

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

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Fort Collins**

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

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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 represented 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 1 (Fort Collins) Challenges and Opportunities

- Gaps in services and supports:
 - All inpatient and residential levels of care
 - Including for individuals with commercial insurance
 - Especially for adolescents, who would particularly benefit from services in their community and closer to their families.

- Multilingual (especially Spanish) services
 - An interpreter can be provided but this often isn't ideal in a treatment setting.
- (Within criminal justice population): access to all levels of care for sex offender population
- Housing: Lack of affordable housing which leads to continuity of care issues, especially when someone doesn't have a stable place to go after release from jail.
- Transportation to and from treatment.
 - NEMT functions but not consistently.
- Care coordination at provider level is not sufficient because many care coordination activities are not billable.
- Childcare: facilities exist, but severe workforce shortages make it unavailable
- MAT: Need for additional waived providers who are actively prescribing
- When no residential treatment is available in the region, referred to Greeley or Denver.
 - Adolescents go south to Jefferson Hills treatment facility.
- Waitlists for local beds in treatment facilities can be up to four weeks.
- Workforce shortages impact local residential capacity.
- While on the waitlist, interim services include individual and group therapy and wraparound services.
- New facility in Larimer County (tentative name: Behavioral Health Services) coming in 2022 (just passed a new tax to fund). 64 beds total including:
 - 16 beds at 3.5
 - 16 beds at 3.7
 - 16 beds at 3.7WM
 - 16 beds - Circle Program
 - These bed counts will be flexible based on need.
- Larimer County Community Corrections facilities are full. Up to a 90 day waitlist, but actual waits vary.
- IOP in this region (primarily Summitstone and Mountain Crest) is typically full, and almost always has a waitlist.
- Summitstone planning on expanding adolescent IOP offerings.
- Due to the fact that IOP is often full, people are referred to outpatient instead without first checking on IOP availability.
- MAT is offered in jails and emergency departments here.
 - 500 individuals were induced or maintained MAT in jail since April 2019. There is some difficulty keeping up with the demand for services after release.

Capacity Mapping Feedback

- This area is unique in that there is a lot of cross-county access to treatment between Larimer and Weld Counties, although they are in different RAE Regions.
- Question regarding how Members are attributed in the capacity maps. Is it by PCP location or location where they receive SUD treatment or diagnosis?
 - Members are attributed based on where their PCP ("medical home") is located.

Challenges with delivery of SUD services currently covered by Medicaid

- Medicaid churn due to incarceration is difficult.



- Certification requirements such as CAC licensure limit workforce recruitment.
- Transitions between levels of care can be difficult when a person transfers from one agency to another.

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.