Hospital Transformation Program Newsletter

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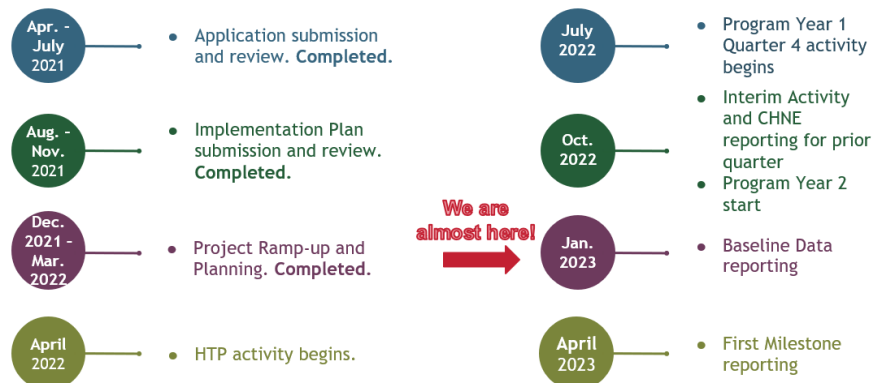Policy & Financing

Hello HTP Stakeholders,

Welcome to the December 2022 edition of the Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) newsletter. We're into the Holiday season and also into cold and flu season. Here's to spreading cheer and joy and not infectious diseases! We're just spreading the news with this month's newsletter. We are gearing up for our first HTP annual data reporting period, and there are a lot of great resources and learning opportunities going on this month. Thanks for reading!

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HTP Timeline

HTP Timeline & Milestones

- **Apr. – July 2021** — Application submission and review. **Completed.**
- **Aug. – Nov. 2021** — Implementation Plan submission and review. **Completed.**
- **Dec. 2021 – Mar. 2022** — Project Ramp-up and Planning. **Completed.**
- **April 2022** — HTP activity begins.

We are almost here!

- **July 2022** — Program Year 1 Quarter 4 activity begins
- **Oct. 2022** — Interim Activity and CHNE reporting for prior quarter; Program Year 2 start
- **Jan. 2023** — Baseline Data reporting
- **April 2023** — First Milestone reporting

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Prescriber Tool

The Department has reached out to hospitals requesting they complete the Prescriber Tool Real Time Benefits Inquiry (RTBI) Attestation Form which was due no later than Nov. 4, 2022. We have heard from many hospitals and would like to thank them for their timely submission. If you have not completed the attestation form or requested an extension, please contact us as soon as possible! hcpf_pharmacyapm@state.co.us.

The Prescriber Tool helps Coloradans save money on health care by empowering providers with information on prescription drug costs and affordable alternatives. It reduces administrative burden for providers, while also improving convenience for patients. The Prescriber Tool is a complementary statewide effort under the Hospital Transformation Program and completion of the attestation process, including submitting a ticket with your EHR vendor if needed, will set hospitals up for success when the Prescriber Tool alternative payment methodology begins.

This short form asks you to provide a point of contact, your facility name and identifiers

(i.e., NPI), your EHR information, and RTBI Vendor. We ask you to perform RTBI for two examples, and if alternatives are returned, to provide screenshots of the results. If alternatives are not displayed, we ask for the EHR ticket number and/or known EHR update timeline. Note: you can fill out one form for all hospitals in a system if all facility names and NPIs are included.

You can also visit our Prescriber Tool Project webpage for more information.

Performance Measure Training

In lieu of a Hospital Workgroup meeting, there will be an HTP Performance Measure Training scheduled for Dec. 15, 2022, at 10 a.m. The training will be recorded and posted to the HTP website after the meeting for all to reference.

Rural Provider Access and Affordability Stimulus Grant Program (SB 22-200)

- The 9-member Rural Provider Access and Affordability Advisory Committee began meeting on Sept. 7 and will meet every two weeks through November 2022.

- With the advisory committee's recommendations, **The Department will present rules to our Medical Services Board on Dec. 9, 2022,** for the first hearing and January 2023 for the final hearing.

- Grant applications are expected to open in early spring 2023. Award determinations will be made and grant agreements executed by June 2023.

- Information about the grant and advisory committee is available on our website.

Growing the Health Care Workforce

Help build the health & child care workforce by spreading the word to your patients, community, and staff about these once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunities!

Please help us grow the health care workforce as well as the child care workforce. Please print and display these time-limited training opportunity communications in your patient waiting rooms, exam rooms, staff break rooms and other related areas. The links below include a poster that can be printed and a digital display that can go on TV screens in patient or staff areas. Print and digital resources are online.

