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Agenda Items	
<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Committee Business (Slides 5-8)</b>	<p><i>Approval of December Minutes:</i> Addison presented the December meeting minutes for approval. The December meeting minutes were approved unanimously.</p> <p>Marc Ogonosky: Update of Member Advisory Committee (MAC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CO Office of Employment First: Presented to MAC; COEF helps members who want to work but do not want to affect their Health First Colorado benefits</li> <li>- Vaccine Hesitancy: MAC participated in focus group re: messaging strategies to encourage Health First Colorado members to get vaccinated; provided COA Care Management training around motivational interviewing when interacting with members about vaccine</li> <li>- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation: MAC participates in the Person-Centered Transportation Coalition; encourage others to get involved to improve transportation needs for our members</li> <li>- MAC Recruitment: New messaging to recruit members will be available soon; encourage Health First Colorado members, family members, or caregivers to get involved with MAC</li> <li>-</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Questions &amp; Discussion</b></p> <p>Addison: I assume that the MAC recruitment work is being done virtually</p> <p>Kellen: Yes, all being done virtually; waiting for marketing’s approval; as soon as it’s all done, we’ll send it out to you all</p> <p>Maria: Is there certain qualifications or certain need you’re looking to fill as a MAC member; we work with many parents of children with Medicaid</p> <p>Molly: Absolutely eligible to join; its Health First members, caregivers, and family members</p>
<p><b>Social Health Information Exchange (Slides 9-29)</b></p>	<p>Kirsti Klaverkamp, Ashlie Brown, Colorado Health Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Denver Partnership for Health (MDPH) Goal: Improved health in metro Denver through regional collaboration of health systems, local health agencies, county human services, regional accountable entities</li> <li>• Overall focus areas: Social Health Information Exchange (S-HIE), Behavioral health, Community assessment, planning, and implementation; and COVID-19</li> <li>• Identified need for improvement from unidirectional approach to health care and provider referrals; focus on whole person care / care continuum to meet all health needs including social determinants of health (food, transportation, housing, etc.)</li> <li>• S-HIE Guiding Principles: Built by and for broad coalition of partners from multiple sectors; connect projects and programs, while accommodating evolving partnerships; leverage existing and complementary work</li> <li>• Steering Committee split into three groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Governance Group: Establish vision, governance structure, funding pathways; develop use cases for S-HIE and proposed governance structure agreed upon by all partners</li> <li>○ User Group: Identify user needs, obtain feedback from organization across sectors; establish shared values, language, and value proposition</li> <li>○ Technical Implementation Group: Navigate and adopt existing technology and efforts to make scalable, efficient; document policies, costs, legal compliance for successful implementation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Questions &amp; Discussion</b></p> <p>Chat: Kelly: The S-HIE project was chosen for a Community Innovation Pool award last year!</p> <p>Q: Maria: All platforms have their own referral processes; these systems are only as good as they are maintained and updated; how can we bring them together and know they are consistently updated and accurate?</p> <p>A: Kirsti: We see it as an ecosystem or network; use technology to connect the different systems; we don’t have the roadmap yet, but we know the technology exists to connect the systems; regarding updating resources, it’s been explored, don’t have an answer right now, but the policies and practices will be part of the Technical Implementation Group</p> <p>Ashlie: Many of these systems are members of the group we work with (Kaiser, CORHIO, Mile High United Way 211); they are part of the discussion around consistent updating</p> <p>Q: Anthony: What seems to be the biggest problem in integrating all these systems together?</p> <p>A: Kirsti: Multiple answers: we’re all working on different schedules, paces, funding streams while continuing own work in their organizations; finding best partners to build connections, finding appropriate stakeholders; largest challenge is finding sustainable funding</p> <p>Ashlie: That’s why COA funding has been so important; a lot of funding is being put into the platforms, but we need to find funding for collaboration</p>

Q: Nancy: This is a great model; do the arrows go one way from doctors and out, or do they go in every direction? Will you eventually involve the courts, sheriff's office, so that all information is shared?

