

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

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Fairplay**

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

Participants

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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 - Section 1115 SUD demonstration waiver
- 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 7 Capacity Challenges and Opportunities

- Park County
 - Park County covers a large area, but there are not enough providers (or in some cases, no providers).
 - Snow/adverse weather can prevent access to services for sometimes 8-9 months of the year.
 - County residents often have to travel to Jefferson County, or other areas to receive treatment and care.
- CO Springs/Fairplay area

- Via the MSOs' SOAR grant, starting in March 2020, a van will provide MAT education and access, referrals, etc. to provide MAT treatment in the Fairplay/Park County. Services will be licensed to, and provided by Front Range Clinic.
- Van will be capable of having 3 providers provide Treatment and medication (suboxone, Subutex, Vivitrol, no Methadone). Fairplay and Bailey will each have the van once a week.
- Courts/Criminal Justice
 - AspenPointe (MSO) will meet in February 2020 with El Paso County courts/4th Judicial District to educate and discuss SUD treatment and processes, including the upcoming changes to Medicaid benefits
 - Reminder that Medicaid can only pay for treatment if medical necessity exists
 - Provider assessments will need to be consistent with ASAM criteria in that they allow clinicians to gather the information required to rate the six ASAM criteria dimensions

Capacity Mapping Feedback

- There are no 3.1 licensed providers taking Medicaid in RAE 7; there are two providers indicated on the map currently, in the Colorado Spring/Monument area. Perhaps check data from OBH. Also, some 3.5 providers in RAE 7, at the border of RAE 3.

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.