



<b>Meeting Information</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Colorado System of Care Statewide Leadership Advisory Committee</b>	
<b>Facilitator</b>	Robert Werthwein	
<b>Location, Date, Time</b>	<b>Statewide Leadership Advisory Committee</b> Virtual Members received Panelist invites via Zoom.	Thursday, July 10, 2025 11:00 – 12:30pm
<b>Members</b>	Cristen Bates- HCPF Minna Castillo- CDHS Kelly Causey- BHA Lila Cummings- DOI(DORA) Sarah Blumenthal- CDE Lisa Schlueter- CDEC Kelly Flenniken- CCI Scott Weaver- Eastern Plains Commissioner Scott James- Front Range Commissioner Tamara Pogue- Mountains Commissioner	Jennifer O'Hearon- Western Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully- Commissioner at Large Jamie Ulrich- County DHS Guinevere Munib- Lived Experience Vincent Atchity- Advocate Kate Rawlison- Advocate Sarah Parady- Denver Government Robert Werthwein- Facilitator HCPF

<b>Purpose of meeting</b>	The Leadership Committee is dedicated to ensuring the highest quality of care for children and youth with complex behavioral health needs. We strive to create an integrated system that promotes collaborative decision-making and oversight of the comprehensive system of care for children and youth with complex behavioral health needs.
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<b>Topics for discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions 11am - 11:05am</li><li>• February Meeting Minute Approval 11:05am - 11:10am</li><li>• Announcements 11:10am - 11:15am<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Transition from Medicaid System of Care to Colorado System of Care (CO-SOC)</li><li>○ Role of Implementation Committee and BHA Advisory groups</li></ul></li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Lived Experience Committee</li><li>● HFW Proposal (voting item) 11:15am - 11:30am</li><li>● CO-SOC July 1, 2025 11:30am - 11:45am</li><li>● <a href="#">Implementation Plan</a> Q&amp;A 11:45am - 12:05pm</li><li>● Next steps 12:05pm - 12:15pm</li><li>● Public Comment 12:15pm - 12:30pm</li></ul>
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<b>Resources</b>	<a href="#">Improving Intensive Behavioral Health Services for Medicaid Website Settlement Agreement Announced in Lawsuit Involving Intensive Behavioral Health Services Website</a> <a href="#">Copy of G.A. et al v. Bimestefer (1:21-cv-02381) Agreement</a> <a href="#">Colorado System of Care Implementation Plan v. 1 May 2025</a> <a href="#">MSOC Statewide Leadership Committee Charter</a>
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**Acronyms:**

BHA - Behavioral Health Administration  
BHASO - Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization  
CANS - Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths tool  
CDHS - Colorado Department of Human Services  
CO-SOC - Colorado System of Care  
CYMHTA - Children and Youth Mental Health Treatment Act  
DCW - Division of Child Welfare  
DYS - Division of Youth Services  
ESA - Enhanced Standardized Assessment  
FFT - Functional Family Therapy  
FFPSA - Family First Prevention Services Act  
HCPF - Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing  
HFW - High Fidelity Wraparound  
IBHS - Intensive Behavioral Health Services  
IHBT - Intensive Home-Based Treatment  
ICC - Intensive Care Coordination  
NWIC - National Wraparound Implementation Center  
M-SOC - Medicaid System of Care  
MST - Multisystemic Therapy  
OCYF - Office of Children, Youth & Families





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### Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

PRTF - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility

QRTP - Qualified Residential Treatment Program

RAE - Regional Accountable Entity

SOC - System of Care

WCC - Workforce Capacity Center

#### Minutes:

- Introduction and committee purpose; changing name to CO-SOC to represent all children and youth, not just those in Medicaid.
- Brief summary of how CO-SOC is working towards one system for the state, connecting BHA to recommendations that come out of this committee; working to bridge other committees/boards to CO-SOC work.
- Lived Experience Committee meetings have kicked off and are working on developing a charter and co-chairs.

#### HFW Proposal:

- Modeled proposal based on what they are doing in Weld county, concerns that families would not want to participate in the HFW program if it lives in child welfare. In Weld county, it lives in the Family Resource Division.
  - Proposal includes guardrails in place for meeting specific county criteria, separation between HFW and Child Welfare.
- Received unanimous vote from Implementation Advisory Committee to move forward.
  - Can counties in rural areas operate under this model?
    - Yes, this is just the first step. It's going to depend on the RAE region too.
  - CO Mad Moms has given feedback that HIPAA compliance issues have been a concern, and professional development and training needs to address issues

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for complex situations because parents feel like the system lets them down more often than not.

- Confirming the HFW services are an actual program that's been researched, tested, trained on, etc.?
  - Yes, it's an evidence based program. Facilitators will go through the new NWIC training and are expected to maintain their credentialing along the way.
- Motion to approve, Carrie moved, Scott seconded.

**CO-SOC:**

- Implementation plan is available online. Working on accessibility review for slide deck so we can have it posted. Introduction of Kelly Aaronson, new Children and Youth BH Stakeholder Specialist.
- Run through CO-SOC Rollout Plan slides, initial rollout to include ESA, Enhanced ICC, and Enhanced In-Home Intensive Treatment. Looking at Oct. 1 soft-launch of services with some test-runs with RAEs of ICC and MST during Quarter 1 of 2025.
  - How are you identifying test-run areas?
- RAEs that are farther along and have providers ready to go. Working with BHA and CDHS. Wanting residential providers to send a list of who they have in their care and the RAE to send a list of who they have in their care to ensure we aren't missing kids. Stacey D. is working on a forum with RAEs and Residential Providers to have them communicate.
  - If a youth is in child welfare custody then the county will be part of that discussion as well?
    - Yes, there will be many versions of the Implementation Plan, this is just the start.





- Concern about the plan and cost associated with it considering all that is happening at the federal/state level budget. Is there funding in place already?
  - We have \$24 million secured for 25-27. All of it comes out of the RAEs/Medicaid pot of service/money.
- How much will it cost to get these services in high cost-of-living communities? I ask that we are realistic in approaching the rural and urban aspects of this system.
  - We had HCPF folks do the analysis on the RAE amount needed to get providers willing to participate at their costs.
- Conversation is focusing on Medicaid but from a BHA lens, most of the way in which we fund services for kids not on Medicaid is predominantly federally funded and we will all be navigating the federal challenges.

**Next Steps:**

- Implementation Advisory Committee will take on assignments on what we need to do as part of the plan. Working on doing another tour like last year.
- We have a busy year ahead with Workforce Capacity Center, data solutions for providers, and getting feedback from those receiving services. Reminder that we have the ESA trainings ready so providers can start understanding the needs and strengths of young people.

**Public Comment:**

- Are there summaries/links for the assessment tools?
  - Yes it will be shared.

