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Department of Health Care
Policy & Financing

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State Medical Assistance & Services Advisory Council

Virtual Meeting

November 17, 2021: 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via Google: <https://meet.google.com/bxb-dntm-wsg>

Call-In Number: 1-530-500-4073 Pin: 740412416#

1. 6:00 Call to Order

Kim Jackson

2. Roll Call: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE & SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members Excused: Katya Mauritsen, Heather Gitchell

Members Present:

Jill Atkinson

Kimberley Jackson

Diane Ream

Josina Romero O'Connell

Christopher Newman

Margaret Tomcho

Peter McNally

Erika Alexander

J. Ron DeVries

Leah Schulz

Janet Puglisi

Jasmine White

Theresa Buxton

3. Minutes Approval

Kim Jackson – July 28, 2021 minutes approved.

4. Legislative Updates

Jo Donlin

- Legislative Session had a delayed adjournment this year of June 8, 2021.
- There were 52 bills that had to be implemented
- There were new PHE demands that had to be reviewed
- There were new Task Forces and Interim Committees created
 - Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force
 - Affordable Transformational Task Force
- Behavioral Health bills took precedence
 - Behavioral Health Administration – HB21-1097
 - Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force – SB21-137
 - \$450 million allocated
 - Administration's priorities
 - Community investments
 - Co-responder and non law enforcement approaches to improve BH treatment focus

- Further integrating physical and behavioral health care
 - Meeting the needs of complex children and youth
 - Investing in our safety net behavioral health workforce
 - Cultural competencies and responsive workforce, targeted recruitment and loan forgiveness
- 2022 Legislative Session
 - o BHA development will start moving forward while Task Force recommendations will come to fruition
 - o Joint Budget Committee will have many items to review
 - o Workforce is a priority
 - o Updates for HCPF agenda can be found at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/legislator-resource-center>

5. Vaccination Updates

Sally Langston – Live updates given on vaccine distribution throughout CO

- Vaccine updates can be found at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine-data-dashboard>

6. Budget Updates

Josh Block/Erin Gates

- Medicaid and CHP+ Forecast
 - o FY 2022- 2023 Forecast
 - FY 2022 – 2023 Caseload and Per Capita Requests

Request	Total Funds	General Fund
Total FY 2022-23 Spending Authority	\$12.30 Billion	\$3.5 Billion
November 2021 Request	\$85.3 Million	\$306.6 Million
FY 2022-23 Estimated Expenditure	\$12.4 Billion	\$3.8 Billion
% Change from Spending Authority	1%	9%

- FY 2022 – 2023 Budget Agenda Summary
 - o HCPF has 5 budgets that are directly related to enrollment and cost projections for Health First Colorado and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
 - o These are inclusive of physical and behavioral health service, prescription drugs, and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- FY 2022 – 2023 Discretionary Budget Requests not related to Enrollment
 - o These requests are part of the annual budget process, not one time state or federal COVID recovery or stimulus funding
 - R6 - Value Based Payment: department requests funding for the planning and implementation of 3 mandatory alternative payment models (APMs)
 - R7 – Utilization Management: department request funding to expand and strengthen utilization management (UM) measures
 - R8 – County Administration, Oversight and Accountability: department requests funding to rectify some of the State’s annual funding deficit of its County Administration appropriation
 - R9 – Office of Community Living (OCL) Living Program



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Enhancements: department requests funding to increase rates and expand benefits for services offered through the Home and Community Based Services waivers, increase provider bed capacity, and create additional opportunities for care in the community

- R10 – Provider Rate Adjustments: department requests funding to adjust member contributions for copayments and personal needs allowances, target specific services for rate adjustments, including certain rates to home and community-based services and provide an across-the-board rate adjustment to all provider not receiving a targeted rate adjustment
- R11 – ACC & CHP+ Accountability: department requests 2.0 FTE for the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+ programs to improve the process of care for clients enrolled in these programs
- R12 – Convert Contractor Resources to FTE: department requests opportunity to build internal efficiencies, develop institutional knowledge, and adequately support multiple administrative duties
- R13 – Compliance FTE: department requests an increase in staffing, offset by savings, in order to provide increased stewardship of State resources through the implementation of operational compliance and program oversight measures
- R14 – MMIS Funding Adjustment and Contractor: department requests to rebalance the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Maintenance and Projects line item to accurately reflect current costs associated with operation the MMIS and current federal match rates
- R15 – Restore APCD Scholarship Funds: department requests funding to partially restore the All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) Scholarship Program
- R16 – Urban Indian Health Organization State-Only Payments: department requests funding to provide temporary state only payments to Urban Indian Health Organizations that qualify for a time-limited 100% federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) provided through Section 9815 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)
- R17 – Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment Training Grant Reduction: department requests a reduction in the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) program by \$250,000 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund (MTCF)

7. Round Robin

Chris Newman

8. Adjournment

Kim Jackson

Next Meeting will be held on January 26th from 6pm-7:30pm

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