



**All Kids Covered Initiative
Meeting Notes
September 4, 2015**

Children's Uninsured Rate via the Colorado Health Access Survey – All Kids Covered Leadership Team

- According to the Colorado Health Institute's (CHI) [Colorado Health Access Survey](#) data released earlier this week, the percent of children in Colorado who do not have health insurance is now just 2.5 percent. This is a marked decrease from 2013 when the uninsured rate for Colorado children under age 19 was 7.0 percent, and shows that Colorado is making progress toward getting all kids covered. Future AKC meetings will delve deeper into the data to learn more about the kids who remain uninsured.
- As a follow-up to the meeting, Emily Johnson with CHI shared that the margin of error for the children's uninsured rate is one percentage point, or a range of 1.5 percent to 3.5 percent.

County Grant and Incentive Program Update – Josh Montoya and Lindsay Van Dusseldorp, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)

- Josh Montoya, County Relations with HCPF, provided background and information on two HCPF initiatives to work with County Departments of Health/Social Services on improving services to Coloradans applying for and renewing their Medicaid or Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) coverage. The two programs addressed were: 1) the county incentive program and 2) the county grant program. Please see presentation slides [here](#).
- County Incentive Program
 - Prior to the county incentive program, HCPF did not have contracts with counties. Instead the county functions were only written into statute.
 - The incentive program was created through a budget request in 2013 that used some county administration funding to create the program. Participating in the incentive program is voluntary for counties, however all 64 counties signed contracts with HCPF in State Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15.
 - See slide 10 for incentives for payment offered to counties in FY 2014-15
 - See slide 13 for improvements in timely application processing in FY 2014-15
 - See slide 15 for more on collaboration partners that counties may work with
 - Some changes will be made to the FY 15-16 incentive program (see slide 17) to add a training component, and remove the correctional facility memorandum of understanding. The counties need to meet the incentive requirement for the full period of the contract to earn the incentive payment.
- County Grant Program
 - The grant program was also authorized through the 2013 budget request. It funds one-time infrastructure or business process improvements, and the funds must be used on Medicaid clients only. In the first year of the grant program, six counties participated. (See slide 20.)
 - Larimer County used the grant to fund one staff member to be a liaison with the community so that community members and community-based organizations could call and get questions answered about the Affordable Care Act.
 - Park County was able use the funds to explore options to improve non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT).

- This year's grant program will ask that proposals meet two of three criteria (see slide 21). Proposals are due by end of September and HCPF should have award letters out by November 1.
- See slide 23 for suggestions from HCPF to engage counties successfully.

Q: How does NEMT work in rural areas?

A: Typically, the county contracts with a third party vendor, but HCPF can also provide funding for bus tickets, plane fare (e.g. when it would be cheaper to fly from Cortez to Denver rather than drive and pay for hotels), taxis, public bus, and mileage reimbursement for family members who are providing transport for the client. NEMT is available across Colorado, but it looks different in different areas. Clients can work with the county contact to learn more and arrange transportation. HCPF is currently working with counties to better understand the NEMT process and identify ways to improve it.

Q: How is the collaboration county incentive met?

A: The county has to prove that a meeting occurred by sending in a meeting agenda, sign-in sheet, and template describing who they met with and goals that they laid out for that collaboration.

Q: There were two other parts of the funding request. Do you know the status of those options?

A: One part is paying sites for the work they do. This is in process, but HCPF does not have a timeline for completion. The second part of the funding is payment for Medical Assistance sites. As of now, a payment model has been submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and HCPF is awaiting more information. When more information is available, HCPF plans to distribute answers to frequently asked questions.

Q: Did HCPF take advantage of any opportunities for community partners to provide feedback on the incentives for counties?

A: HCPF developed the incentives in the first and second years in collaboration with the counties because they know how they would like to improve. However, HCPF is open to feedback from community partners and HCPF does an annual revision of incentives.

Children's Mental Health in Colorado: Policy Challenges & Opportunities – *Bill Jaeger and Sarah Barnes, Colorado Children's Campaign*

- The Colorado Children's Campaign, in collaboration with Children's Hospital Colorado and the Colorado Children's Healthcare Access Program (CCHAP), recognized that there is a need to address issues related to children's mental health in Colorado at the policy level. This brief is a start to that conversation.
- Access the brief [here](#), and view the presentation slides [here](#).
- The brief attempts to identify policy gaps in supporting the healthy development of all children and families, and how Colorado can redefine our approach to the mental health of children to close those gaps.
- The brief identifies five broad policy recommendations (see slides 9 and 10).
 1. Advance integration of mental health services and supports in health care and educational settings through delivery system changes, payment reform and practice transformation
 2. Develop and fund infrastructure to support a statewide screening, referral and care coordination mode
 3. Invest in workforce capacity development to increase the number of qualified mental health professionals and to expand professional development and training opportunities