A: Kirsti: Information sharing and referrals go in every direction; the goal is to address core domains, then expand to other providers including sheriff, courts systems; using a phased in approach; the Steering Committee will address privacy, consent, and compliance

Wendy: Seeing different federal levers, one is CMS's call to action around SDOH, challenging to understand HCPF's response and how Medicaid work aligns with SDOH; federal legislation being introduced around S-HIE work, want to encourage HCPF make sure all the work is aligned

Q: Joseph: Are you connected with HCPF; the state PIAC behavioral health strategic goals include connecting members to care coordinator to address SDOHs; California has a Medicaid waiver program with funding to address these issues, is that an option?

A: Kirsti: Yes, we are keeping tabs on HCPF and the Office of eHealth Innovation to make sure that we're not missing or duplicating what's out there

Ashlie: We're working with HCPF and OoEHI on this issue and exploring ways to keep things aligned; waiver program would be a game changes and a great thought; we continue to identify funding opportunities that recognize the importance of SDOH work

Chat: Wendy: <https://aligningforhealth.org/lincact/>

Carol: We must ensure that it's not a round robin, meaning you call a resource, are then sent to another place, and continually passed around

Kirsti: We hear that as a critical piece of this process; our goal is to address that issue with a more coordinated ecosystem

Chat: Maria: Maybe you can look into how PEAK started and eventually became a major part of the process. We need peer/community navigators to help facilitate.

Chat: Carol: Agree with Maria that resource navigation is needed to find/access the resources.

Chat: Joseph: This is why the RAE Care Coordination should coordinate this effort

Chat: Ashlie: If we can reduce the number of people that someone has to call, that will save time and money for our providers too.

**Breakout Groups**

- Future of Telehealth: Jay Shore, Gretchen McInnis
- Substance Use Disorder Benefit: Kelly Phillips-Henry, Dan Darting, Kathie Snell

**SUD Questions & Discussion**

- Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, inpatient, residential, and withdrawal management services are fully covered under Health First Colorado
- Oftentimes co-morbidity with substance use
- We've seen an increase in overdose rates
- Colorado not well funded with these services
- From provider viewpoint, how do you build a system to meet the full need?
- Challenging time for a major change in residential bed-based level of care, including reduced capacities during pandemic, access to residential treatment

Q: Joseph: Sounds like there will be a supply and demand issue; if members find out about this service and reach out for help, what's the plan to manage member expectations? Given that this is Medicaid benefit, why is this a funding issue?

A: HCPF looked at available residential beds, budgeted that a percentage would be filled, and based the funding on that amount; HCPF needs baseline during first year to get sense of how many are utilizing this benefit, what utilization management will look like; we suspect there will be more beds that open over time, but we didn't know rates until a few

