

## Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

### Treatment Work Group Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2022 via Zoom

#### **Present:**

Steve Young, MD, Angela Bonaguidi, Co-Chairs  
Sara Prager, AllHealth Network  
Perla Ramirez, Colorado Treatment Services  
Lindsay Shillinglaw, Front Range Clinic  
Mary Weber, CU College of Nursing  
Kelly McDermott, Signal Behavioral Health  
Telligen: Meredith Koob, Denton Chancey  
BHA: Victoria Laskey, Jenna Kapp, Stephanie Salkin, Kacy Behrend  
Martin Bloch  
Consortium: Gina Olberding, Jen Place, Rosemarie MacDowell

**Absent:** See attached roster.

Co-chair Angela Bonaguidi called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve the August 2022 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

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

Angela Bonaguidi introduced Victoria Laskey, public policy professional with the BHA, who supported implementation of the Medicaid residential inpatient substance use disorder benefit and is now the BHA Director of Safety Net Licensing.

Victoria introduced her colleague, Jenna Kapp, BHA Safety Net Licensing Manager, formerly with HCPF. The presentation covered the following topics:

- New legislation requiring changes to the current rule volume, including taking authority for BHE licensing from CDPHE. HB 19-1237, HB 22-1278, HB 22-1256.
- Rulemaking process and timeline, including stakeholder process and engagement.
- Proposed licensing structure. BHE: Modeled after CDPHE's BHE. BHE base license + endorsements and what those involve. RSSO and CSL: remain the same.
- Safety Net Services and Standards.

Presentation slides are attached to the minutes.

#### **Presentation Highlights:**

- The Quality and Standards Division Safety Net Licensing team works with providers to ensure they are meeting all the requirements to provide services to individuals in Colorado.
- A top priority is ensuring health, safety, and welfare of the individuals being served.

- BHA licensing managers use those rules to determine behavioral health providers who qualify for a license and the type of license issued. They also oversee any violations and actions that should be taken, including license revocation.
- House Bill, 22-1278 created the BHA in order to develop a safety net system to ensure that all individuals are able to access high quality behavioral health care. HB 22-1237 created the behavioral health entity license (originally issued by CDPHE) effective in 2023.
- Other relevant legislation: HB 22-1256, which focuses on involuntary commitment.
- BHA will be holding meetings to review changes with all interested stakeholders.  
Link to BHA laws and rules: <https://bha.colorado.gov/resources/laws-rules>
- Stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide written feedback regarding rules and rule changes.

A link to the presentation recording is available upon request.

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### **Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m. The next work group meeting will be held in January 2022.

Attachments: Work group roster, Presentation slides