The first poster communicates free, short-term training for in-demand health care professions (i.e. CNA, EMT, MA, pharm tech, etc). The second poster also communicates free early childhood education courses to become a certified child care professional. Both of these free education opportunities are essential to revitalizing the health care workforce, while offering upward mobility for low-income Coloradans seeking new career paths. If these communications get to the right people - specifically Medicaid members - they can be life-changing, giving people a once-in-a-life-time opportunity for free certifications that create a meaningfully different income trajectory, while helping grow the workforce.

Please help fully leverage these unique educational and career advancement opportunities by displaying these important communications today!

Explore the New Health Equity Standards with The Joint Commission

On Jan. 1, 2023, The Joint Commission will launch new health equity standards that require hospitals to facilitate reductions in health care disparities as part of accreditation. Learn more about these new standards from 3-4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, as CHA welcomes Dr. Christina Cordero, project director for health care standards

development in the Division of Healthcare Quality Evaluation at The Joint Commission, who has been leading this work nationally.

This informational webinar is free for CHA members and will include time for questions –register here.

Please forward this message to others in your organization who may benefit. For questions, email Rich Bottner, CHA director of quality improvement and patient safety, at richard.bottner@cha.com

Colorado Hospital Association Social Determinants Learning Series

There is one remaining session in the CHA learning series designed to equip hospitals with the knowledge and tools they need to strategically address social determinants of health (SDoH) and improve health equity in Colorado.

The final session is on Dec. 8. The session, Putting It All Together Across Colorado Hospitals, will take place from noon to 1 p.m. The series – Fundamentals of Social Determinants of Health in Hospitals: Improving Health Equity Across Colorado – is convening hospitals from around the state to provide insight on contributors to SDoH and lay the foundation for future work aimed at addressing health disparities in the state. Participants will gain an understanding of the opportunity to improve health equity in hospitals and leave with action-oriented tools to make a difference in their organizations.

With an increasing focus on SDoH principles from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and many components of the state's Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) and Hospital Quality Incentive Payment (HQIP) program, now is the time for hospitals to come together and engage around these critically important topics.

This 11-session virtual learning series includes a mix of keynote presentations from industry experts, panel discussions from hospital and health equity leaders, and breakout sessions to support building an equity-focused network in Colorado. All sessions will be recorded and made available to series participants.

Colorado Consumer Health Initiative (CCHI) 2022 Statewide Listening Tour Report

From November 2021 to May 2022, CCHI facilitated a statewide Listening Tour in an effort to elevate consumer voices and learn more about their experience navigating their health care systems. Due to COVID-19, some sessions were held in-person while others were held virtually.

During their listening tour, they visited four areas across the state and facilitated discussions around access to health care, insurance, and prescription drug affordability. While conversations were framed with initial questions, discussions were led by participants and varied from site to site. These discussions exposed structural barriers that many Coloradans face when trying to access care.

The Listening Tour Report summarizes the discussions and experiences of participants expressed during the tour, and sheds light on the need for equitable, accessible, and culturally responsive health care. Read the 2022 Listening Tour Report here.

Regional Health Connector (RHC) Program

RHC is bringing back their "RHC 101" presentations this fall, with one date remaining:

- Dec. 16, 10-11 a.m.

This session will provide information about what the RHC program is, provide an opportunity to meet a few RHCs and hear about their localized work, as well as learn more about how we can stay involved and connected with RHCs and you all as partners and supporters. To register please select the date you are interested in attending above.

Regional Health Connector (RHC) program! In 2021, the RHC program received funding from Senate Bill 21-137 to improve mental and behavioral health systems across the state of Colorado. Each RHC conducted regional assessments by analyzing national, state, and local data to identify priority gaps in behavioral and mental health services. Based on this data, RHCs proposed projects intended to address these priority gaps and improve health equity using local knowledge, services and assets. Trailhead Institute shares a summary of the Behavioral Health Recovery Act (BHRA) projects that resulted from this funding and process.

Also featured are two stories of impact that illustrate how the BHRA funding was utilized: Culture as Prevention in Southwest Colorado and Building Bridges to Muslim Youth for Positive Impact.

As a partner/advocate/supporter, The Trailhead Institute encourages you to:

- Read through the summary available on their website along with stories and their newsletter, and share it with your networks

- Connect with RHCs directly to learn more about their local projects and discover how efforts can align

Reach out to RHC program staff (Gillian Grant & Hannah Groves) or register for an upcoming informational session to learn more about the program and how you can advocate for and support the RHCs.

Health Colorado Inc. (HCI) and Care on Location supporting RAE 4 hospital HTP efforts

Bridge Care Program
Health Colorado Inc. (HCI) is partnering with Care on Location (CoL) to build a Bridge Care program that supports Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) initiatives and RAE 4 Access to Care standards which are amenable to telehealth modalities such as RAH1, RAH2, CP1, SW-CP1, and COE2 and care coordinators being able to connect patients directly to a care source.

