

Hospital Transformation Program Newsletter



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Hello HTP Stakeholders,

Welcome to the August 2023 edition of the Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) newsletter. Aug. 1 is Colorado Day, celebrating Colorado's statehood anniversary. Colorado is now 147 years old.



A few fun facts about our great state:

- Denver lays claim to the invention of the cheeseburger
- Colorado is the only state to ever turn down the Olympics
- The world's first rodeo was held in Colorado
- Colfax is the longest continuous street in America
- Glenwood Springs hot springs pool is the largest hot springs pool in the world
- The Grand Mesa is the world's largest flat-top mountain

It's a weeklong celebration here in Colorado (as any birthday celebration should be), so get out there and [check out some of the cool events happening in communities throughout the state](#).

Also, our state parks will have free admission on Monday, Aug. 7, so get out there and enjoy Colorful Colorado!

Hospitals have just wrapped up their reporting for Program Year 2 Quarter 2 (April-June) and are working on their implementation milestones to be completed by Sept. 30. There is a ton of great activity and engagement going on throughout the state between hospitals and so many community stakeholders and partners. It is really great seeing so much progress and so many things coming together. We've seen hospitals initiate their first patient with MAT through the ED, and even a first patient go from the hospital to bridge housing in collaboration with their HTP initiatives and the Statewide Supportive Housing Expansion (SWSHE) Pilot Project. These are the stories that make it all worthwhile.

We've got a party bus full of great information, news, resources, and trainings in this month's newsletter. Thank you for reading, and Happy Birthday Colorado!

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Special Finance Projects Manager

HTP Timeline

HTP Timeline & Milestones



HTP Workgroups

The [HTP Hospital Workgroup](#) will occur Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The agenda will include FAQ updates, PY2Q3 status updates, general observations, reporting timelines, next steps (SRRP), and PY2Q4 milestone reporting prep. This will be a great HTP workgroup that covers all the great things happening in the HTP, we are excited to see you there!

Register now for HCPF Annual Stakeholder Webinar

Please [register](#) to join Health Care Policy & Financing leaders for a webinar on Aug. 8 from 9-11 a.m. This event will share what we accomplished together last year, address priorities for this fiscal year, and invite stakeholder feedback and comments.

Registration and other materials will be posted on our [website](#).

Columbia Protocol Suicide Screening and Assessment Training

There are four opportunities to attend this training with Columbia Lighthouse Project, led by Dr. Kelly Posner Grestenhaber! These trainings are free to attend, please join us in the effort to reduce youth suicides across the state.

The [Columbia Protocol](#), or C-SSRS, has been implemented widely at state, national, and international levels. These upcoming sessions will focus particularly on youth suicide prevention across Colorado. If you work with youth in any capacity, we strongly encourage you to attend a one-hour training.

Dates for August:

[Register Here](#)

- Aug. 9 from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- Aug. 14 from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

To read more about this incredible opportunity go directly to the [registration form](#). To stay updated on any other OSP sponsored opportunities visit our [training page](#).

After signing up, you will be contacted directly with more registration details.

The Colorado Safety Net Collaborative, representing the 40 safety net clinics in Colorado that are not Federally Qualified Health Centers nor Rural Health Centers that serve people using Medicaid or are uninsured, has received its IRS nonprofit designation.

As a result, they are transitioning to independent status and will no longer be using a fiscal intermediary.

In addition, the IT platform will also change. **The NEW EMAIL will be cosafetynet@gmail.com** and is live.

CSNC has represented these clinics for the last five years. Although some thought that these clinics may not be needed any longer because there would be no more uninsured Coloradans, these clinics are growing in number.

These clinics serve people across Colorado in communities identified by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) as high-risk health communities. These clinics serve their communities at little or no cost to the patients, whether they are using Medicaid, or they are uninsured or underinsured, which is a growing population. With a steady number of uninsured (estimated between 6-9%) throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the unwinding of Medicaid continuous coverage, those numbers will most likely grow.

