

CEO Report

February 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. (HCI):

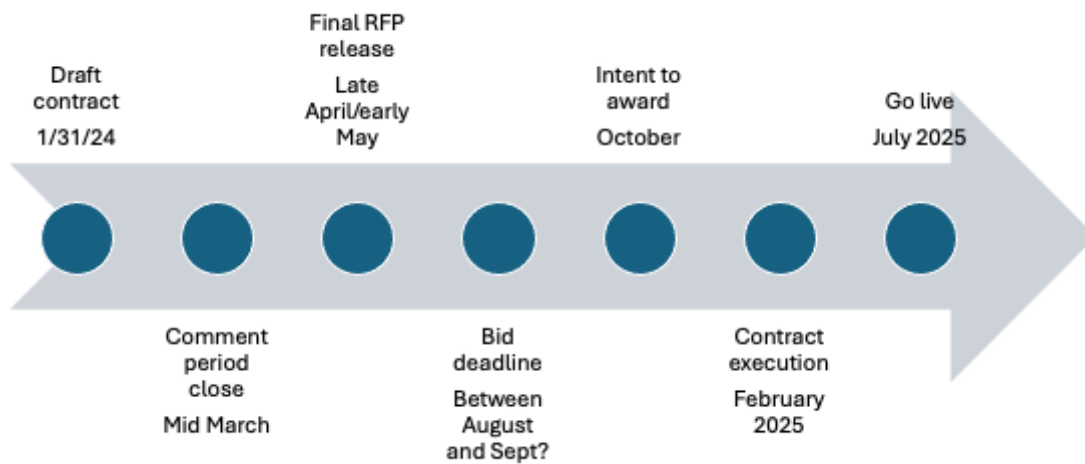
After much consideration, Health Colorado has decided not to bid on the ACC 3.0 or BHASO contracts. Health Colorado has been honored to serve Southern Colorado's members, providers, and communities. For the past twenty-nine years, as healthcare has evolved in Colorado, the various iterations of Health Colorado have evolved with it. As a provider we will continue to be dedicated to service delivery and will support community initiatives. Health Colorado was designed to be a community-minded organization, but in the changing healthcare landscape no longer allows HCI to deliver on their organizational mission. HCI and Caelon staff have been notified. We are working on transition, retention and severance plans

Lori and I met with BHA staff on 2/21/2024 to discuss next steps for Health Colorado.

We've confirmed that previous HCI employee was indicted on 3 felony charges. Her first in-person hearing is on March 18th. Her attorneys contacted Jackson Lewis. They said their client would drop the wage loss lawsuit if we make one bulk payment of 25K. Right now, she has no absolutely no leverage against HCI. Jackson Lewis' recommendation would be to send her attorney a very pointed email rejecting the \$25k demand, but offering to drop our civil lawsuit in exchange for her dropping her lawsuit. HCI is rejecting the settlement and employing a wait and see on any other leverage.

Health Care Policy and Finance (HCPF):

ACC 3.0 was released to stakeholders on 2/1/2024. We are all asked to give feedback to CBHC by 2/23/2024. Ongoing feedback will be an option.



1. HCPF will continue to make modifications after the draft release.
2. Open comment for 6 weeks
3. HCPF will begin stakeholder sessions after the release
4. HCPF will announce awards in October
5. HCPF plans to complete contracts in February

The draft contract is 270 pages. Kim is asking for assistance in cutting unnecessary items. She is requesting assistance from current RAE's.

There is also speculation that HCPF will have less funding for the RAEs.

HCPF will begin having interviews with key groups and staff with the community mental health centers as they look to changes with payment models and business intelligence needs.

Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)

Dannette R. Smith has been appointed by Gov. Jared Polis to be the new commissioner of the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA). This appointment was informed by extensive stakeholder feedback across from the state and reflects the governor's commitment to bringing transformational change to Colorado's behavioral health system. Under Commissioner Smith's leadership, BHA will remain focused on increasing access to quality behavioral health services in Colorado by engaging diverse community groups and providers to expand services and recruiting and retaining a talented workforce. Incoming Commissioner Smith will begin her role on March 18. At that time, Interim Commissioner Michelle Barnes will be returning to her role as executive director of the Colorado Department of Human Services. Commissioner Smith has spent 30 years serving families, children, the aging population, and people experiencing homelessness. She's led human services departments across the country, most recently serving nearly five years as the chief executive officer at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

We are diligently working on preparing for our BHA sit visit scheduled March 11th. This will be the first step to transitioning to a SafetyNet Comprehensive Provider. Once our BHE license is approved by the BHA we will need to apply for Medicaid enrollment with HCPF as a comprehensive provider. New guidance will be coming out and the system is not open yet. They indicated a March timeframe for the system to be available. As part of this enrollment, each location will need a new unique provider ID with HCPF. This will create some changes in clinical supervision and billing. We are working with HCPF to get more clarification.

SYCARE:

No update

Southern Colorado Health Network (SCHN):

We will continue to meet as a group to determine if this network can serve any purpose in the new RAE regions. Meetings will move to quarterly. Focus of next meeting will include:

- a) Staff training, Shared Resources and Invitations
 - i. Rural Health issues and differences – more a rural focus for SCHN
 - ii. Tactical and practical approach to begin and then move to big fence swings.
 - iii. Shared recourse to bridge gaps – right now there is so much chaos we cannot focus on the big picture strategy
 - iv. Where is our identity and what are tactical things we can solve for?
 - a. invite United/Rocky to talk to group

Third Horizon Consultation Firm:

Further discussion on using the firm for assistance with CCBHC application and next board retreat as the facilitator. Meeting with Mindy on 2/22/2024

Local Leadership Connections/Meetings:

Meeting with DSS Directors

Meeting with Alamosa Rotary Club

Jania Arnoldi

Konnie Martin