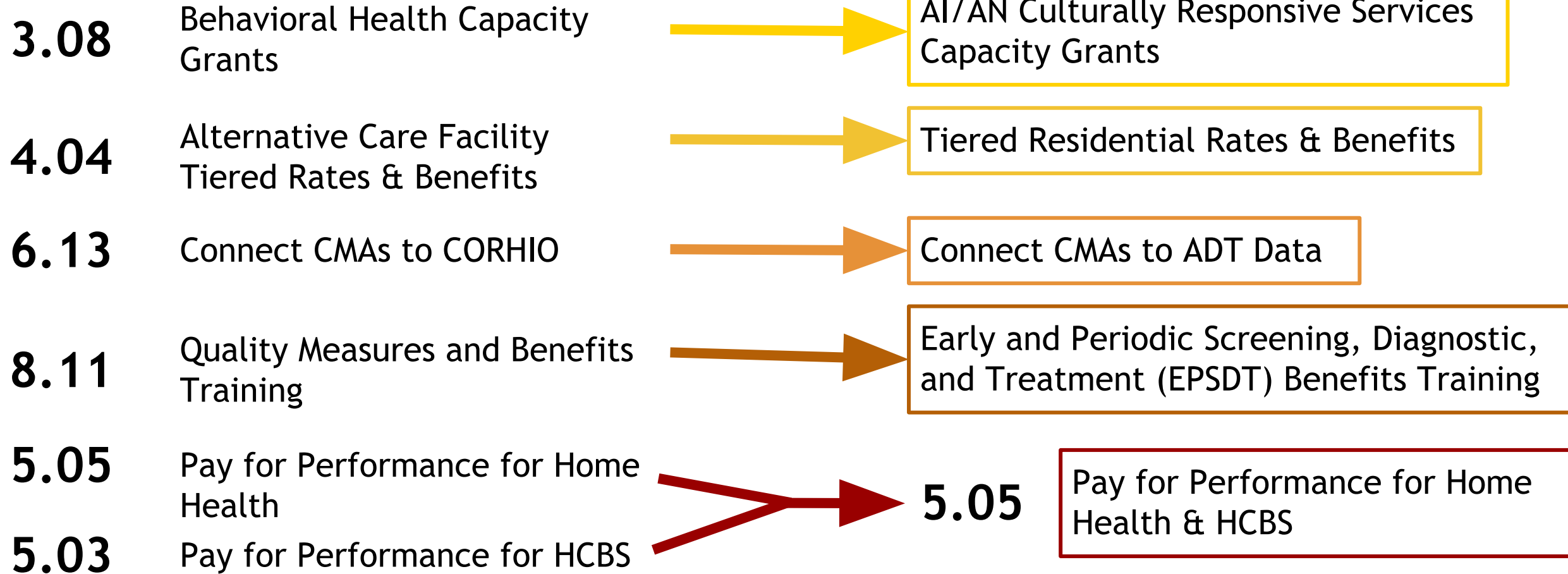


Phase 3 Project List

*Launched
April 1, 2022*

Project Title	Workforce & Rural	Access for Underserved	Case Management	Tools & Technology	Quality
PHASE 3 PROJECTS					
Improve & Expedite Long-Term Care Eligibility Processes			x		
P4P for HH & HCBS Waivers					x
Criminal Justice Partnership					x
Provider Oversight					x
Innovative Tech Integration				x	
Specialty Search in Provider Specialty Tool				x	
Member Data Sharing				x	
Equity Study		x			
HCBS Training for Members & Families		x			
Translation of Case Management Material		x			
AI/AN Culturally Responsive Services Capacity Grants		x			
Workforce Compensation Research	x				

