

Let's Make History Together

Update on the
Behavioral Health Administration



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A Behavioral Health System that Works for Coloradans

People Left Behind →

People Put First



Fragmented Vision & Strategy →

Unified Vision & Strategy



Funding Issues →

Improved Funding



Fragmented Data →

Comprehensive Data

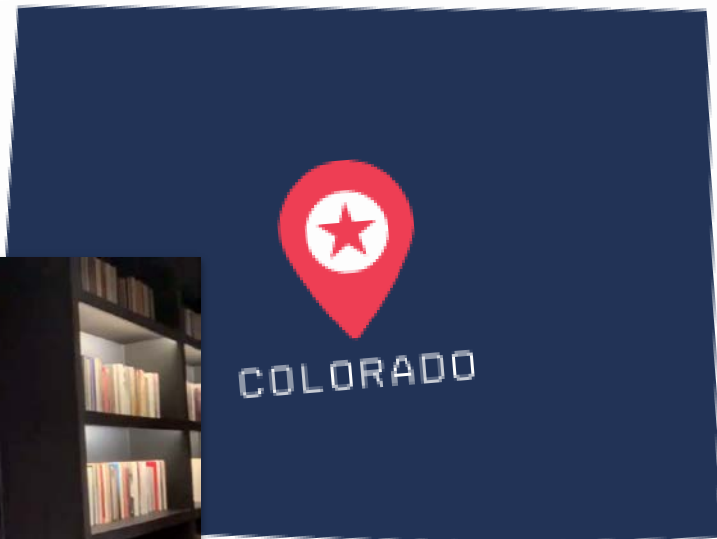


No System Coordination →

System Coordination



Statewide Tour



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Equity

Five fellows named to national equity-grounded behavioral health leadership program with the College for Behavioral Health Leadership



- Marco Antillon
- Brad Barfield
- Lesley Brooks, M.D.

- Michelle Arriaga Colarelli, Psy.D.
- Alexandra Hulst, Ph.D.

BHA is Hiring a
Deputy Commissioner for Equity
and System Effectiveness

BHA Bill (HB 22-1278)

People First

- Advisory Council creation
- Co-chaired by person with lived experience
- 50% individuals with lived experience

Accountable

- Robust grievance process
- Enhanced public reporting
- Collaborative data sharing

Access to High Quality Services

- Creation of Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BHASO)
- Expanded safety net

Efficient

- Agency Agreements
- Universal Contracting Provisions



July 1 Wins



Launch of Advisory Council



Public dashboard tracking implementation will be posted to new BHA website



Public-facing care directory



New BHA
website will be
live July 2022!



Priorities from CJ Partners

- **Build on existing collaboration** to improve the relationship and connection between criminal justice and behavioral health
- **Raise awareness and understanding of criminal justice** within the BHA to inform policy, strategy and standards
- Incorporate **priorities of criminal justice partners** in improving BH assessment, treatment and services for justice involved individuals
- Expand and streamline a **comprehensive continuum of care** for justice involved individuals



Priorities, continued

- Improve **payment models** and **address current barriers** to service availability particularly for high risk and high needs cases transitioning out of institutional care (e.g., Institutes or Corrections)
- Improve **accountability of providers** to serve those with **justice involvement**
- **Address and improve data interoperability**



CJ/BH Roadmap Objectives

- **Strategic Objective 1:** Colorado's criminal justice and behavioral health systems promote and invest in accessible and effective programs, strategies, and practices.
- **Strategic Objective 2:** Colorado's behavioral health and criminal justice workforce has the capacity and resources needed to provide deflection, diversion, and intervention services.
- **Strategic Objective 3:** State and local agencies and organizations serving people dually involved in Colorado's criminal justice and behavioral health systems are coordinated, communicating, and aligned.



SB 196 Grant Program

- Senate Bill 196 establishes the **early intervention, deflection, and redirection** from the criminal justice system grant program.
 - BHA to provide grants to local governments, federally recognized Indian Tribes, health-care providers, and community-based organizations to fund programs and strategies that prevent people with behavioral health needs from becoming involved with the criminal justice system
 - Or that redirect individuals in the criminal justice system with behavioral health needs from the system to appropriate services
- Local law enforcement agencies are eligible for a grant for the purpose of **developing or expanding a co-responder community response program**



Q&A



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