

Community First Choice Council Meeting

February 1, 2023

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing



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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

Welcome!

Meet the HCPF CFC Team

- **Adam Tucker**, Waiver Innovation Unit Supervisor
- **Eileen Saunders**, CFC Policy Advisor
- **Maddie Quartaro**, CFC Policy Advisor
- **Jordan Larson**, CFC Policy Advisor
- **Kristine Dos Santos**, Participant Directed CFC Policy Advisor
- **Betty Vanderkaay**, CFC Project Coordinator
- **Lana Eggers**, Waiver Innovation and Compliance Section Manager



Our Mission

Improving health care equity, access, and outcomes for the people we serve while saving Coloradans money on health care and driving value for Colorado.



Agenda

- **Housekeeping**
- **Budget Presentation**
- **Stakeholder Engagement Survey Results**
 - **CDASS Workgroup**
- **Open Forum**

Attendance

- Please complete the [Google Form](#)
- Call in attendance to Jordan Larson at 303-866-3580
 - Available between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Disclaimer:** The information provided through this form will only be viewed by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) for the purpose of ensuring stakeholder representation on CFC implementation. The Department and its parties will adhere to the strictest privacy rules and policies when handling and discussing this information.

Name *

Your answer _____

Email and/or phone number

Your answer _____

Population(s) represented *

Individual with a disability

Representative/parent of individual with disability

Person over the age of 65 or their representative

Service provider

State employee

Other: _____

Meeting Etiquette and Ground Rules

- Do not share Protected Health Information (PHI)
- Mind E-Manners
- Stay solution-focused
- Respect each other's time and the meeting time
- Reasonable accommodations such as translation services and/or closed captioning please contact John Barry.
 - john.r.barry@state.co.us or 303-866-3173
 - Department's 504/ADA Coordinator at hcpf504ada@state.co.us at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting to make arrangements.



Budget Process



Colorado's Budget Process

- During late summer and early fall, executive branch departments begin developing ideas for budget proposals as part of the executive budget process

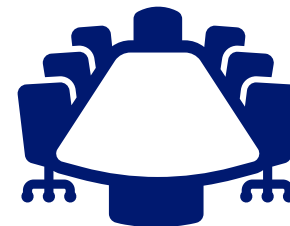


- The Governor and their staff review the budget proposals and work with the departments to develop final requests based on the Governor's priorities



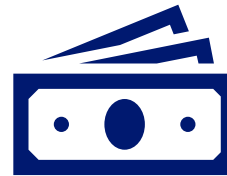
Colorado's Budget Process

- All executive and judicial departments submit budget requests to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1st
- All Departments submit supplemental requests and budget amendments by January 3rd to the Joint Budget Committee
- The Joint Budget Committee is a committee of the legislature that is charged with studying the management, operations, programs, and fiscal needs of the agencies and institutions of Colorado state government
- The Joint Budget Committee holds briefings and hearings in December with the departments to discuss questions and budget priorities



Colorado's Budget Process

- In January, the Committee considers department requests for adjustments to appropriations for the current fiscal year that meet supplemental criteria; these requests are called "supplementals"
- The JBC's budget **recommendations** for ongoing programs are incorporated into the Long Bill, which is typically introduced in late March or early April, for consideration by the entire General Assembly



- After the legislative session ends in early May, the JBC staff prepares an annual Appropriations Report, which explains all funding decisions made by the General Assembly, from the Long Bill and any other bills that contain appropriations

Department's Budget Request for Community First Choice

- BA-07 Community-based Access to Services
- [Link to Budget Request](#)
- Addresses Department of Justice Findings



Department of Justice Findings

- In March 2022, the Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a findings letter stating that Colorado is violating Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by “administering its long-term care system in a way that unnecessarily segregates individuals with physical disabilities in nursing facilities and places others with physical disabilities at serious risk of unnecessary institutionalization.”

Department of Justice Findings

- The BA-07 addresses these findings by requesting funding for items such as:
 - Providing transition and community service information to members living in nursing facilities
 - Additional transition coordination units
 - Broader housing navigation, etc.

