

Date: Jul 28, 2025

Attendees: See Zoom registration

Slides: [LINK](https://hcpf.colorado.gov/ccbhc-planning-grant) available at <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/ccbhc-planning-grant>

Agenda Items:

1. Rollcall
2. Review & Approve June Meeting Minutes
3. Subcommittee Updates and Recommendations
4. Decision Items

Notes:

Roll Call

Present:

Thom Miller, Sara Reid, Steven Szapor, Charles Davis, Haley Leonard, Nancy VanDeMark, Meghan Francone, Mindy Klowden, Jenn Holcomb as proxy for Melissa Eddleman

Absent:

Jagruti Shah, Lauren Snyder

Committee

- **Melissa Eddleman** - HCPF and CCBHC planning grant Primary Investigator (PPS)
- **Thomas Miller** - BHA and leading certification design and planning (Cert)
- **Jagruti Shah** - Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health (?)
- **Lauren Snyder** - Lake County Government (?)
- **Sara Reid** - Clinica & Mental Health Partners (Data & PPS)
- **Steven Szapor** - Denver Health and Hospital Authority (?)
- **Charles Davis** - Crossroads Turning Points (?)
- **Haley Leonard-Saunders** - current CSNP provider (?)
- **Nancy VanDeMark** - Advocate (PPS and All)
- **Meghan Francone** - Cascadia Management Groups (all)
- **Mindy Klowden** - Third Horizon (PPS)

June Meeting Minutes

- Minutes were emailed to members last week for review. No corrections submitted via email or during meeting time. Mindy K. motioned to accept as written, and Meghan F. and Charles D. seconded.
- Motion passed with 7 yays.

Quality Measure Update

Quality Measure “norming”

CCBHC QMs are not “normed” or risk-adjusted

SAMSHA requires that CCBHC QMs will be stratified by specific demographic qualifiers

NOMS/Population Characteristics

Discussed Population characteristic tracking differences between SAMHSA Expansion sites vs Demonstration sites

- NOMs is NOT required under Demonstration
- Population Characteristic tracking MUST be completed (NOWs okay)
- The purpose is to track patient population statistics
- There may be an overlap in reporting requirements for SAMHSA Expansion Site Grants and participation in the Demonstration as Colorado-certified CCBHC sites

PPS Update

Scope of Service Alignment discussed - MAT/OTP inclusion?

Triggering Event considerations - need to capture use and avoid double-billing

Allowable Costs in the CCBHC PPS Cost Report - to use the CCBHC template and CMS guidance

Certification Update

Continued workgroup sessions discuss the strategy for supporting clinics' completion of the Readiness Assessment, including how to complete and conduct the Community Needs Assessment.

Strategic Pivot: Change from Rule Promulgation to Sub-regulatory Certification pathway
Concerns were stated about a minimum of 2 sites. Provided assurances that this is the “floor/minimum” number of clinics to be selected for demonstration.

Decision Items

No decisions discussed.

Q&A:

Q: Mindy K. - Who weighed in on the decision point of including MAT as a triggering event under the CCBHC PPS?

A: Shane M. - Since OTP will be required (with approval of the Scope of Services), also including MAT as a triggering event will be a revenue-neutral change. Any clinic representatives who participated in the PPS Subcommittee were able to weigh in on the triggering event discussion.

Q: Nancy VDM - Would establishing DCOs be required of CSNPs as well as CCBHCs in the future state?

A: Vicente & Mary Anna - Current requirements are only set out for CCBHCs, but this is a further clean-up that will be discussed and addressed going forward.

Q: Frank C. - If you're doing pure demo, the criteria will be in the application, and CCBHC demo providers don't have to be CSNPs, correct? The state could lay out criteria for certification in the application, or you could simply accept federal attestation.

A: Thom - We are intending to use a “CSNP +” Model as a framework to begin our initial sub-regulatory certification pathway process and clinic acceptance approach.

Q: Mindy K. - How is the state deciding which agencies will be in the first cohort, and how will the Steering Committee weigh in on this approach?

A: Thom - We are still honing our strategy. We are required to have at least 2 certified clinics at the beginning of the Demonstration in Colorado per the planning grant application. The CCBHC Planning Grant Application stated that the first cohort would most likely come from current SAMHSA Expansion Grant site recipients in Colorado. It is our priority to ensure that the state strategy addresses concerns about conflict of interest

Q: Anonymous - Can you clarify what an OTP is?

A: OTP = Opioid Treatment Program

Q: Nancy VDM - Has a budget/fiscal analysis been completed in regards to how many clinics we might onboard in the first and then subsequent cohorts?

A: Jenn - This is in process

Q: Nancy VDM - What is the requirement or intention of stakeholder input on the sub-regulatory **certification pathway**?

A: Thom - We intend to develop the criteria that will look very similar to the CSNP application. This will be drafted, reviewed by the Certification Subcommittee, and then presented to the Steering Committee.

Action Items:

No actions to note aside from regular planning activities.