Project Name Changes and Merges





Questions & Discussion

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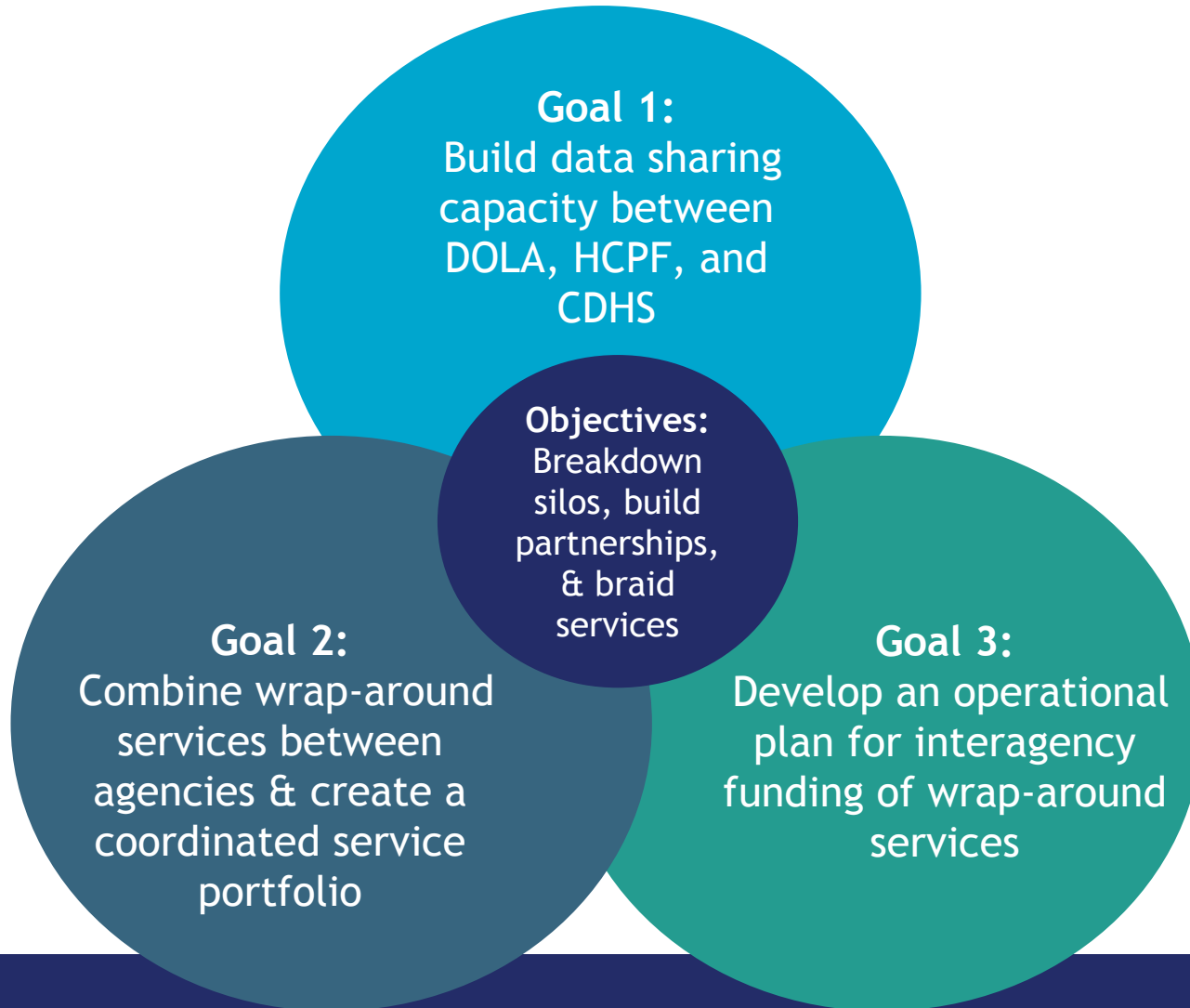
Key Project Highlights



