



Children & Youth Program Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 9, 2025

LOCATION: Hybrid

TIME: 4:00PM – 6:00PM

Name	Organization	Present	COA Staff Present
Alisia Moreno	International Rescue Committee	x	Becky Selig
Carolyn Anello	Project Worthmore	x	Dave Aragon
Courtney Lawlor	Mile High Behavioral Healthcare	x	Leah Pryor-Lease
Devin Myers	Entrust Health	x	Shawnette Gillespie
Erin Denovan	Health First Colorado Caregiver	v	Kelly Shanahan
Jamie Rodriguez	Adams County Public Health	v	Claire Peters
Judy Shlay	Public Health Institute at Denver Health		Carrie Jones
Kait Hamor	Community Reach Center/Mountainland Pediatrics	x	
Kirsten Anderson	Aurora Mental Health & Recovery	x	
Kristin Soderberg	Health First Colorado Caregiver	v	
Lanae Dailey	Children's Hospital Colorado	x	
Lori Spurgeon	Health First Colorado Caregiver		
Lucy Guereca	Health First Colorado Caregiver	v	
Megan Bowser	Health First Colorado Caregiver; Executive director for Family Voices Colorado	x	
Michelle Roy		v	
Mordy Cukier	Kiwi Kids ABA	v	
Nikki Brooker	You Are Not Alone (YANA)	x	Other Guests
Stacy Warden	Health First Colorado Caregiver	v	
Wendy Nading	Arapahoe County Public Health	x	
Whitney Gustin Connor	Kids First Colorado	x	

(x) - In Person attendee; (v) – Virtual attendee

Agenda Items	
Welcome, Intros	- Becky welcomed members and explained she was facilitating virtually due to illness. - Spanish interpretation was available, though technical challenges occurred; staff and interpreters worked together to troubleshoot. - Reviewed agenda: introductions, hopes and group norms, executive committee selection, presentations on population health assessment and policy updates, future priorities, and Q&A. - Participants introduced themselves by sharing their role or lived experience, what they bring to the group, and what they hope to gain. - Expertise in pediatrics, behavioral health, disability navigation, maternal health, and member advocacy.

	Members expressed interest in improving coordination, navigating Medicaid changes, and amplifying lived experience alongside professional expertise.
Hopes for the Group	Becky Selig, Senior Community Engagement Liaison <u>Summary of responses:</u> As a group we hope to create positive, coordinated change for children, youth, and families through shared information, collaboration, and creative problem-solving. We want to improve access, equity, and system navigation—especially amid changes to Medicaid. We value connection, lived experience, and collective voice as drivers for real, lasting progress. There’s a strong desire to understand COA’s role and ensure efforts are aligned, motivated, and focused on practical solutions that work for all communities.
Group Norms. Charter Review and Executive Committee Selection	Becky Selig, Senior Community Engagement Liaison Presentation of suggested group norms for PIAC members to vote on and invitation for PIAC members to add additional norms - Stay solution-oriented (89%) - Acknowledge power dynamics. (67%) - Honor lived experience as expertise. (61%) - Speak plainly and avoid jargon. (56%) - Step up, step back. (50%) - Be present and engaged. (44%) Additional member suggestions: - Give time for thoughtful reflection - Embrace a sense of mutuality - Respect each other and the opinion or comments - Perspective is everything. - Maintain confidentiality and trust within the group. Approach disagreements with curiosity, not judgment. - Less COA presentations and more group discussions. - Confidentiality Norms will be incorporated into a group charter and shared at a future meeting.
Population Health Assessment: Know Thy Member	Claire Peters, Director of Population Health - Colorado Access will be doing an annual Population Health Assessment (assessment of member health and social needs). Will help us design programs and services and evaluate outcomes. - Discussion questions: - What would the PIAC like to understand better? - Types of health conditions - How to capture members lived experiences? - How to best keep the PIAC informed about assessment findings and strategy updates? Questions/Discussion <i>How does Colorado Access understand the needs of youth who are homeless or unaccompanied if they are not considered “complex” patients? Where is that data collected, and how is it used to inform care?</i>

