

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Inpatient and Residential Treatment Regional Capacity Stakeholder Meeting Summary

**December 3, 2019
Aurora/Centennial**

Meeting slides and additional information are available on the
[Department's Ensuring a Full Continuum of SUD Benefits webpage](#)

Participants

Kirsten Anderson, Anne Beer, Jennifer Bock, Shannon Breitzman, Stephanie Brinks, Kathy Butler, Daniel Darting, William Dolan, Kelli Gill, Moses Gur, Mara Kailin, Gina Lasky, Linda Martin, Jennifer Place, Sarah Prager, Stephanie Salkin, Nancy VanDeMark, Aaron Witherel.

Department: Kim McConnell, Shingo Ishida, Victoria Laskey

Goals for Regional Stakeholder Meetings

- Share information gathered by Department on treatment programs in the state
- Elicit feedback on the data and mapping
- Collect additional information about regional needs from stakeholders

Presentation by Kim McConnell, ACC SUD Administrator

- Overall goals for the Department's capacity work
- ASAM Treatment continuum
- Current and future Medicaid coverage of SUD services in Colorado
- Review of work to date
- Data mapping
 - Demand captured by density of Medicaid members with SUD diagnoses
 - Supply represented by Providers per 10000 Medicaid members with a SUD diagnosis (by ASAM level)
 - Future work on capacity mapping

Discussion: Audience feedback

RAE 3 Challenges and Opportunities

- Growing need for transportation to access treatment and services.
 - Patients may consider using IntelliRide/NEMT (Non-Emergent Medical Transportation). More information available on Department's web page, at:
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/non-emergent-medical-transportation>
- Need: more services for pregnant/parenting women

Capacity Mapping Feedback

- Mapped data may not be accurate because some facilities may be licensed for 3.1, 3.5, 3.7 but are not providing any 3.7 services because their beds are filled up with 3.1 and/or 3.5 clients
- Consider looking at both overall/total bed counts vs. Medicaid-specific bed counts
- Consider reviewing/incorporating Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)'s workforce mapping efforts into HCPF capacity assessment.

Audience Concerns/Recommendations for New Benefit

- Important to not reduce reimbursement rates in high-capacity areas;
- Ensure adequacy of treatment across the continuum; need to verify and ensure the networks of treatment can handle the increased volume
- Make sure outpatient and IOP reimbursement are adequate, to avoid clients being pushed into residential/Inpatient treatment levels
- It is critical to make sure that residential referrals are appropriate and not seen as the only treatment option for everyone; this will result in better treatment outcomes as well as cost containment.
- Provide training for providers on how to bill Medicaid and what services can be billed for.
- Consider creating a how-to guide for providers on billing/coding the new services soon so providers can begin training their staff.

Questions about changes to coverage of SUD services

Additionally, questions about the changes to Health First Colorado's SUD benefits were recorded and will be included in a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) resource that will be posted on the Department website.