CFC Component

- The Department requested to add new services to the State Plan and the Waivers
 - Department Requested the Wellness Education Benefit as a new Waiver service to provide wellness education letters to members
 - Department Requested to add:
 - Personal Care
 - Homemaker
 - Acquisition, Maintenance, and Enhancement of Skills
 - IHSS and CDASS, Health Maintenance
 - PERS, Medication Reminders, Remote Supports Technology
 - Life Skills Training, Home Delivered Meals, Transition Setup, Peer Mentorship



CFC Timeline

- If the budget is approved, members will begin to access services through CFC beginning July 1, 2025
- Members will transition from select 1915(c) waiver services to State Plan 1915(k) CFC services at annual Continued Stay Review
 - The Department requested to move both 1915(c) participant directed programs into CFC: Consumer Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) and In-Home Support Services (IHSS)

CFC Timeline

- Beginning on July 1, 2025, the state will actualize an additional 6% federal match for all CFC services
- ARPA and Money Follows the Person funding is currently being leveraged for the initial phase of CFC
- This budget request will fund service and administrative costs to implement the program, before it becomes cost-negative in FY 25/26

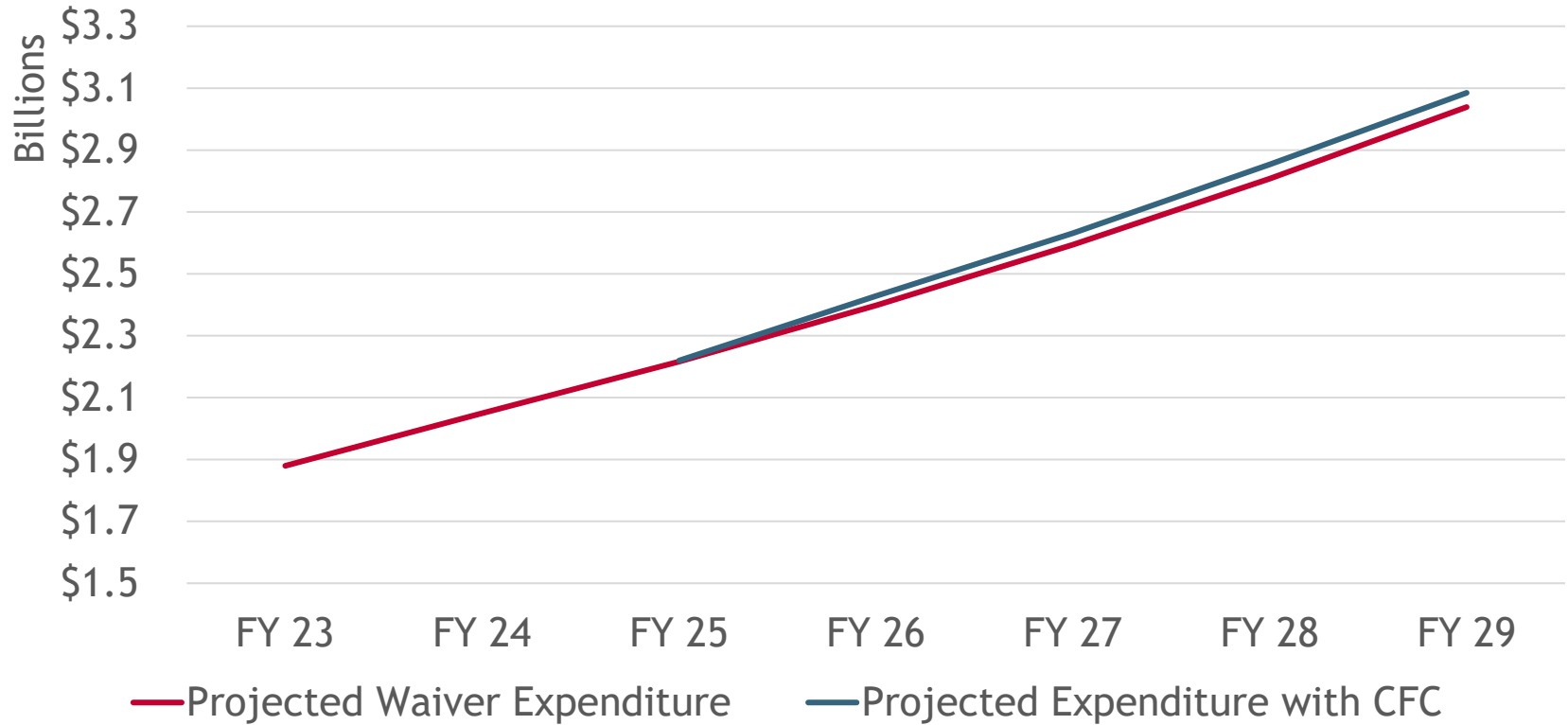
Why CFC is Good for Colorado

- CFC provides expanded ability for members to receive key services in their community and transition out of institutions
 - CFC is also the cornerstone of our DOJ response
- CFC will save the Department money and increase access to community-based care
- Savings from Nursing Facility transitions are not accounted for in budget projections, but additional savings may occur as reliance on NF care is decreased



