

ACC Phase III Planning

Aligning RAE and BHASO Regions

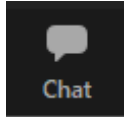
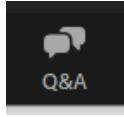
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Larimer and Weld Counties

Welcome & thank you for joining!

- **This meeting is being recorded.** Please keep your microphone muted, unless you are speaking.
- Slides and a recording of the presentation portion will be available on the Department's website.
- **Health First Colorado Members:** We will share a link in the chat to sign-up for compensation for your time attending today. Thank you!

Questions or comments?

-  Use the chat for comments.
-  Use the Q&A feature for questions.
- Please hold verbal questions until the discussion portion of our meeting today.
 - Use the "raise hand" feature to indicate a question.

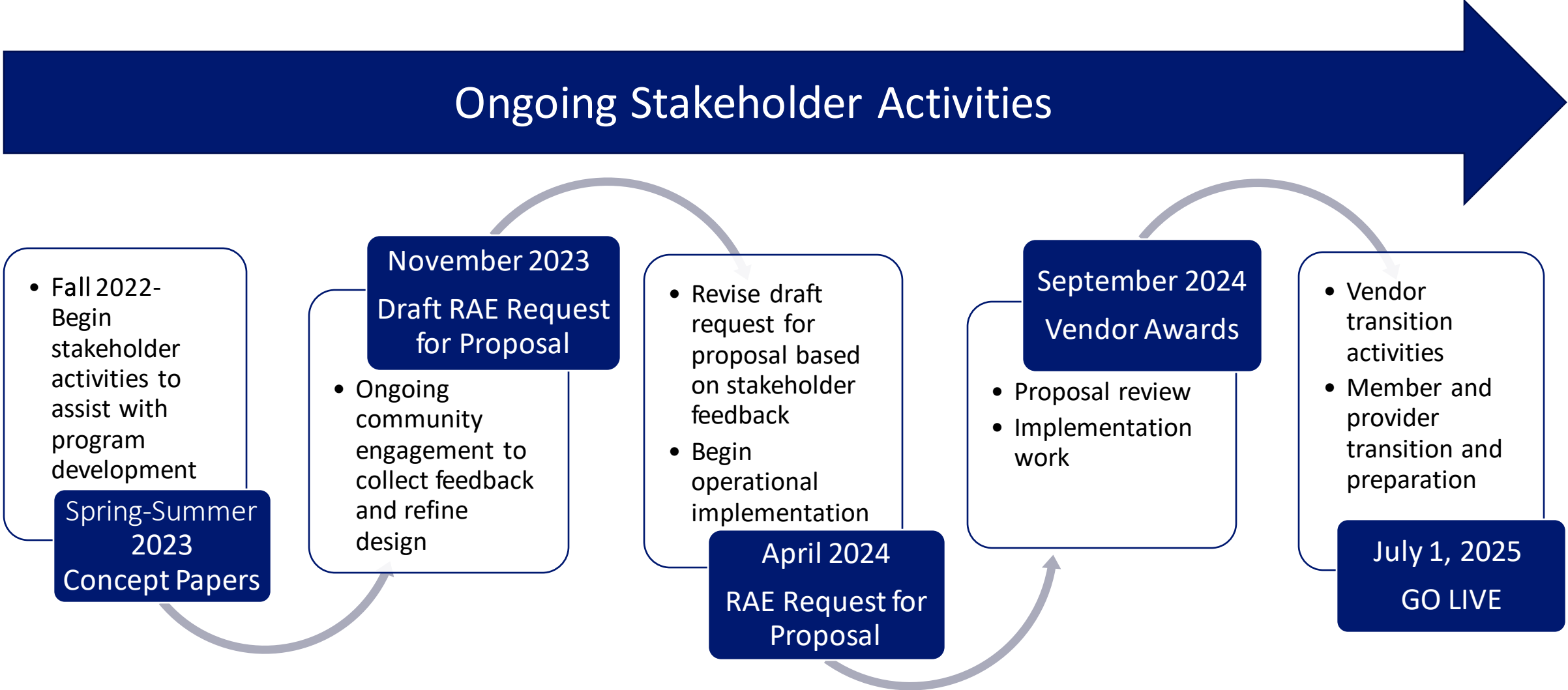
Level-setting

- We will be discussing geographic alignment of the following two entities:
 - **Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs)** – managed by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
 - **Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations (BHASOs)** – managed by the Behavioral Health Administration

Level-setting

- The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing and the Behavioral Health Administration are committed to a **shared map that aligns the RAEs and BHASOs.**
- The final map has not yet been decided.