	• <i>How are social determinants of health incorporated into member assessments, especially for pediatrics where medical acuity may not reflect the true level of need?</i> • <i>How does Colorado Access capture members who fall into multiple categories (e.g., physical and behavioral health needs, housing instability, disability)?</i> • <i>Will the population health assessment look at coverage impacts and what setbacks we might expect due to federal and state-level changes?</i> • <i>How can the assessment ensure it is not just a “check-the-box” process but captures chronic conditions and lived experiences fully?</i>
Policy & Emerging Updates	Carrie Jones, Health Policy Analyst, Advocacy, & Research Reviewed federal OBBA law (July 2025) and its implications: • Largest Medicaid funding cuts in U.S. history (~\$930B nationally). • Colorado faces significant budget challenges and may need to adjust Medicaid services. Key provisions: • Community engagement requirements for expansion adults beginning January 2027. • Semiannual redeterminations for expansion adults beginning January 2027. • Retroactive coverage limits reduced (children: 60 days; adults: 30 days). • Cost-sharing requirements for some adults beginning October 2028. While children’s eligibility largely remains intact, indirect impacts are expected, including provider strain and state-level funding challenges. Colorado acted to protect access to Planned Parenthood despite federal restrictions. Provider tax limitations may reduce state Medicaid financing, potentially affecting programs such as Medicaid buy-in. Questions/Discussion • <i>How will the new Medicaid law affect children, youth, and families?</i> • <i>Will parents of children be subject to the new community engagement (work/volunteer) requirements?</i> • <i>How will semiannual redeterminations impact families when parents and children are on different renewal cycles?</i> • <i>How will limiting retroactive coverage affect families with complex needs or those experiencing sudden health crises?</i> • <i>How will cost-sharing requirements impact families and their children’s access to care?</i> • <i>What will happen with Planned Parenthood funding and access for Medicaid members?</i> • <i>How will Colorado manage the loss of provider tax revenue, especially given it helps fund programs like Medicaid buy-in for children and adults with disabilities?</i>
Current Colorado Access Priorities and Survey of Interest	Becky Selig, Senior Community Engagement Liaison • Overview of priority feedback invitations for the year and opportunity for PIAC members to express interest Future Priority Feedback Ideas: • Digital Engagement Roadmap ○ 28.6% Very Interested ○ 42.9% Somewhat Interested ○ 28.6% Not Interested • Language Services Program ○ 21.4% Very Interested ○ 57.1% Somewhat Interested

	○ 21.4% Not Interested ● Attribution (Member Assignment) ○ 42.9% Very Interested ○ 57.1% Somewhat Interested Other Suggestions: ● Preparing families for eligibility changes and churn. ● Addressing shortages of pediatric and behavioral health providers. ● Improving communication with members, especially those navigating complex needs. ● Ensuring data reflects lived experiences and community realities. ● Healthy food to children with disabilities ● Member outreach ● Language Access, and how non-English speaking communities will be impacted through the federal changes and what any community members are doing to combat changes ● How to best increase awareness of resources for members and amongst providers so we can ensure members get the wraparound care they need ● Clarity on changes that we can be expecting. Lots of misinformation. More accessibility as far as information access. ● Strategies to reach families in rural or underserved communities where access to providers is limited. ● How can COA support nonprofits' community engagement? The Continuous Coverage grant was very impactful. Our families expect one-on-one engagement. They don't engage digitally.
Wrap-up, Comments, and Questions	Questions/Discussion ● Members raised questions about: ○ How COA will account for complex pediatric needs that do not fit into one category. ○ How chronic conditions and pain management will be included. ○ The impact of federal policy changes on Colorado Medicaid members. ● Becky confirmed follow-up will include: ○ Draft group charter. ○ Executive committee details. ○ Survey link for population health feedback.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 pm
Next PIAC Meeting: 12/09/25, virtual