

CEO Report

April 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
- * PPS – Prospective Payment System
- * PHE – Public Health Emergency

Health Colorado Inc. (HCI):

HCI has approved a resolution document.

HCI has had one staff resign and we will not fill that position. We will continue to work on a stay plan and bonus for the key staff needed to keep HCI compliant in the last year of the contract. To prepare for the transition the following will be put place.

- HCI will not attend any more community events. We will offer funding instead of participation. Funding is important to organizations partnering and members of HCI region.
- Lori will turn over some staff deliverables to Carelon
- We will extend one contract to assist with quarterly community grant meetings and reporting.

Brian is working with Mandi and HCI to transition shareholder transition.

HCI has a new HCPF contract manager. Lori feels that initial meetings are going well and relationship is improving.

Health Care Policy and Finance (HCPF):

Optumas and HCPF hosted a meeting on 4/24/24 with comprehensive providers to discuss Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate development, the change in payment methodology and risk mitigation.

As a reminder Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) transitioning to Comprehensive Community Behavioral Health Providers (CCBHP) will be paid under new methodology that will replace our Relative Value Unit (RVU) methodology to a PPS daily encounter rate. The main take away from this initial meeting is HCPF is stating that centers can only be paid for their cost to services and will not be able to earn a margin (profit) on service delivery.

Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)

CBHC met with Erin Wester, Stephen Peng and Commissioner Smith regarding our PHE unwind gap funding ask. CBHC was informed that the BHA does intend to provide some gap funding this fiscal year. However, there are two caveats:

- The funding will be only for the six centers their analysis shows to have the biggest change in uninsured since 2019: Jefferson Center, Mental Health Partners, WellPower, Health Solutions, SummitStone and Centennial.
- It will be only a fraction of the funds we have requested and which those centers have identified as their shortfalls. Because BHA recognizes the need to do something this fiscal year but of course did not budget for this expense, they are scraping together unspent funds from the agency—and there are not many of those.

They are requesting additional detail from the six centers as well as from HCPF to get a better picture of whether these newly uninsured are likely to remain uninsured, or if they are eligible to re-enroll. Only the former population falls under BHA's purview, so dividing the gross numbers in this way will help them determine how much to provide each of the six centers. BHA will then bounce this up against Medicaid eligibility guidelines to determine how many of the uninsured at each center are likely to remain uninsured, or if they are eligible to re-enroll. Then they will determine the gap funding they can afford to provide for the former populations.

CBHC staff report that the meeting did go well although we did not get everything we asked for. Stating they felt heard, valued and respected—especially by Commissioner Smith. She was direct and open and came across as a problem-solver. CBHC stated they were encouraged by the dialogue.

Colorado Behavioral Health Council (CBHC):

CBHC is working with the centers on continued provider/system stabilization and strategy. Overall concerns continue to be uncertainty resulting in PHE unwind, PPS payment, BHASO transitions, new regulatory burden and new Accountable Care Collaborative 3.0.

During the March work session CBHC members developed the CBHC strategic Plan for 2024-2027 to be finalized June 2024 CBHC board meeting.

CBHC members also reviewed and updated membership guidelines and new member expectations.

SYCARE:

The company has contracted with a realtor and property will be listed.

Southern Colorado Health Network (SCHN):

Moved to quarterly meetings next meeting in April 26th.

- Presentation by Melissa Stratman from Coleman and Associates
- Legislative updates CBHC and CCHN

Third Horizon Consultation Firm:

Meeting May 9th

Local Leadership Connections/Meetings:

DSS Directors

Alamosa Rotary Club

Jania Arnoldi

Meeting with all SLV County Commissioners

Adam Roberts

Brian Turner

Dante Gonzales