Timeline



Agenda

- Stakeholder Feedback, *Colorado Health Institute (CHI)*
 - Feedback related to alignment
 - Northern Colorado feedback
- Current Map Proposal, *Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF)*
 - Background and Guiding Principles
 - Three-Region Proposal for RAEs and BHASOs
- Discussion, *CHI and HCPF*
 - Discussion
 - Zoom poll
 - Note: A **survey** will be available for additional feedback

Stakeholder Feedback

ACC Phase III Vision for July 2025

Why: Goals

- ★ Improve quality care for members
- ★ Close health disparities and promote health equity for members
- ★ Improve care access for members
- ★ Improve the member and provider service experience
- ★ Manage costs to protect member coverage, benefits, and provider reimbursements

What: Priority Initiatives

-  Improved Member Experience
-  Accountability for Equity and Quality
-  Referrals to Community Partners
-  Alternative Payment
-  Care Coordination
-  Children and Youth
-  Behavioral Health Transformation
-  Technology and Data Sharing

How: Pathways to Success

Simplifying Systems

Incentivizing Better Outcomes

Stakeholders are supportive of changes that simplify systems through standardization and centralization.

The Department must still consider ways to promote equity and account for variation by population- and community-based needs. This includes considering what is already working well for specific regions or people.

Stakeholders hope the ACC will be aligned with the BHA.

- Stakeholders expressed concern about building two entirely separate systems and emphasized that alignment through procedures and geography was important.
- However, the Department recognizes that physical health needs for the Medicaid population may not perfectly align with behavioral health needs.

Northern Colorado feedback:

- Larimer and Weld counties should be together in the same region
- Preference for placement in Region 2 (East Region) over Region 1 (West Region)

Current Proposals and Analysis

Guiding Principles

- Ensure populations are large enough to effectively manage risk
 - Include at least 2 population centers
- Support and promote existing member utilization patterns and existing care infrastructure
 - Minimize disruption to providers and Medicaid members
- Support value of community-based care

Factors Considered

- Geography/number of counties
- Population demographics
- Behavioral health needs
- Continuum of behavioral health services
- Medicaid utilization patterns
 - Utilization in member's home county vs adjacent counties
- Provider networks
- Stakeholder feedback

Where do Health First Colorado members access care?