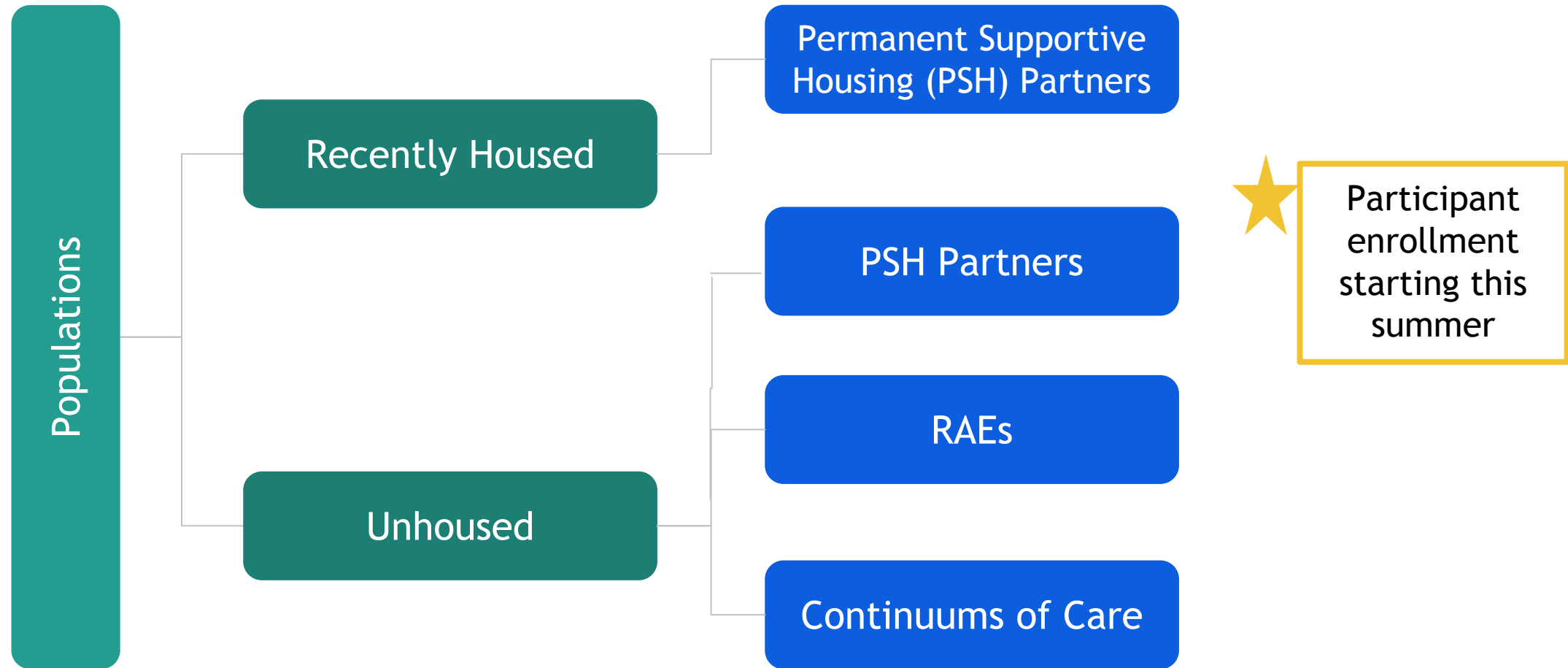
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Wrap-Around Services, including Peer Supports for Members with Complex Needs



Population Focus: Individuals Experiencing Housing Instability with High Unmet Health Needs



LTHH, PDN, and PPC

- Transitioning the management and oversight of Long-Term Home Health (LTHH), Private Duty Nursing (PDN), and Pediatric Personal Care from Health Programs Office (HPO) to Office of Community Living (OCL)
 - These benefits are traditionally long-term in nature
 - Hospice, EPSDT, and Pediatric Behavioral Therapy will not be included as part of the transition
- Good timing to allow for aligning benefits as we plan for Community First Choice (CFC)
- Formal transition date of July 1, 2022
- Following the transition this summer, the Department will begin holding public stakeholder meetings with interested parties about these benefits, UR/UM of these services, and next steps

LTHH, PDN, and PPC

How does this change tie into ARPA Projects?

- Aligns projects closer to members that utilize these services needs

Phase 1 Project

Private Duty
Nursing/ Long-Term
Home Health Acuity
Tool

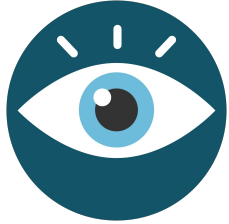
Phase 3 Project

Pay for
Performance in
Home Health

Phase 4 Project

Home Health
Delegation

Direct Care Workforce Collaborative



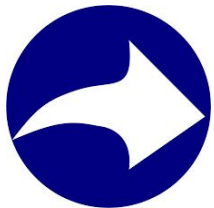
Vision

To be recognized as the central hub for action, expertise, and advocacy on the direct care workforce.



