

Hospital Transformation Program Newsletter



COLORADO
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

Hello HTP Stakeholders,

Welcome to the July 2022 edition of the Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) newsletter and the start of a new state fiscal year. Hospitals are currently engaged in their first official reporting of interim implementation activities and Community and Health Neighborhood Engagement (CHNE). This month we have a few updated program documents, some great resources, highlights, and opportunities, and the HCPF Annual Stakeholder Webinar! Grab a cold glass of lemonade and a cool spot in the shade and enjoy. Thanks for reading!

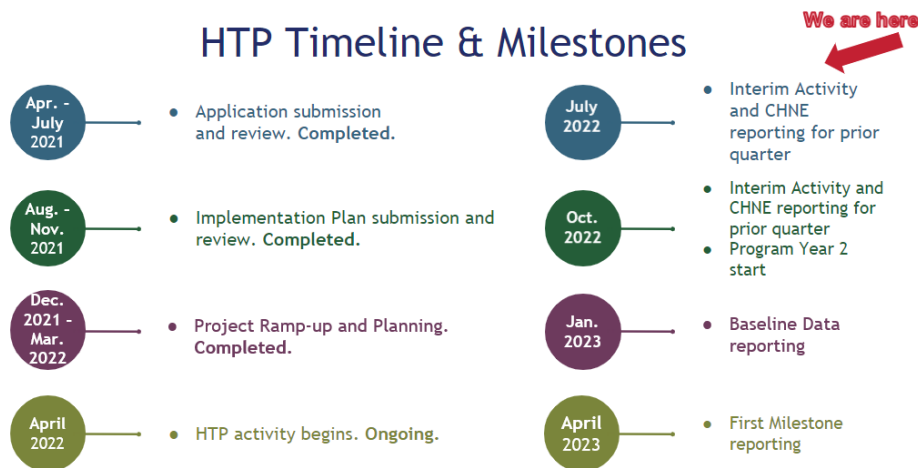


Thank you,

Matt Haynes
Special Finance Projects Manager

HTP Timeline

HTP Timeline & Milestones



HTP Employee Welcome

Anthony Ciaramella has also joined the Special Finance team as the new Hospital Relations and Communications Manager. He'll be leading our HTP communications efforts. You'll be seeing his name and face quite a bit. Anthony just recently graduated from LSU with a Ph.D. in Media and Public Affairs, congratulations on the Ph.D. Anthony!

Register now for HCPF Annual Stakeholder Webinar

Please [register](#) to join Health Care Policy & Financing leaders for a virtual webinar on July 19 from 9-11 a.m. This event will share what we accomplished together last year, address priorities for next fiscal year, and invite stakeholder feedback and comments.

Hospital Index Dashboard

The Hospital Index dashboard has been refreshed with risk-adjusted data for procedural episodes that occurred between Jan. 1, 2019, and Dec. 31, 2020. The dashboard contains the hospital index scores that were calculated using peer group benchmarks. The dashboard contains the same look and feel as maintained in previous years, with a few additions to filtering selections and other minor data elements. A guideline to the Hospital Index dashboard is under the tools and resources section on the HTP website.

If you have any questions please email them to HCPF_Prometheus@state.co.us. Further, there are office hours regularly held on the last Friday of each month to help with any technical assistance.

HTP Scoring Framework Updated Hospital Measure Specifications

The HTP Scoring Framework has been updated and is posted on our [website](#) under the Hospital Transformation Program Overview and Framework section. Please contact us through the [HTP inbox](#) with questions.

Hospital Measure Specifications

The [HTP Measure Specifications](#) have been updated and posted to the [HTP website](#), under the Hospital Transformation Program Overview & Framework. You can view the Version Control Inventory at the end of the document to see a list of the latest clarifications and revisions.

Hospital Workgroups

The next Hospital Workgroup meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2022, at 10 a.m. Agenda items include will continue to discuss program progress, FAQs, learning symposium, and hospital reporting on interim activities and CHNE.

CHA Social Determinates Learning Series

CHA is pleased to announce a new 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 series - [Fundamentals of Social Determinants of Health in Hospitals: Improving Health Equity Across Colorado](#) - will convene 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.

Additional details, including session titles, are available on the registration page. Full session descriptions and speakers will be released soon. **A special early bird registration rate of \$95 per person for the entire series is available to CHA member**

hospitals and health systems through Friday, July 8 - [Register here](#).

We look forward to your participation! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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 that 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.

Brief Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (BCBT) and Crisis Response Planning (CRP) Workshops

The **Brief Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (BCBT) Workshop** will be held on **Thursday, July 28**, and **Friday, July 29, 2022**. Each day will be an 8-hour, online format. The **Crisis Response Planning (CRP) Workshop** will be held on **Friday, July 29**, and will be an 8-hour, online format as well. *Please note: the CRP Workshop is a component of the BCBT Workshop, so registrants for the BCBT Workshop who wish to also hear about CRP do not need to register separately for the CRP session.*

Please feel free to register yourself, or share the below registration links with your partners.

Application deadlines: Friday, July 8

[Registration Link for BCBT Workshop](#) on July 28 - 29 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. MST

[Registration Link for CRP Workshop](#) on July 29 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. MST

To learn more about the Workshops and their evidence base, please visit <https://crpforsuicide.com/training>

Regional Health Connector (RHC) Program

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 in 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.

Colorado AIM Substance Use Disorder Learning Collaborative

Improve birth outcomes while boosting your HTP and 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 SUD. 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, SUD, 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!

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. You can view the new dashboard [here](#).

Breakeven Analysis

The Department is introducing a new tool for health care payers and state regulators to better understand hospital costs and prices, through the Breakeven Analysis Tool. This tool provides financial data from 2012 through 2020 with an emphasis on Colorado hospitals, as well as thousands of hospitals nationwide. The tool explores costs using data that hospitals submit through the Medicare Cost Report. This tool pairs with the Department's Hospital Cost Reporting Tool for an in-depth view of hospitals costs, prices, and profits through 2018, which will be updated to include 2019 and 2020 data.

The Breakeven Analysis will be launched following the [July 19 Stakeholders webinar](#).

Prescriber Tool

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.

Please contact your IT Support Staff, EHR Training Team, or EHR vendor to access the "Real-Time Prescription Benefit" and get training and education materials.

For more information, please [visit our webpage](#) or contact [Lauren Hussey](#).

Community Advisory Council

Community Advisory Council meetings continue to take place monthly to provide important perspective to the HTP as well as community awareness of and engagement with the program. The next meeting is July 18, 2022. 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](#) (Passcode: 979618) on Tuesday, August 23 at 3 p.m.

Additional information about the board, as well as meeting materials, are on the [CHASE Board website](#).

Helpful Links & Program Contact

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