

HEALTH FIRST COLORADO REGION 3 PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PIAC) JUNE 9, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

PIAC Members			Colorado Access Staff	
	Andy Wallick	х	Kelly Marshall	
	Bipin Kumar, Himalaya Family Clinic	х	Beth Coleman	
	Bob Conkey, Health First Colorado	х	Celia Myers	
	Carol Meredith, The Arc Arapahoe & Douglas	х	Eileen Barker	
x	Carol Tumaylle, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Refugee Health Division	х	Julia Mecklenburg	
	Courtney Phillips, HCPF	х	Kellen Roth	
	Daniel Darting, Signal Behavioral Health Network	х	Molly Markert	
	Ellie Burbee, Kids in Need of Dentistry	х	Nancy Viera	
х	Genevieve Fraser, HealthOne			
	Gina Brackett, Parent to Parent			
х	Harry Budisidharta, Asian Pacific Development Center			
х	Ingrid Kolstoe, Parent, Health First Colorado			
	John Douglas, Tri County Health Department			
	Joseph Prezioso, Health First Colorado			
	Juan Marcano, Aurora City Councilmember			
х	Marc Ogonosky, Health First Colorado			
х	Maria Zubia, Kids First Healthcare			
	Matthew Pfeifer, HCPF			
	Natalie Archuletta, DentaQuest		Guests	
	Patty Ann Maher, Elbert Cnty Collaborative Mgmt Program	х	Angela Wilson, Adams County Human Services	
	Ruby Arias, Aurora Public Schools	х	Ashley Phillips, Centura Health	
	Tara Miller, Juvenile Assessment Center	х	Katie Broeren, PIAC 5, MAC Member	
х	Wendy Nading, Tri County Health Department			
	Whitney Gustin Connor, Kids First Colorado			

Agenda Items		
Welcome, Introductions	Approval of March Minutes: The March meeting Minutes were presented for approval. The	
& Committee Business	March meeting Minutes are approved unanimously.	
(Slide 4)		
	Member Advisory Committee (MAC) Update	
	Marc Ogonosky	
	 Internal presentations: Member survey committee, vaccine mailers, end of PHE, marketing, community engagement, population health, compliance, CEO introduction MAC has chosen one of two unique member outreaches: Messaging around crisis services in the COA catchment areas Working with provider team to promote DentaQuest benefits and encourage members to utilize the benefits Looking for new MAC members! 	
Meeting Format /	Nancy Viera	
Logistics	Discussion on preference of meeting format: virtual, hybrid model	
	Questions & Discussion	
	Chat: Genevieve: Virtual Option would be much appreciated.	
	Chat: Harry: I am fine with any of the options	
	Chat: Ingrid: Hybrid	

	Chat: Carol: Hybrid is a nice option that way if can make it to location (or are comfortable			
	with it), we can attend in person. Or if logistics challenge or prefer super social distance,			
	have an option to still attend.			
	Suggest every other meeting in person			
	Suggested that PIAC tour other facilities, organizations that can handle hybrid model			
Behavioral Health	Eileen Barker, Celia Myers, Beth Coleman			
Progress (Slides 5-26)	 47 initiatives total for both regions, 42 are live 			
	 Focus Areas: Child/Adolescent, SUD, Workforce Shortage, Safety Net Services, Capacity/Growth/Sustainability, Special Populations 			
	• Expansion Plan Examples:			
	 Designed and implemented with Denver Health a specialized SUD program 			
	for high service utilizers			
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	 Supported positions with Servicios De La Raza to better support those 			
	coming out of prison environments			
	• Funding arrangements to better support children in need of bed based and			
	outpatient intensive services			
	COA Expanding Provider Network			
	 Behavioral Health Organizational Provider Endorsement (BHOPE) 			
	 New endorsement process for organizationally credentialed providers to 			
	utilize pre-licensed staff/interns to render services to COA members			
	 SUD Residential Coverage: As of 1/1/21, Medicaid benefits expanded to cover 			
	inpatient and residential levels of SUD treatment			
	 SUD Providers interested in contracting with COA complete a clinical 			
	application that demonstrates several commitments to quality treatment			
	 25 have completed this application process, 16 have been approved 			
	• Practice Support: Provided application support for 3 large SUD providers			
	whose policies did not pass quality review			
	 Center of Excellence: Value based incentives: quality bonus between \$50k- 			
	\$85k and per diem increase of 10%			
	 BH Provider Network Growth Strategy: Goal: Ensure we have a diverse and inclusive 			
	provider network with the capacity to provide quality services to meet our			
	members' behavioral health needs			
	 Increase capacity with existing BH providers: 26% fee schedule increase 			
	that will infuse at least \$12M into the network at current utilization			
	 Recruitment in collab with COA DEI team; attend community meetings to 			
	promote health equity, direct outreach to diverse providers			
	Questions & Discussion			
	Q: Ingrid: In a time when we aren't finding people to do these jobs, does this mean you are			
	licensing providers that can work with unlicensed people to do the work? If we're			
	constantly looking for people who have the education versus people that have experience,			
	how will you ever create a diverse workforce? Need to ensure that we're serving people			
	from different communities with people from those communities, does this provision do			
	that?			
	A: Celia: Yes, correct, this is specifically for outpatient providers, traditional practice			
	settings; community mental health centers and hospitals can already work with unlicensed			
	people; I think we'll have both – people with experience and education			
	A: Rob: This is one element to help increase the provider network; we're partnering with			
	organizations that are training a more diverse workforce, which helps facilitate the diversity			
	of our network, and helps those who aren't eligible for licensure to do the work with a			
	provider, expands the types of organizations that can do this			