Engagement

500+ people have engaged (Collaborative meeting, Action Groups, DCWC Leadership)



Going Forward

Continue to grow participation/awareness/action with milestones and metrics to measure success

Review Material

Direct Care
Workforce Data
Infrastructure

Provide Feedback

Standardized Core
Curriculum &
Specialization

Resource & Job Hub



Consult

Career Pathways

Public Awareness
Campaign

Provide Insight

Workforce Compensation
Research

Training Fund

Resource & Job Hub

Direct Care Workforce Collaborative: Role in ARPA Initiatives

DCW Initiatives & The Collaborative

Action Groups

Compensation & Benefits

- Workforce Compensation Research
- Rural Sustainability and Investment
- Direct Care Workforce Data Infrastructure

Training & Career Advancement

- Career Pathways
- Standardized Core Curriculum & Specialization
- Establish a Training Fund
- Resource & Job Hub

Value & Awareness

- Public Awareness Campaign



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Ongoing Work of the Collaborative Action Groups

Compensation & Benefits

- Learning how rates are established to better understand how best to advocate

Training & Career Advancement

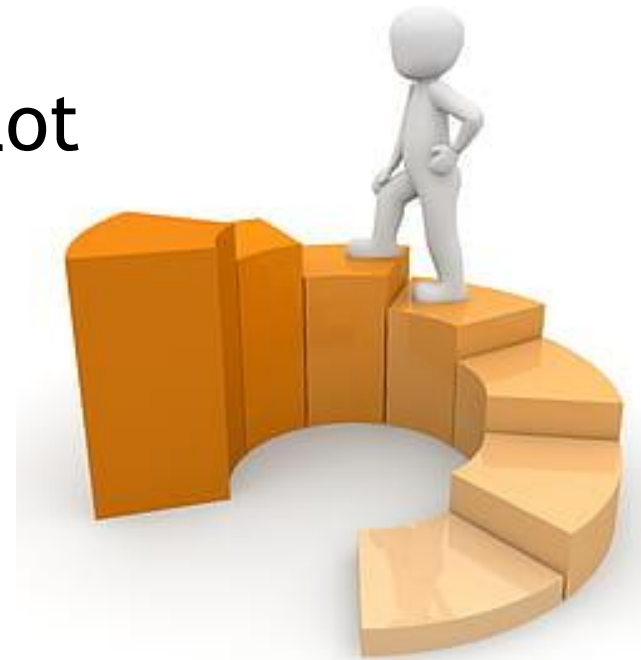
- Researching DCW trainings that are available &/or required in other states

Value & Awareness

- Learning how to support DCW in real-time, including studying other states & areas that are providing for their most basic needs, i.e. food pantry, assistance with housing & childcare
- Collecting stories from DCW & consumers to shed light on the field & its value to be shared on social media outlets
- Working on a proclamation day/day of festivities for next Spring

Case Management Stabilization

- Case Management Agency Capacity Building
 - Learning Collaboratives
 - Technical Assistance for Transition Planning for CMRD
 - Support for Transition Plans
- Case Management Best Practices Research & Pilot
- Case Manager Satisfaction Survey
- Case Management Rates Analysis
 - CMA time study in process
 - Deliverables in late summer/early fall





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Funding Opportunities & Reminders



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Upcoming Grant Opportunities

- ARPA HCBS includes 13 grant projects
 - Eligible applicants vary across the projects, but will include, providers, community-based organizations, & non-profits
- RFP currently out for a financial vendor to manage grant contracting and invoicing
 - Benefits: Ease of communication, standardization across grant projects, & faster contracting
- Get prepared!
 - Request for Applications will be posted on our ARPA webpage & emailed out through our email list
 - Sign up now for the email list & check the website often
 - All grantees will be required to be validated- Check your status!
 - CO Secretary of State
 - Federal System for Award Management
 - Start planning - Most applications will have 30 days from posting to submission

