



Health Cabinet Policy Summit

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m, Aug. 19, 2021

This FREE virtual event is designed for policy makers, advocates, payers, care providers, health care leaders and other industry stakeholders.

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Sessions and Speakers

8:00 - 8:05 a.m.: Opening with Lt.Governor and Executive Director Kim Bimestefer, Colorado Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF)

8:05 - 9:10 a.m.: State Trends in Hospital Costs and Solutions

Description: This session will include an overview of the key findings in HCPF's recently released reports, including: *Hospital Cost, Price and Profit* report and *COVID-19's Impact on Colorado Hospitals* report. A panel will discuss collaborative initiatives that are driving productive change in hospital affordability, accountability, and community responsiveness.

Presenters: Nancy Dolson, Special Financing Division Director, John Bartholomew, Chief Financial Officer Emeritus, HCPF

Panel Moderator: Kim Bimestefer, Executive Director, HCPF

Panelists:

- Representative Julie McCluskie
- John Bartholomew, Senior Policy Fellow, National Academy for State Health Policy and CFO Emeritus, HCPF
- Nancy Dolson, Special Financing Division Director, HCPF
- Claire Brockbank, CEO, Peak Health Alliance
- Allison Neswood, Esq., Deputy Director of Strategic Priorities, Colorado Center on Law and Policy
- Sylvia Young, President and CEO, HCA Continental Division

9:15 - 10:05 a.m.: Prescription Drug Affordability Progress & Opportunities

Description: Update on the status of key state and federal affordability initiatives outlined in HCPF's January 2021 [Prescription Drug Affordability Report](#).

Presenters:

- Kim Bimestefer, Executive Director, HCPF
- Michael Conway, Commissioner of Insurance, Division of Insurance, Dept. of Regulatory Agencies
- Aaron Kesselheim, M.D, J.D., M.P.H. Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital



10:10 - 11:10 a.m.: Solutions to Improve Health Equity

Description: Discuss health equity priorities and critical strategies to close disparities, with specific focus on vaccine uptake, maternity care and this session's Health Equity legislation.

Presenters: Jill Hunsaker-Ryan, Executive Director, Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE); Tracy Johnson, MA, PhD, Medicaid Director, HCPF

Panel Moderator: Jill Hunsaker Ryan, Executive Director, CDPHE

Panelists:

- Senator Rhonda Fields
- Rayna Hetlage, Senior Policy Manager, Center for Health Progress
- Deidre Johnson, Executive Director, Center for African American Health
- Jace Woodrum, Senior Officer of Public Opinion Insights, The Colorado Health Foundation
- Dr. Tracy Johnson, HCPF Medicaid Director

11:15 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.: Behavioral Health Priorities and Progress

Description: This session will provide an update on the Behavioral Health Administration work stream, followed by a discussion on the many initiatives that will drive Colorado's behavioral health transformation.

Presenter: Michelle Barnes, Executive Director, Colorado Dept. of Health and Human Services

Panel Moderator: Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera

Panelists:

- Representative Mary Young
- Senator Cleave Simpson
- Cristen Bates, MPH Senior Advisor on Affordability Partnerships, HCPF
- Patricia Oliver, Founder and President, Oliver Behavioral Health
- Adrienne Maddux, Executive Director, Denver Indian Health and Family Services
- Dr. Robert Werthwein, Office Director, Office of Behavioral Health, Colorado Dept. of Human Services

12:20 - 12:30 p.m.: Closing Remarks, Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera and Commissioner Michael Conway