

Executive Director's Report

April 2022

Housing Project – We completed the purchase of the land on 4/11/22. Our presentation is complete and we will provide the presentation on 5/2/2022. We have gone through one mock presentation and questioning from the panel. We have identified the strengths and weakness of our presentation. We will have a second mock presentation on 4/28/22 with panel to continue to identify strengths and weaknesses in preparation for our official presentation

Behavioral Health Administration Bill (HB 22-1278)– The Bill was officially announced on 3/25/2022. Bill has passed at the house and will be heard at the senate on 4/27/2022. The following are the priorities as the bill goes to the Senate:

- ensure that there is language in the bill that recognizes the role of community-based specialty clinics in the delivery of behavioral health services to underserved specialty populations. (There will be an amendment coming on this topic, but are still working through the final language.)
- working with the State to ensure that one of the changes in House Amendment L020 does not negatively impact the CMHCs and their ability to hire physicians (issue relates to Corporate Practice of Medicine statute). There is an amendment coming to add the newly defined term “behavioral health providers” to this area of state statute to protect the ability of behavioral health providers to hire physicians.
- We want to protect negotiated and agreed upon House amendments, including:
 - Amendment L017 which adds a reference to CMHCs in the definition of “behavioral health safety net providers”
 - L025, which changes the defined term “Comprehensive Behavioral Health Safety Net Provider” to “Comprehensive Community Behavioral Health Provider” throughout the bill

Health Colorado Inc. – Is working on a strategic plan and will have first strategic plan work session on 4/22/2022. HCI is continuing to watch legislation and the impact on RAE board composition. A meeting will be scheduled the first of May to discuss.

Comprehensive Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Workgroup- No new meetings at this time, however the summary of initial meeting has been sent to CBHC CEO board meeting.

SYCARE– Sycare partners are continuing to meet to discuss, Netsmart contracting and transitions.

Southern Colorado Health Network (SCHN) – No updates

Behavioral Health Entity Licensing (BHE)- We have created a staff committee who is working diligently to complete. Continuing to work through this process, we have our first two sections completed and staff are working diligently to complete the updated policies drafts. With the BHA/BHE will need to create 20 new policies to be compliant.

Safe Care - SLVBHG was able to reapply for this funding and have been awarded the RFP. This will bring us back into the grant cycle and funding for the next four years. We were able to work with local DSS/DHS to supplement funding this fiscal year to keep the program until we were able to reapply. I will be meeting with all DSS/DHS directors on May 2nd.