A: Eileen: This is one of the ways that individuals can gain the experience in the field, allows
bachelors level, peers, case mgrs. in community mental health settings, those with a lot of
experience who are non-licensed Ingrid: Consider dropping the licensing standard, we're in a time where extensive life
experience can equate to education; drop the idea that someone must go through formal
educational training because many people will have the life experience and ability to
provide services, but can't afford the education
Eileen: There are different levels and types of services provided where it's appropriate for
education to be a part of that licensure, for example, something a masters level clinician
can do that an untrained person should not do; we're trying to balance ensuring the best
quality care for our members, want people who are highly trained, licensed to do what
they're specialized in, but this open the door to people without licenses who can provide
quality service, but they're not all going to be providing the same service
Chat: Julia Mecklenburg: There was a lot of discussion at the other PIAC meeting about
funding Peer Specialists
Chat: Molly: Does this also help peers or folks with life experiences to work? I would think
family members would be a great resource for other family dynamics
Chat: Rob Bremer: Our work to diversify our network also came up in the region 5 meeting
Monday. We can have our office of DE&I present at an upcoming PIAC to discuss all the
work we are doing in this area.
Chat: Ellie: Agreed Molly! KIND is also focusing on hiring/partnering with patient families to
serve other families in our programs, through a pilot program, and lots we still want to
learn here. Would be interested in more on this topic, across different lines of healthcare.
Wendy: Good idea for a future topic around other sectors of health care beyond traditional,
reimbursement around peer support, family navigation
Q: Chat: Harry: When is that 26% fee schedule increase will go into effect?
A: Eileen: Went into effect April 1 st ; some providers don't have traditional fee arrangement
with us and we're reaching out to them now
Q: Harry: Re: Centers of Excellent, is that limited only to SUD providers or for other BH
providers?
A: Celia: Only for SUD residential providers
Q: Maria: Where are you at now with providers meeting the populations that they serve?
A: Beth: We've already actively begun outreach to groups like Therapists of Color
Collaboration, Denver Family Institute; just beginning our data driven approach to looking at our network
Q: Maria: Interested in how COA's DEI team will assist in this, what will they be doing that
can be replicated to other departments?
A: Rob: There's a strategy, one key component is payment, pay what's competitive
Q: Harry: How does PIAC group play a role in roll-out of BHA, given that everything is still up
in the air, especially if state is planning to create an entirely new model?
A: Rob: A lot of this baffling to us as well, we have made decision that provider does not
have to be a Beh Health Entity (BHE) to be a COA provider; we don't know yet how things
will be categorized; this group could have input with the state, especially since plan is not
completely solidified
Chat: Maria: I have asked and they are not interested in the headaches of the insurance
system. There model is what many Mexican people are used to. Which is part of their
cultural relevance.
Chat: Carol: Learning more both about the model of Mexican (and other groups) model and
elements of that cultural relevance may be a good exercise

End of Public Health	Wendy Nading	
Emergency (PHE) (Slides	 Overview of changes impacting people currently enrolled in Medicaid 	
27-35)	 Medicaid Annual Renewals Project: 	
27 007	 Prior to March 2022: Select member received renewal paperwork, 	
	members did not have to take action if no reportable changes	
	 Beginning March 2022: Members receive paperwork in the mail, need to 	
	read it and must take action regardless of whether there are reportable	
	changes	
	 Historically, 15% of mail sent by HCPF is returned, 1 in 4 cannot be reached; 	
	increase in renewal packet page count	
	What one thing will you commit to doing to help with updating addresses for your	
	community?	
Questions & Discussion		
	Chat: Molly: Why this matters is because members may lose their coverage if they don't pay	
	attention to the paperwork.	
	Chat: Maria: Prior to March 2022, I still heard of people losing coverage and being told by	
	the counties that they didn't receive the renewal. I also know that people would receive a	
	notice that their income was not matching with the department of labor.	
	Chat: Harry: The refugee communities that we serve tend to prefer watching videos instead	
	of reading a flyer. It would be helpful if HCPF / CO Access can produce a video (with	
	subtitles in appropriate languages) that we can distribute to our communities	
	Chat: Carol: Agree with Harry and add that literacy levels simply compound all discussed today.	
	Q: Ingrid: What's the data on how many people who go on Medicaid actually get off of it?	
	A: Wendy: I have not seen that data, only data that shows how many go off and get back on, but not very detailed	
	A: Rob: COA has numbers of how many people get on Medicaid, during PHE it was in the thousands, but hard to tease out more detailed	
	Q: Ingrid: How do you decide who gets the letter? Is it by a redetermination date? You	
	really just want to know if they're using the Medicaid. Will someone get dropped if they	
	haven't used their Medicaid benefit after a certain amount of time?	
	A: Done a year from when you apply, so it's by the date you're found eligible; now there's a	
	year guaranteed coverage whether you use it or not	
	Katie: Enrollment is difficult for people; install a COA help kiosk at human services	
	Harry: We really use videos to help explain information, send it via text to community	
	members, more effective than translated flyers, etc.	
	Carol: Need to make sure that refugee serving organizations are well versed on this process	
	and on the changes; wondering what application sisters network look like	
	Katie: Have ambassadors at the pharmacies, someone who will walk you to enrollment	
Additional Discussion,	No public comment.	
Public Comment		
	Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.	