Impact on Total Expenditure

Total Expenditure for Waiver Services



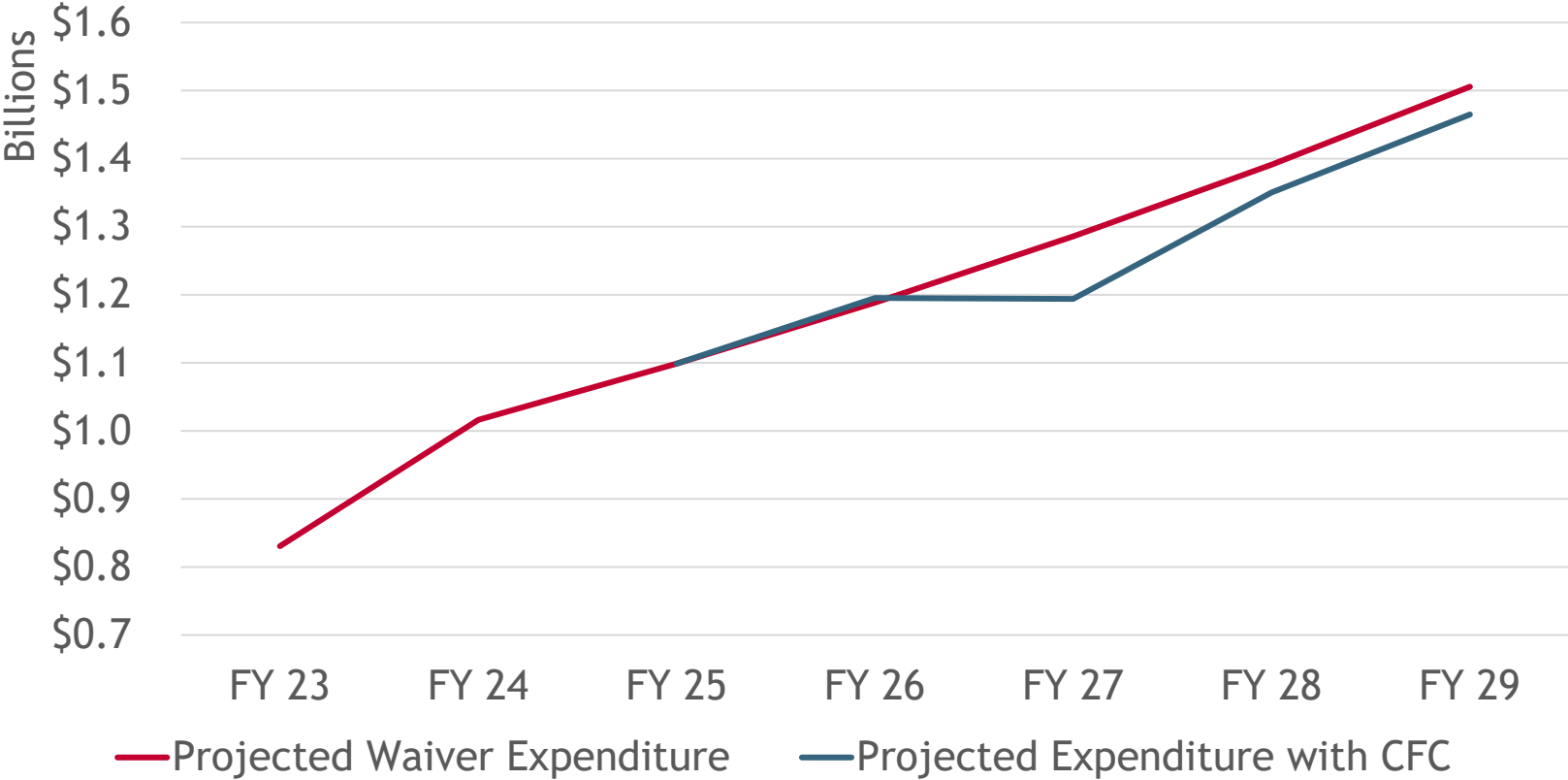
Estimated Increased Access to Services

Item	Agency Based Care	IHSS	CDASS	Total
Current Members Enrolled in a Waiver	32,859	7,344	4,100	44,303
Shift of Members to IHSS and CDASS for Current Waiver Members	(1,910)	1,629	281	0
State Plan Members Newly Utilizing Services	762	167	152	1,081
Total Members After CFC Expansion	31,711	9,140	4,533	45,384
Percent Change	-3%	24%	11%	2%