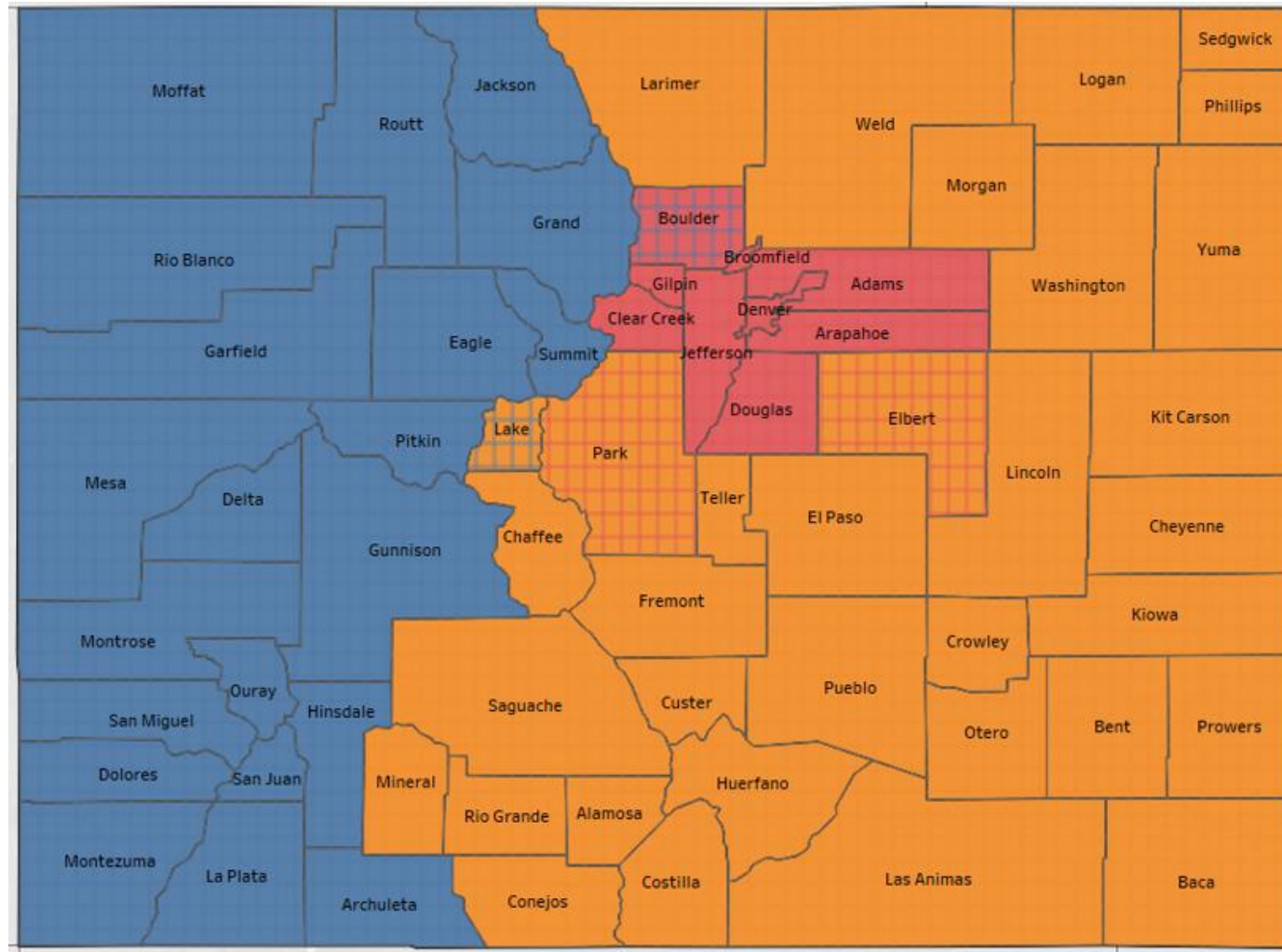
For Larimer residents:

- 86% access primary care in Larimer
 - 6% access in Weld
- 82% access behavioral health in Larimer
 - 4% access in Weld

For Weld residents:

- 64% access primary care in Weld
 - 15% access in Larimer
- 72% access behavioral health in Weld
 - 9% access in Larimer

Three-Region Proposal for BHASOs and RAEs



- Region 1 – West
- Region 1 or 2
- Region 2 – East
- Region 2 or 3
- Region 3 – Metro Denver

Discussion

Discussion: County placement

- If both Larimer and Weld were located in the East Region:
 - What are the benefits? What are the challenges?
- If both Larimer and Weld were located in the West Region:
 - What are the benefits? What are the challenges?
- If the counties were to be split (Larimer in the West, Weld in the East):
 - What are the benefits? What are the challenges?

Zoom Poll

Future Considerations

- Understanding how new regional boundaries will impact the number of RAEs and contractual responsibilities
- Considering how to ensure a regional focus on care and access within larger geographic boundaries

Upcoming Stakeholder Meetings

- **Statewide Meetings (Virtual)**
 - [Monday April 17](#), 5:00 - 6:00pm
 - [Thursday, April 20](#), 4:00 - 5:00pm
- **Regional Meetings (Virtual)**
 - [Elbert County](#): April 13, 12:00 - 1:00pm
 - [Park and Lake](#): April 19, 12:00 - 1:00pm
 - [Boulder County](#): April 25, 5:00 - 6:00pm