CO-CARES

Last month, CDPHE officially [launched](#) the Colorado Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Systems (CO-CARES) program aimed at providing support for health care workers across the state. The initiative is a direct result of Senate Bill 22-226: Programs to Support Health Care Workforce.

The Colorado Hospital Association, which led a coalition of health care organizations in supporting the bill, is serving as the hospital outreach partner for the program and collaborating with CDPHE and the University of Colorado to connect health care workers with resources to support workforce wellness, pandemic recovery, individual and organizational resilience, and more.

Learn more about the program on the CO-CARES [website](#) or reach out to cha.communications@cha.com for more information.

Learn about CO-CARES Workforce Support for Hospitals

Join CHA and leaders from the [CO-CARES](#) program to learn about robust training opportunities aimed at supporting and empowering the health care workforce as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic and prepares for Colorado's growing health care needs. As hospital outreach partner for CO-CARES, CHA is working with CDPHE and University of Colorado to identify opportunities best suited for hospitals and how to get started. This webinar will cover the resources available for organizations, for peer champions, and for individual health care workers.

Webinar Details: 2-3 p.m. | Wednesday, Aug. 23 | [Register here](#) | Free for CHA member hospitals and health systems

Rural Support Supplemental Payment Program Attestation

The Rural Support Program is complementary funding to the HTP for critical access and rural hospitals. An attestation form must be completed annually to ensure the hospital is qualified for the Rural Support Payment throughout the five-year HTP endeavor. HCPF launched the campaign to complete the Rural Support Fund attestation for the 2022-23 program year. HCPF asked the [23 eligible hospitals](#) for similar information as last year, so reviewing last year's submission will be helpful if you are gathering

information.

- The [website](#) is updated with the new form.
 - HCPF has contacted each individual hospital's representatives the last week of July.
 - Send attestations and supporting documentation to the HCPF_RSf@state.co.us email address no later than Friday, Aug. 25, 2023.
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Rural Provider Access and Affordability Stimulus Grant Program (SB 22-200)

- The nine-member Rural Provider Access and Affordability Advisory Committee began meeting Sept. 7 and met every two weeks through November 2022.
 - With the advisory committee's recommendations, HCPF presented rules to the Medical Services Board in December 2022 and presented again in January 2023 for the final hearing.
 - Grant applications are now closed and the committee is in the final stages of award determinations.
 - Information about the grant and advisory committee [is available on our website](#).
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Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment

This is a training for health and mental health care providers through Peer Assistance Services. This training provides interactive training for health and mental health professionals on the evidence-based approach of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). Screening assists providers in identifying and intervening with patients at risk for health problems due to alcohol and other drug use.

Learning Objectives:

- Summarize the relationship between substance use and health
- Describe SBIRT as an evidence-based public health approach for screening patients for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use
- Demonstrate how to incorporate SBIRT into practice

Contact SBIRTinfo@peerassistanceservices.org to schedule a training for your organization.

Health Equity in Hospital Reporting: Where Do We Go From Here?

On June 27, join this information session titled Why Health Equity, Why Now: SDOH, REAL Data and CLAS. This session will focus on the reflection of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have on their priority to advance health equity. [Please Register Here](#)

As your trusted leader in quality improvement, the Telligen QIO and HQIC teams are hosting a learning series, Health Equity in Hospital Reporting: Where Do We Go from Here? Join our three informational sessions, accompanied by two implement-focused working sessions that include hands on TA, coaching and sharing. We have our very own expert discussing an effective approach to engage the community and building coalitions. Sessions will be recorded for future on-demand learning opportunities.

Objectives of this event include:

- Discussing the impact of social drivers on health outcomes
 - Reviewing how to use REAL data to advance health equity
 - Understanding the new CMS IQR Health Equity Requirements for hospitals
 - Identifying strategies to build & establish community partnerships
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Target, Assess, Prevent Learning Collaborative

Starting June 22! [Target, Assess, Prevent: Strategy for Reducing Hospital Acquired Infections Learning Collaborative](#) featuring subject matter experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and focused on reducing CAUTI, CLABSI, and CDI infections.