Grants

Project	Total \$	What the Grant will Support
6.06 Digital Transformation Projects/EHR Upgrades (combined with 6.04 HCBS Provider Electronic Health Record System Upgrades)	\$21m	Provider Electronic Health Record System Upgrades
6.05 Member Tech Literacy	\$500k	Digital literacy training for members
6.12 System Infrastructure for Social Determinants of Health	\$3m	Community organizations to connect to the Social Health Information Exchange
4.07 New Systems of Care	\$15m	Piloting innovative systems of care
4.05 Pilot CAPABLE	\$3m	Piloting the CAPABLE program in Colorado
1.05 Establish a Training Fund	\$11m	Training for Direct Care Workers
6.08 Care & Case Management System Investments	\$1.8m	Devices for Case Management Agencies to implement the new Care and Case Management System

Behavioral Health Grants

Project	Total \$	Recipients	Mechanism
2.01 Behavioral Health Transition Grants (members transitioning out of institutions)	\$14m	Community BH Providers	Competitive Grant RFA (Financial Vendor)
2.02 Expand Behavioral Health Crisis Teams (Mobile Response)	\$1.75m	BH Mobile Crisis Responders	OBH ASO Contract Amendment
3.06 Expand the Behavioral Health Safety Net (High Intensity Outpatient Services)	\$24m	Community BH Providers	RAEs Contract Amendment
3.07 Wraparound Services, Including Peer Supports for Complex Members (for persons experiencing homelessness)	\$17.7m	Supportive Housing Providers	Competitive Bid Process through DOLA
3.08 AI/AN Culturally Responsive Services Capacity Building Grants	\$5m	Tribes, Indian Health Service providers	Competitive Grant RFA (internal)
4.03 Child/Youth Step-Down Options Provider and Program Recruitment (grants for increasing capacity)	\$3.9m	Pediatric BH providers	Competitive Grant RFA (Financial Vendor)

ARPA Home Modification Enhancement

- Effective January 1, 2022, members on the below Home and Community-Based (HCBS) waivers, will have access to an **additional \$10,000 in Home Modification funding**:
 - Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD) EBD, CMHS, BI, SCI, SLS, and CES
 - Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS)
 - Brain Injury (BI)
 - Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)
 - Supported Living Services (SLS)
 - Children's Extensive Supports (CES)
- New home modification requests to be used under this available funding will be accepted until **November 30, 2023**
 - **Projects must be reviewed and completed by March 31, 2024**
- Members should **contact their case manager** through the Single Entry Point (SEP) or Community Centered Board (CCB) to access this funding
 - Funding approval will follow the same process for accessing the home modification benefit



