Hospital Transformation Program Newsletter

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Hello HTP Stakeholders,

Welcome to the October 2022 edition of the Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) newsletter. October marks the start of Program Year 2 (October 2022-September 2023) for the HTP, and we are so excited to celebrate all the hard work being done throughout the state through the first program year that we will be building on this next year. We have 636 different interventions being put into place by 83 hospitals and have seen tremendous community engagement with over 700 separate engagement activities completed in the last quarter alone! Remarkable!

The days are definitely getting shorter, but this month's newsletter is certainly not! We have a ton of great info for you this month with multiple great events happening, really great reports coming out, funding opportunities, and more. Also, join us in our celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month which is officially recognized from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. There are many events still happening, so see what's going on in your community and drink from the great cultural richness that Hispanic heritage brings into our lives. Thanks for reading!

Matt Haynes
Special Finance Projects Manager

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
September 15 to October 15

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. **Ongoing.**

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

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Hospital Workgroups

The next Hospital Workgroup meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20, 2022, at 10 a.m. Agenda items include: Key lessons learned from the first Interim Activity and CHNE reporting, HTP Learning Symposium, and other program updates.

HTP Website Updates

The [HTP webpages](#) have a new and improved look and feel that we believe makes navigating and finding information easier for visitors to the site. For those active in the program, the main page gives easy access to important program documents such as 'Tools and Resources,' 'Measures and Framework Documents,' 'Community and Health Neighborhood Engagement (CHNE)' documents, and recorded trainings.

There is also a link to a new [HTP 101 page](#). This page gives a higher-level overview and some program history for folks who are looking for a more general understanding of the program.

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

Implementation of the Rural Hospital Stimulus Grants per Senate Bill 22-200 is currently ongoing.

The nine member Rural Provider Access and Affordability Advisory Committee began meeting on Sept. 7 and will meet every two weeks through November 2022 to advise HCPF on hospital eligibility, use of the grant funds, award criteria, and grant procedures, timelines, and reporting requirements.

With the advisory committee's recommendations, the Department will present rules to our Medical Services Board in December 2022 for first hearing and January 2023 for 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](#).

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Funding (SHIP) Grant Funding

Small rural hospitals can apply for funding under the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) grant program. This program supports eligible small rural hospitals in meeting value-based payment and care goals for their respective organizations through purchases of hardware, software, and training.

SHIP also assists such hospitals in participating in delivery system reforms such as becoming or joining a Medicare Shared Savings Program or Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), participating in other shared saving programs, and purchasing health information technology (hardware/software), equipment, and/or training to comply with quality improvement activities such as advancing patient care information, promoting interoperability, and payment bundling.

The deadline for an application is Nov. 8. [Learn more about SHIP grant funding](#).

Colorado Rural Health Center Safety Net Clinic Videos are Now Available

The Colorado Rural Health Center, the State Office of Rural Health, and the Rural Health Association produce videos each summer to highlight the issues facing our rural members. This year, they traveled to Craig and Hugo to explore workforce shortages and the housing crunch. Take a look! It's probably the one time of year when going to the movies is a work task. Enjoy!

Healthier Together 2022 Quality Health Network (QHN) Summit

On Oct. 13, QHN will be hosting a full day of inspiration, education, and collaboration with professionals in the behavioral, social, and medical fields. Hear from HCPF's Executive Director, Kim Bimestefer who will be giving the keynote address, and Matt Haynes who will be giving a presentation on the Hospital Transformation Program. Other speakers will include industry leaders. Network with other professionals in your industry and learn how our continued collaboration is making us "Healthier Together."

Conference agenda

Register online

Contexture's First Colorado HIE Summit

Join us for the **First Colorado HIE Summit on Oct. 25, 2022.** Colorado's health information exchange (HIE) is dedicated to serving all of Colorado's health care stakeholders by empowering providers and communities with data to improve the health of the populations they serve. **If you're currently a CORHIO participant or stakeholder, you won't want to miss this event!**

The summit will include:
- An exciting keynote speaker
- Presentations on a range of topics including updates on the Colorado HIE and state initiatives affecting the health care community
- Sessions and panels from industry experts on interoperability, quality reporting, health information exchange utilization, and more
- Networking reception

To learn more about the event and to register, please visit our website.

Colorado Hospital Association Social Determinants Learning Series

CHA has completed its first five sessions in its 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.

There will be two sessions in October, the first session is on Oct. 13 from noon to 1:15 p.m. and will have a screening of the film *Toxic: A Black Woman's Story and Improving Equity for Colorado Birthing People*. The second session, Creating Infrastructure for SDOH Information Exchange, is on Oct. 27 from noon to 1:15 p.m. and will host a panel discussion about Social Health Information Exchanges (HIEs).

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 three dates to choose from:
- Oct. 11, 1-2 p.m.
- Nov. 15, 2-3 p.m.
- Dec. 16, 10-11 a.m.

These sessions 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) Fall 2022 Community Reinvestment Program

Attention RAE 4 Health Neighborhood and Community Partners!

Developed in line with our commitment to supporting and reinvesting funds in community programs, the HCI Community Reinvestment Program supports community-oriented and innovative projects that improve the overall health, wellness, and experience of Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) members across the region. The Community Reinvestment Program is funded using incentive payments HCI earned for achieving Behavioral Health Incentive Program (BHIP) measures, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and the Performance Pool set by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF).

Additionally, RAE 4 hospitals are invited to participate in the quarterly Community Reinvestment Learning Collaborative. This will provide you all with the opportunity to collaborate and learn about the work in the community, as well as in the hospitals on Sept. 19.

Join the meeting
Meeting ID: 273 294 941 891
Passcode: nnQ3v6

Join Community Forums to Discuss the Alternative Payment Model for Primary Care (APM 1)

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) is hosting a series of community forums to provide updates on the **Alternative Payment Model for Primary Care (APM 1)** and solicit feedback from stakeholders to inform changes for program year 2023.

Community forums are open to the public. We encourage participation from primary care medical providers taking part in APM 1, as well as all Colorado stakeholders with an interest in investments in primary care, performance and accountability, and HCPF plans for value-based payment reform.

Session #3: Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:30 – 9 a.m.
Register here

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!

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](#).

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.

The Department will send an attestation form for the prescriber tool to hospitals in early fall. Within the attestation, hospitals will be asked to provide a hospital contact, their EHR vendor, and a verification of real-time benefits inquiry for Health First Colorado members. Hospitals should attest to a verification of functionality and

workflow processes, and if not functional, attest to submitting a ticket for their EHR vendor.

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

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 November 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 on **Tuesday, Oct. 25, 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