[Join monthly](#) for an hour, starting June 22.

Telligen Learning Assets and Support

[Telligen QI Connect™](#) provides [no-cost support throughout CO](#). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) funds and calls upon both the Telligen Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) and Hospital Quality Improvement Contractor (HQIC) teams to help with many of the same challenges you are tackling head on through your HTP and HQIP work locally. You are invited by Telligen QI Connect™ to:

- Join any of the QIN-QIO and/or HQIC events on the [events calendar](#).
 - Receive push notifications of QIN-QIO events and resources by [joining the \(no cost, no obligation\) QIN-QIO network](#).
 - Think of Telligen QI Connect™ as [no-cost workforce extenders](#). Do you have vacant positions, gaps in internal resources, employee orientation or education needs for specific topic areas, or a wish/to do list of important tasks that you haven't been able to get to? [Ask us if we can help!](#)
 - Request [enhanced technical assistance](#) by [submitting a request here](#).
 - Contact Meredith Koob, mkoob@telligen.com with any questions.
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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.

Fentanyl Accountability and Prevention Act (HB22-1326)

[House Bill 1326](#) officially dubbed the Fentanyl Accountability and Prevention Act, will go into effect July 1, 2023. There is a lot that the bill implements. One area of note for HTP hospitals who are implementing interventions to initiate Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the emergency department, is that the bill requires community correctional facilities to begin providing MAT - considered the gold-standard way to treat opioid-use disorders. If they can't offer MAT, the programs must help inmates assess MAT providers in the community.

Colorado AIM Substance Use Disorder Learning Collaborative

[Colorado AIM: Substance Use Disorder Learning Collaborative \(CO AIM: SUD\)](#) is a cohort of hospital labor and delivery units (L&Ds) receiving technical assistance and peer-learning opportunities to improve the quality of patient care for pregnant and

postpartum people in Colorado experiencing substance use, depression, or anxiety. This 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.

In 2023, CO AIM: SUD has some exciting new offerings!

The opportunity to sign up for a new program through [IMPACT BH](#) to receive one-on-one, hands-on support from a team of experts on initiating medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and dispensing take-home naloxone on inpatient L&D. Each L&D will receive \$2,000 for staff appreciation for participating! This new offering is funded by the Behavioral Health Administration; hospitals can partake even if they do not participate in CO AIM: SUD.

A new CPCQC QI Awards Program offers any participating CO AIM: SUD team the ability to earn up to \$400 for staff appreciation funds per quarter, per L&D, for active participation in the project! Hospitals will also be eligible to earn year-end awards.

[Supporting Vaginal Delivery for Low-Risk Mothers \(SOAR\)](#) is an initiative to reduce unnecessary cesarean delivery for low-risk, first-time mothers. CPCQC works with hospital L&D units to provide technical assistance in implementing recommendations on NTSV Cesarean reduction from ACOG and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM). This initiative can help you meet your primary Cesarean goals for CMS or the HQIP Cesarean section measure.

SOAR has exciting new opportunities this year for hospital teams!

A new CPCQC QI Awards program offers any SOAR team the ability to earn up to \$200 for staff appreciation funds per quarter, per L&D, for quarterly data submissions. Hospitals will also be eligible to earn year-end awards.

To learn more, email info@cpcqc.org.

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 Prescriber Tool is a complementary statewide effort under the Hospital Transformation Program and completion of the attestation process.

[You can also visit our Prescriber Tool Project webpage for more information.](#)

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 has suspended meetings until January 2024.

Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Board meeting

The next Colorado Healthcare

As the new year approaches the Council will discuss next steps. As it pertains to providing perspective to the HTP as well as community awareness of and engagement with the program. Previous agendas, materials and notes from previous meetings are on the [Community Advisory Council website](#).

Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (CHASE) Board meeting will take place [via Zoom](#) on **Tuesday, Aug. 22, 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](#)

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