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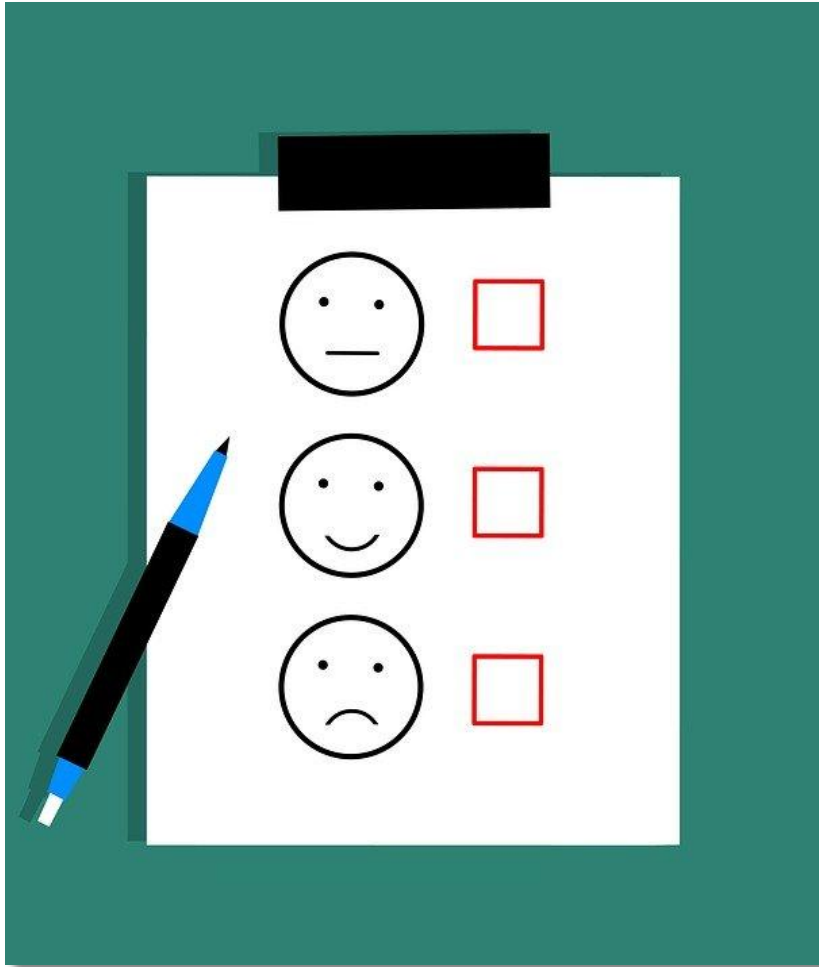
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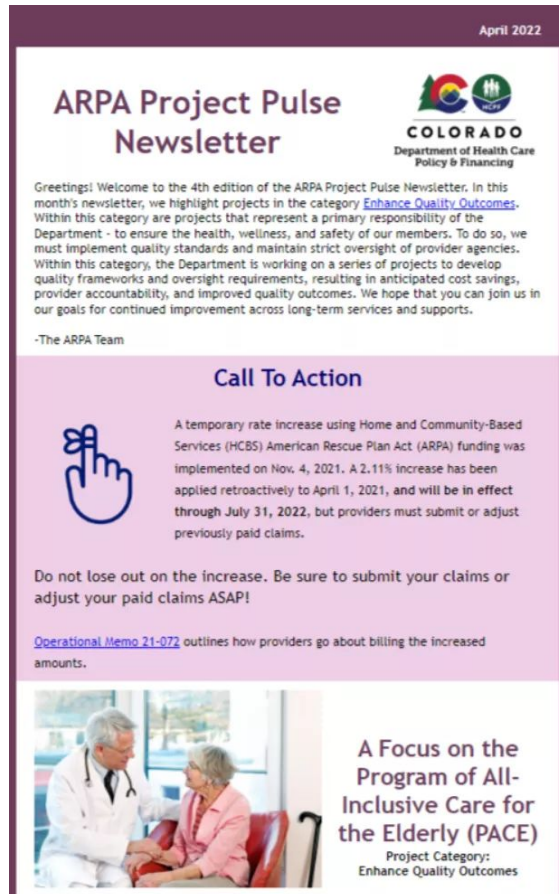
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60 Second Satisfaction Survey

www.surveymonkey.com/r/GenARPA

Project Pulse Newsletter & Quarterly Reports



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Quarterly Report #3

Implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Section 9817

Enhancing Colorado's Home and Community-Based Services System through an Enhanced Federal Match

May 2, 2022

Submitted to: The Joint Budget Committee

Quarterly Report
January 2022- March 2022



Q4 2022 QUARTERLY REPORT

Colorado Spending Plan for Implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Section 9817

Enhancing Colorado's Home and Community-Based Services System through an Enhanced Federal Match

April 18, 2022

Submitted to: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Quarterly Report Submission to CMS
Q4 2022 Report
January 2022- March 2022

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Next Webinars



OCL General Updates

Thursday June 16, 2022

9:30 - 10:30 am - Disability, Older Adult, & Advocacy Communities

3:30 - 4:30 pm - Providers

ARPA Quarterly Update

Thursday August 18, 2022

9:30 - 11 a.m. - Disability, Older Adult, & Advocacy Communities

3:30 - 5 p.m. - Providers

Website

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- Key Content:

- [Searchable Project Directory](#)
- [Individual project descriptions](#) and [project category](#) explanations of need
- [Project Pulse Newsletter archive](#)
- [Article and Blog Posts](#)
- [Interactive Stakeholder Engagement Calendar and Meeting Information](#)
- [New Question/Comment Submission Form](#)

- Still being actively updated:

- [Full quarterly reports](#) to JBC and CMS
- [Hiring efforts and job postings](#)

- **Coming Soon! - Grant Information and applications**



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