4. Develop a comprehensive statewide navigation system to connect caregivers, families and children to referral and mental health resources, including supports for crisis situations
 5. Support innovative practices, programs and approaches, scaling those that are making a demonstrable difference and find ways to embed them into the core work of public agencies serving children
- Next steps:
 - Community outreach meetings August through October
 - November 13 – Save the date for the Children’s Behavioral Health Policy Summit for children’s mental health stakeholders at Clayton Early Learning.
 - Integrating the quality of children’s health coverage and care is a new addition to AKC’s work. Currently the Colorado Children’s Campaign is leading this work and the November 13 summit will be an opportunity for early childhood and children’s health advocates to work together to address the question: “as more kids get covered, what does quality look like?”

Q: Does the brief discuss care coordination?

A: Some of that came up during the State Innovation Model (SIM) process including what metrics could be used to support integration and care coordination. Some of the pushback was around how to measure it and bill for it, but one of the SIM workgroups is continuing to work on it. One novel example is Fresno, CA with the Department of Public Health using Medicaid funding to support care coordination.

LAUNCH Together Initiative – *Molly Yost, Early Milestones Colorado and LAUNCH Together Technical Assistance and Policy Manager*

- Molly Yost with Early Milestones Colorado provided background and information about the new Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health (LAUNCH) Together Initiative and funding announcement. View the funding announcement [here](#).
- [Early Milestones](#) is a new non-profit to advance state and local efforts to move the needle on children’s healthy development.
- The LAUNCH Together initiative is the first in the nation that will focus on prenatal through age 8 and is rooted in five core prevention and health promotion strategies at the community level. The initiative is inspired by Project LAUNCH administered out of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The goal of LAUNCH Together is to couple initiatives at the community and state levels to ultimately push policy opportunities that lead to sustainable change.
- A [Request for Proposals](#) is due October 19 and is open to all communities. (Communities are self-defined.) Up to seven requests will be funded for the planning grant portion, and four of the seven will be chosen to implement a strategic plan over a period of four years.
- Early Milestones is the lead agency to provide technical assistance, and Rose Community Foundation is the fiscal agent.
- See frequently asked questions and archived webinars on the website at www.launchtogethercolorado.org.
- AKC members are encouraged to share this opportunity with partners and contacts.
- Please direct questions to Molly Yost (myost@earlymilestones.org).

General Partner Updates

- **CCMU:** Annual Fundraising Lunch on September 24 with Thomas Goetz. Focus on patient engagement and delivery system reform. Register here: <http://www.ccmu.org/events/annual-luncheon/>
- **Aurora Health Access:** Hosting a forum on the impact of the new drug culture on children to talk about how the legalization of marijuana is impacting kids. The forum will include perspectives from schools, police, Children's Hospital, and the archdiocese of Denver. The forum will be held September 19 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church, 1243 Kingston St. Aurora.
- **Colorado Consumer Health Initiative (CCHI):** Co-hosting a webinar on women's copay-free preventive services titled *k(NO)w Limits to Women's Health: Overcoming Key Barriers to Access*. [Register here](#). Also, save the date for CCHI's annual event on November 5, 2015.
- **Colorado Health Institute:** The [CHAS](#) was published this week and public use files will be uploaded to the website soon.
- **HCPF:** Visit the HCPF table at the Las Fiestas Patrias festival in Civic Center Park on September 13.
- **Children's Hospital Colorado:** As a reminder, the federal government needs to reauthorize funding for the food assistance program. Please look for an action alert from Children's Hospital on September 17.
- **Kaiser Permanente:** Just released a request for proposals to decrease food insecurity. Organizations interested in applying for funding should review [frequently asked questions](#) and read the RFP in its entirety. The funding opportunity is currently released on the [open funding opportunities](#) page of the kp.org/share/co website. Two informational webinars will also be held, and further questions can be directed to co-contributions@kp.org. Applications are due October 30, and the grant period will be March 1, 2016 to March 1, 2018.
- **Colorado Children's Campaign:** [Save the date](#) for the annual luncheon scheduled for December 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Denver Center for Performing Arts.
- **Covering Kids and Families (CKF):** Staff are on the planning committee for the upcoming Building Better Health conference for application assistors on September 28 and 29. Learn more and register [here](#). In addition, CKF will host a [coalition meeting](#) on October 14 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. to cover information about the upcoming open enrollment period (November 1, 2015, to January 31, 2016). CKF also updated the [Immigration Status and Eligibility for Health Insurance Affordability Programs](#) job aid with information about statuses that are and are not subject to the five year bar.