Goals:
- Strengthen care transitions and bridge access to care gaps in a timely manner
- Respect local resources and workflows that already exist
- Extend access to care to those who are often lost through the cracks

HCI and CoL have been meeting with several hospitals interested in collaborating. For those wanting to learn more about this opportunity can reach out to Christina Brown christina@healthcolorado.health

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Telligen Learning Assets and Support

In Case You Missed It: the Telligen QIN-QIO has no-cost Learning Assets to offer that are in direct alignment with many of your HTP measures and interventions.

If you have a specific request for technical assistance related to evidence-based interventions, coalition building/strengthening, data and/or quality improvement training, you can submit a request.

Community Engagement Resource

The Assessing Community Engagement project from the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) [Leadership Consortium: Collaboration for a Value & Science-Driven Health System](#) is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Guided by a committee of national and community leaders who reflect diverse backgrounds and perspectives, the project aims to provide community-engaged, effective, and evidence-based tools to those who want to measure engagement to ensure that it is meaningful and impactful, with a special emphasis on ensuring equity as a critical input and outcome. As part of this effort, the Organizing Committee developed the [Assessing Community Engagement Conceptual Model (ACE-CoM)](#), which identifies outcomes associated with meaningful community engagement. More information is on their [website](#).

Thanks to the Community Advisory Council (CAC) for sharing this resource.

Colorado AIM Substance Use Disorder Learning Collaborative

Improve birth outcomes while boosting your HTP and Hospital Quality Incentive Payment (HQIP) performance! The Colorado Perinatal Care Quality Collaborative (CPCQC) is recruiting new clinical teams and patients with lived experience – especially in the southern and eastern parts of Colorado!

Want to improve care for pregnant and postpartum people with substance use disorder, depression and anxiety? Join CPCQC's [Colorado AIM: Substance Use Disorder Learning Collaborative](#). This QI learning collaborative can boost your team's performance if you've chosen measures on HTP related to screening and referral for perinatal depression and anxiety, social needs screening and notification, or discharge planning with RAE notification for mental illness or substance use disorder. This opportunity is also open to outpatient clinics serving pregnant or postpartum people! Please pass the opportunity along to any outpatient clinics you may know.

Want to reduce neonatal complications, especially if you chose that measure for HTP? Join CPCQC's NICU quality improvement programs: [CHoSEN](#) or [DEFINE](#).

Want to reduce first-time, low-risk (NTSV) Cesarean sections, especially if you are working on the **HQIP Cesarean Section Measure**? Join CPCQC's [SOAR initiative](#).

CPCQC would also love to recruit additional patients and family members with lived experience to inform our patient-centered programs. These can be patients or their loved ones with lived experience of Cesarean, birth trauma, substance use disorder, perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, racism, or just someone who has experienced birth first or secondhand and is passionate about improving outcomes.

The southern and eastern areas of Colorado are particularly underrepresented in CPCQC programs, so be sure to pass this along to clinical teams or patients in those areas.

If you're interested in any of the above, please email info@cpcqc.org for more info!

Breaking Through Bias in Maternity Care Training

CPCQC is partnering with March of Dimes to provide both a live and self-paced training for Breaking Through Bias in Maternity Care, an interactive racial bias training. This training is great for anyone who participates in the bedside care of perinatal patients in any setting: nurses, OBs, midwives, neonatologists, doulas, pediatricians, and front desk staff.

Work at your own pace and complete the self-paced, eLearning version of this training by Jan. 30, 2023. This is a 1.5 hour training with the same learning outcomes as the live session. 1.5 CME/CNE are available upon completion. Attendance is first come, first served for 115 participants. [Access the training.](#)

Share this opportunity with your networks.

Public Dashboard

The Collaboration, Performance and Analytics System (CPAS) hospitals will be using for HTP has a public dashboard that stakeholders can access to view each participating hospital's measures and interventions. The information is sortable and can be exported into Microsoft Excel. This is a nice tool for exploring all the interventions that the hospitals will be implementing and the measures that the interventions are focused on. Go to the new dashboard.

Community Advisory Council

The Community Advisory Council is currently looking to recruit new members!

Community Advisory Council meetings continue to take place monthly to provide important perspectives to the HTP as well as community awareness of and engagement with the program. The next meeting is in Jan. 2023. Agendas, materials, and notes from previous meetings are on the Community Advisory Council website.

Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Board meeting

The next Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Board meeting will take place via Zoom on **Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m.**

Additional information about the board, as well as meeting materials, are on the CHASE Board website.

Helpful Links & Program Contact

| HTP Communications archive | Community Advisory Council website | CHASE Board website | HTP website |

Email HTP Program Contact