	<p>weeks before benefit went live; critical piece is also workforce, as we have a national and statewide workforce shortage</p> <p>Eileen: We know there aren't enough beds; more providers are coming on board and hopeful that it will expand; if a bed's not available, then utilization management gets care mgmt. involved to work directly with member, get help they need or the next best option</p> <p>Maria: The telehealth and SUD benefit topics go hand in hand with S-HIE work in connecting to all needed resources; interesting to figure out way to address the root of the problem, these are folks you don't want lost in the system, can cause self medication; needs to be an easier way to designate one person to oversee individual care and remove silos</p> <p>Joseph: Important for care management to help with benefit roll out and connecting to care</p> <p>Addison: Often there's a small window of time that a person will accept treatment, so we need to make sure services are available for that person when they are ready</p> <p><b>Themes: Substance Use Disorder Benefit</b></p> <p>Covid has impacted the service level for substance use</p> <p>Larger supply and demand issue</p> <p>How are we handling member expectations</p> <p>Benefit roll out was challenging for providers, continues to be work in progress</p> <p><b>Telehealth Questions &amp; Discussion</b></p> <p>Bipin: Some people who really need the help are very poor and don't have access to use telehealth which is increasingly difficult in a digital world; need government programs that provide cell phones</p> <p>Carol: Regarding those with co-occurring disabilities and mental health disorders; access to the right provider really makes a difference when you have complex issues, for example, needing a sign language interpreter</p> <p>Chat: Julia: Dr. Kumar, Medicaid recipients qualify for free cell phones:  <a href="https://www.assurancewireless.com/">https://www.assurancewireless.com/</a></p> <p>Chat: Kathie: In addition to cell phone resources, I would add that Aurora Mental Health and many other behavioral health providers do offer remote services including for initial contact. Feel free to reach out if you have questions. <a href="mailto:kathiesnell@aumhc.org">kathiesnell@aumhc.org</a></p> <p><b>Themes: Future of Telehealth</b></p> <p>Impact of COVID on telehealth and its push into mainstream</p> <p>State still determining what to make permanent with end of Public Health Emergency</p> <p>Digital natives (those familiar with digital access) v. those for whom telehealth is not an appropriate solution and/or digital divide in accessing wifi, equipment, etc.</p>
<p><b>COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Update</b></p>	<p>Alix Hopkins, Tri County Health Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-pronged approach is most appropriate</li> <li>• Approaches: Community Vaccination Events, Priority Population Specific (i.e. incarcerated, unhoused), Healthcare based clinics; pharmacies; increase provider capacity, Vaccine Navigation</li> <li>• Find vaccine information: TCHD: <a href="https://www.tchd.org/866/COVID-19-Vaccine;">https://www.tchd.org/866/COVID-19-Vaccine;</a> data: <a href="https://data.tchd.org/covid19_resources/">https://data.tchd.org/covid19_resources/;</a> equity: <a href="https://www.coloradvaccineequity.org/">https://www.coloradvaccineequity.org/;</a> grant: <a href="https://caringforcolorado.org/together-we-protect/">https://caringforcolorado.org/together-we-protect/</a></li> <li>• Challenges: ensuring equitable access, supply and demand, building vaccine confidence, understanding reasons for putting off vaccination</li> <li>• Best Practices: partnerships, financial support for partners, increased comfort engaging in vaccine conversations</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner Ask: know your <i>why</i> for getting vaccinated, become comfortable talking about the vaccine and know where to find resources, connect community organizations to information and funding opportunities</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions &amp; Discussion</b></p> <p>Chat: Joseph: <a href="https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine">https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine</a></p> <p>Chat: Joseph: If a member calls COA for help to get a vaccine what will they be told?</p> <p>A: Rob: Generally point them to primary care provider; no great connection point at this time for vaccines due to supply and changing vaccine availability; motivational interviewing and education from care manager to members</p> <p>Kellen: Care mgmt. staff has gone through motivational interviewing; no great connection point for a member, but can help navigate through information and resources</p> <p>Kelly: We're having many internal discussions around vaccine access for the members who need it and how we can respond best; state wants RAEs to have support role</p> <p>Joseph: Colorado government site shows what phase member is in, which would be helpful; UHealth pushed out a questionnaire to track when phase comes up; question is both when am I eligible for vaccine, where can I get one</p> <p>Chat: Carol: Translated COVID-19 materials library is excellent: <a href="https://nrcrim.umn.edu/health-education/translated-materials-library">https://nrcrim.umn.edu/health-education/translated-materials-library</a></p> <p>Q: Rob: State is focusing on the equity gap in vaccine distribution; what types of conversations have you heard about this?</p> <p>A: Wendy: Would be helpful to see what HCPF policies are</p> <p>Molly: A vaccine site can't say no to anyone who shows up for vaccine</p> <p>Alix: CDPHE is setting aside 10 to 15% of weekly vaccine state allocation for equity pop up sites for community based organizations to hold, which are often closed registration sites</p> <p>Chat: Rene: Free transportation to COVID-19 vaccine appointments for health first Colorado members, eligible for free transport to and from vaccine appointments through the HCPF non-emergency medical transport program; members should schedule a ride at least two business days before their appointment and can book a ride online or by calling IntelliRide at 855-489-4999 or 303-398-2155</p> <p>Chat: Joseph: NEMT will even take you to drive-thru vaccine sites</p> <p>Q: Wendy: What do you advise for those serving priority populations</p> <p>A: Alix: Comes back to registration piece; there are providers focused on own clients and population first then open up to broader population</p> <p>Rene: Mile High Flea Market had a vaccination site; some hesitancy about the J&amp;J vaccine in certain religious communities</p> <p>Q: Bipin: When is Colorado opening up vaccinations to folks 18 and up?</p> <p>A: Alix: General public availability should open in late spring, May</p>
<b>Public Comment</b>	Reminder that May will be PIAC special combined meeting regarding Hospital Transformation Program; will include RAE-U
	Meeting adjourned 5:58p