Impact on General Fund Expenditure

General Fund Expenditure for Waiver Services



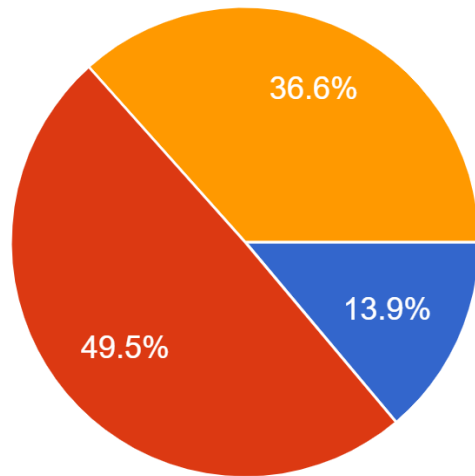
Stakeholder Engagement Feedback Survey Results



CFC Survey General Results

- **Total Responses: 103**
- **Communities represented:**
 - Parent or representative of an individual with a disability
 - Individual with disability
 - Service provider
 - Case manager
 - Advocate
- **65 (63%) attended at least 1 CFC stakeholder opportunity**

Respondent Makeup



- HCBS Waiver Member
- Represent HCBS Waiver Member
- Not HCBS Waiver Member or Representative

CFC Survey General Results

- Majority prefer Department presentations and group discussions
- Preferred Day: Wednesday
- Preferred Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Most common obstacle to meeting: Time of meetings
- 2nd most common obstacle to meeting: Difficult to understand terms and definitions
- Majority heard about CFC through email or CFC Newsletter
- Preference CFC communication: Email



Transition Plan Feedback

- Lots of clear and accessible communication
- What changes to expect and when
- Clear expectations
- Contrast Current vs. Future
- Case managers given notice and clear instruction on changes

