

CEO Report

September 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
- * CSNP – Comprehensive Safety Net Provider

Health Colorado Inc. (HCI):

The fraud case has been settled and the former staff agreed to a plea deal. The plea reduced the 3 level four felonies to 1 level four felony and a criminal theft misdemeanor with a 69K restitution due on October 14th at her sentencing hearing. The defendant will have a deferred sentence but will not have her record expunged.

HCI is still trying to negotiate with HCPF on the rates, HCI has rejected the rates and given HCPF an explanation of the concern. The main concern is that even with an 18% increase we are not satisfied this will cover all cost, HCPF has agreed to meet with HCI staff and look at a rate adjustment in 4 months. We still do not have a finalized budget as we cannot approve the budget until we have our rate set. Once we get this completed, we will suggest we only approve with ongoing review.

We are still working on finalizing close out plans and staff needs.

We anticipate we will begin working with the new contract holder and transition beginning in March 2025.

Health Care Policy and Finance (HCPF):

HCPF has announced the awards for the new RE regions

- **Bidder Name:** Select Health no award

- **Bidder Name:** Rocky Mountain Health Plans awarded Region 1 (this is our region)
- **Bidder Name:** Northeast Health Partners awarded Region 2 (Rocky ASO)
- **Bidder Name:** Colorado Community Health Alliance awarded Region 3 (Carelton ASO)
- **Bidder Name:** Colorado Access awarded Region 4

Through Sept. 26, 2024, HCPF will be reviewing any protests submitted. Barring any sustained protests, they will begin working with each vendor to finalize and execute new contracts.

Current contracts with the RAEs end on June 30, 2025. The next iteration of the ACC, referred to as Phase III, will begin on July 1, 2025.

Communication from HCPF: ACC Phase III was designed through extensive stakeholder engagement. HCPF staff met with more than 5,700 participants, including members, providers, and representatives from community organizations, across 135 stakeholder meetings over the past 18 months to identify opportunities to improve the program. Phase III will build on the foundation set over the past 13 years to improve quality care, close health disparities, improve care access, improve the member and provider experience, and manage costs to protect member coverage, benefits and provider reimbursements

Designing ACC Phase III has been a tremendous effort, and we are so grateful for the invaluable input from stakeholders that has helped us reach this point. ACC Phase III takes important steps to modernize our Medicaid delivery system, increase accountability and drive better outcomes for our members. However, awarding contracts is just one part of this process. Over the coming months, we will be working with internal and external partners to implement the policies and programs outlined in the RAE contracts.

Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)

The organizations who applied to be BHASOs were announced: the following organization have a bid in review

Rocky Mountain Health Plans Region 1

Signal Behavioral Health Network Region 2,3,4

Carelton Region 1,2,3,4

Abundance Foundation

Megellan Regan 2,3

Damascus Landing recovery Region 1,2,3,4

The winners of the bid are anticipated to be announced by the end of September

Commissioner Smith (BHA) has announced listening sessions and three “categories” of rules that will support the expansion of the behavioral health safety net: system rules, administrative rules, and provider rules. We are reviewing to determine how these align or impact all the new rules and policies we just wrote and implemented. The BHA has also set up a series of in-person and virtual meetings to review the rules.

There have been announcements of turnover in the department in key positions. In addition to these new vacancies the BHA still has several other vacant positions they are trying to fill.

Colorado Behavioral Health Council (CBHC):

CBHC continues working closely with HCPF to give input on the HCPFs proposed new cost reporting.

CBHC is also working closely with HCPF on the CCBHC grant application which has been submitted. HCPF, CBHC and center staff will continue meeting regularly in preparation of an announcement and any additional requests for information that may arise.

CBHC is continuing to work on relationship developments with BHA, HCPF and advocacy groups.

CBHC is having a special meeting during the CBHC conference to address membership engagement.

SYCARE:

No updates this month

Southern Colorado Health Network (SCHN):

No updates this month

Third Horizon Consultation Firm:

As a follow-up from the work session THC has put together a memo on the Chevron Decision and its implications for behavioral health that I will be sending out to board members.

Local Leadership Connections/Meetings:

- Konnie Martin
- Jania Arnoldi
- Daniel Darting
- Rocky Mountain Leadership team
- Heather Sanchez
- Sheriff Jackson and Kenny Anderson
- Judy McNielsmith
- Hope in the Valley – Turn-over of staff/funding concerns