

## CEO Report

May 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 board and shareholders will meet June 20-21<sup>st</sup> for our annual meeting.

HCI has received FY24 updated rates however we are still waiting for FY25 and we have no information on the Essential provider rates.

HCI is working on setting up new Value Based Program (VBP) IServe will be a required measure and we will the Comprehensive Safety Net Provider (CSNP's) select a second measure.

Everything is continuing as routine.

### Health Care Policy and Finance (HCPF):

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. We have received our new rate from the state with the change in structure and payment reform. It is slightly higher than we were anticipating and that state has agreed to meet with individual centers to answer questions and discuss concerns. Right now, they still do not have a lot of information and questions are still not fully answered regarding the new methodology and concerns regarding reconciliation of funding should the centers be underpaid or overpaid. We also have six grants pending and have received awards on three of the grants. We are in the process of finalizing those funds and adding to our

draft budget the new awarded amounts. We had not previously included any of this funding in our first draft as we were not certain of the timelines for awards.

The new ACC3.0 RAE bid was released on 5/14/2024. I will be looking into the contracts and meeting with consultants. To assure we have a sense of the new expectations and needs we (SLVBHG) will need to have to be a strong provider/partner in our contracting as we look towards the future.

### **Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)**

We got notice from the BHA engagement and planning team as to Commissioner Smith's site visits and schedule. Unfortunately, it sounds like there may have been a crossing of a few wires in their internal planning and the Commission cannot make the proposed June 10-12<sup>th</sup> site visits as planned. The BHA engagement team is instead putting together a statewide tour starting the last week of August through the first two weeks of October and will accommodate some CMHC site visits as feasible and where makes sense for those regions. Commissioner Smith is hoping however to join a portion of the CBHC CEOs June ED retreat, as well as hopes to be able to join the August in-person CBHC Board meeting for an opportunity to meet all the MHC CEOs.

The BHASO RFP (request for proposal) was released on 5/14/2024. I will be looking into the contracts and meeting with consultants. To assure we have a sense of the new expectations and needs we (SLVBHG) will need to have to be a strong provider/partner in our contracting as we look towards the future.

### **Colorado Behavioral Health Council (CBHC):**

CBHC is continuing to advocate to the state the concerns with the amount change and reform the Centers are faced with during this time and specifically how this is impacting the addition of now payment reform with little time to prepare in addition to overall concerns continue to be uncertainty resulting in PHE unwind, PPS payment, BHASO transitions, new regulatory burden and new Accountable Care Collaborative 3.0 new vendors and regions. Please see attached Letters shared by CBHC included in the packet as well.



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Letter\_Final 5.10.2024 Letter\_RESPONSE to C

Continued development CBHC strategic Plan for 2024-2027 to be finalized June 2024 CBHC board meeting.

CBHC members continue to reviewed and updated membership guidelines and new member expectations.

**SYCARE:**

We will be closing our Pii account and transitioning those funds.

**Southern Colorado Health Network (SCHN):**

No update

**Third Horizon Consultation Firm:**

Survey to board was sent out on 5/17/2024.

**Local Leadership Connections/Meetings:**

Lori Laske

I do have a meeting with Patrick Gordon with United Health set up for early June. This is the entity that is expected to be the new RAE as we move regions in one year.