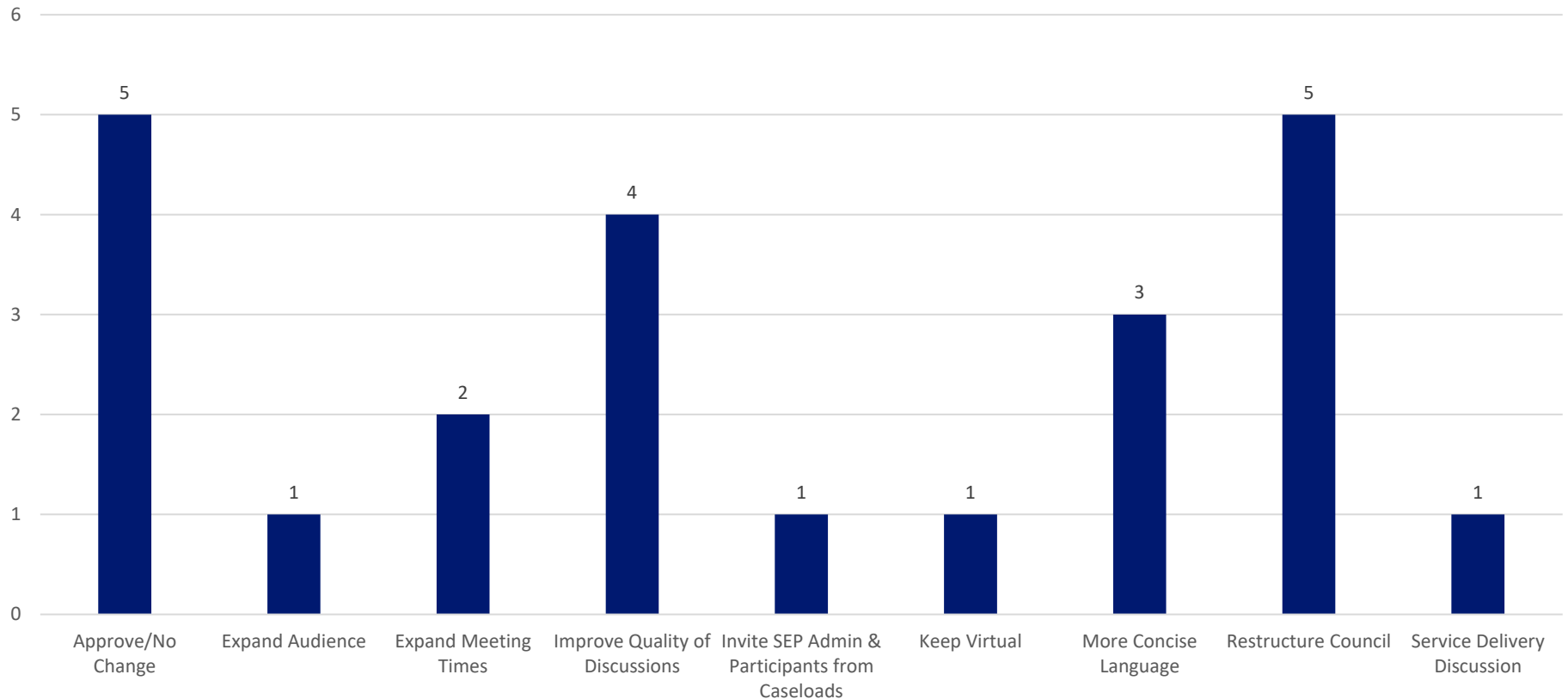
Wanting More Information About/Unclear

1. CFC Impact on Members
2. CFC Services
3. CFC Transition Plan
4. Consumer Direction and CFC
5. Member Eligibility



CFC Council Areas of Improvement (N=23)

What Could Improve Value of Council to Members



Found Helpful About CFC Council

1. Hearing from other stakeholders
2. Presentation Materials
3. Group discussions
4. Scenarios
5. Handouts

CDASS Stakeholder Engagement

- **CDASS Workgroup to begin February 9 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**
 - Two meetings every month from February through April
 - Reports to CFC Council & Participant Directed Programs Policy Collaborative (PDPPC)
- **CFC Council Meetings**
 - Same day and time, but meetings will last 90 minutes
 - Listening sessions postponed until May 2023

CDASS Workgroup Interest Form

- Commitment to CDASS workgroup is 3 hours of meetings per month
- [CDASS CFC Stakeholder Workgroup Interest Form](#)



Open Forum



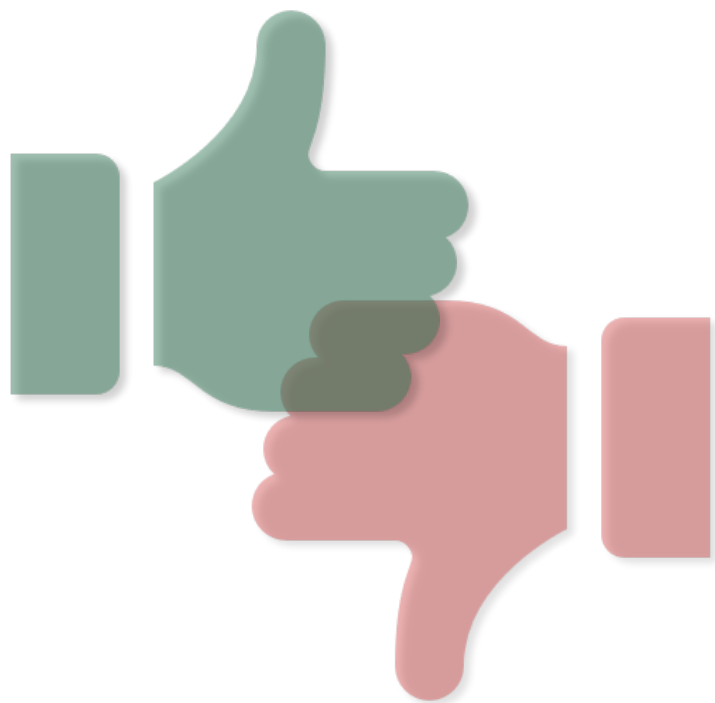
Communications

- How to submit questions, feedback, or comments:
 - CFC Email: hcpf_cfc@state.co.us
 - Via phone: Jordan Larson at 303-866-3580
- John Barry for Accommodations:
 - john.r.barry@state.co.us

What's Next?

- Next Meeting: CFC Council Meeting
 - Wednesday, March 1, 2023
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
 - [CFC Stakeholder Website](#)





60 Second Satisfaction Survey

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CommunityFirstChoice

Thank you!



Resources

[Slide deck from the National Resource Center for Participant Directed Services](#)

[CMS Technical Guide for CFC](#)

[CFC Final Regulation](#)

[HCPF CFC Resources webpage](#)

[Final STP](#)

