

CEO Report

January 2024 Board Meeting

- * HCI – Health Colorado Inc
- * HCPF – Health Care Policy and Finance
- * BHA – Behavioral Health Administration
- * BHASO – Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization
- * RAE – Regional Accountable Entity
- * DOI – Department of Insurance

Health Colorado Inc.:

- Continued discussions regarding the future of HCI. Provider partners met on 1/11/24 with Bob Dyer and Arnold Salazar to discuss strategies and opportunities for providers should we not continue to be provider owners. Providers are continuing to meet to discuss strategy separate from Health Colorado.
- Shareholders met on 1/11/2024 to discuss interest in continued partnership and a RAE 3.0 Bid. There is no interest from partners to continue partnering in the current arrangement.
- Matt Landis acting as HCI council along with Lori Roberts will begin putting together a dissolution and transition plan. There will be no official announcement from HCI to the state and/or to staff until the new RFP (draft) drops. We will continue to discuss “Rules of Engagement” to allow current partners to have other partnership discussions.

Colorado Behavioral Health Council (CBHC):

On January 12th, the CBHC contract committee met with a team from the BHA to begin FY 25 contract negotiations. The primary goal of the day was designed to get a near final redline version of Exhibit A (budget) in addition to working through some of the more complex areas of the metrics workbook, secure transportation, rural facility-based response, and PeakPro changes and requirements. Significant progress was made updating and aligning current CMHC contract to the future Safety Net Provider contracts. Continued work will be needed and more meetings will be scheduled. Next meeting is scheduled for 2/9/2024.

Legislative session began on 1/10/2024 by the end of the first day more than 100 bills and resolutions had been introduced, including more than 20 with potential implications for CMHCs. We will be tracking the process and outcome of these.

CBHC positioning plan developed earlier this year was an ongoing series of blog posts for Kara. These are vehicles to position both CBHC the organization and Kara the CBHC leader. The audiences are policymakers and opinion leaders; our goal is to reposition CBHC in the eyes of key influencers and decisionmakers by deepening understanding of CMHCs' leadership on safety net behavioral health. Our narratives will center CMHCs' impact on the communities they serve and their crucial role in serving the most vulnerable populations.

The link below, launching this initiative, went to legislators and leaders at BHA, HCPF and the Governor's office

<https://www.cbhc.org/news/community-roots-in-service-run-deep-for-mental-health-centers-across-colorado/>

Health Care Policy and Finance (HCPF):

On January 17th HCPF released the first PowerPoint and outline of the new draft RFP update this is expected to be made public on 1/31/2024. (see link for full powerpoint)



Draft Contract Preview_01.17.24_PIA

Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)

Meeting with HCPF and BHA regarding rate-setting, where the main issue being addressed is the concern that comprehensive providers will be subject to numerous new requirements that are not reflected in the current rate or contracts with either HCPF or BHA. Medicaid PPS and BHA funding for centers are based on retrospective cost reports. New services and requirements won't be reflected in those. With no new funds requested for the BHA, it's clear that BHA funding will not be sufficient to cover these requirements. Medicaid can only pay for Medicaid services and most of these new required services are non-Medicaid-reimbursable.

SYCARE:

Continuing with finding a realtor for the sale of the building

Southern Colorado Health Network (SCHN):

Meeting on 1/26/2024 to determine future of SCHN

Third Horizon Consultation Firm:

Further discussion on using the firm for assistance with CCBHC application and next board retreat as the facilitator.

Local Leadership Connections/Meetings:

Hill Days met with Rep Matt Martinez and Sen. Cleave Simpson

Presentation to City Council (housing)

Lori Roberts, Bob Dyer and Arnold Salazar

Brian Turner and Jason Chippeaux

Heather Sanchez

Clarissa Woodworth

Jania Arnoldi

Kristina Daniel

Konnie Martin