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HCPF Updates – Colleen Daywalt provided the following updates:

- **Enrollment & Application numbers:**
As of 03/03/14 there are 135,560 new Medicaid Enrollees and 84,881 individuals have purchased private insurance. 50% of Medicaid enrollees are from the seven Metro counties. Press releases from [HCPF](#) and [C4HCO](#) can be found on the HCPF website.
Question: Do you know how many of the newly enrolled were EBNE and enrolled based on ACA outreach?
Answer: The HCPF data team can't pull the numbers because it is too hard to define due to Medicaid being a monthly program.
- **Letters to SNAP clients:** HCPF worked with DHS to send out letters to parents of children receiving SNAP benefits (sent in December) letting them know they may benefit from the Medicaid expansion 4,000 of 14,000 children are enrolled due to the letter. In February, HCPF sent letters to 45,000 adults receiving SNAP benefits. During the first two weeks 7,000 adults enrolled in Medicaid. 11% of the letters were returned to HCPF. They are looking at the ROI on sending additional letters.
- **Former foster care youth:** Former foster care youth who were still enrolled in Foster care up to 18th birthday and receiving Medicaid will receive Medicaid up to age 26. HCPF is still updating systems so former foster care youth will be automatically enrolled. An FAQ is posted on the HCPF website and being updated regularly. Check back to FAQ to see if new information is added. Contact Beverly Hirsekorn with additional questions. HCPF is also working on consumer friendly FAQs.
- **12 Month Continuous Eligibility:** The FAQ will be updated with questions that have been asked and HCPF is working on consumer friendly FAQ. HCPF would like help educating families on how this will change/impact coverage for kids. HCPF is creating a visual that can help families understand how enrollment will work. Communication is important because parents may have confusion when they churn off and kids stay on. They may think the entire family is now uninsured. Depends on how the NOA reads. Workgroup looking at client correspondence will look at this.
- **PEAK link changing:** 3/16. Colorado.gov/PEAK is current PEAK link.
- **The Colorado Opportunity Project:** HCPF is leverage current high quality evidence based programs to close the gap between disadvantaged and more advantaged children. Social emotional learning modeled after Social genome model from Brookings Institute.
Q. What will the stakeholder process look like?
A. HCPF is looking into this. Contact Marythryn Hurd and Elizabeth Basket for more information.
 - The enhanced federal match funding was unanticipated. HCPF has a \$5.8 million general fund request for this project. HCPF figure set hearing with the JBC is on 3/10/14. Lots left to be determined by this process. The project is already underway with private resources. The Brookings institute came and met with Colorado Department of Human Services Director Reggie Bicca and Health Care Policy and Financing Director Sue Birch.
 - The pilot project will include an undetermined group of children. It will evaluate the impact, with the hope of taking it to scale. Though, they don't know what that looks like yet.
 - Connected to state interest in addressing toxic stress and breaking the cycle of poverty for children.
 - \$43.8 million is for the development of a database. There is very little detail of what that database will look like. Want to develop child metrics across programs. Data collected by departments in different ways. Would need to be aligned to update way data is collected by different departments.

Legislative Update: - Cody Belzley provided the following updates:

- **HB 10-53:** AKC took position of support on HB10-53 Pediatric Dental Alignment. It was one of the first bills this session to be signed into law on Feb. 19, 2014. The Department of Insurance (DOI) Regulatory Notice has not yet been released.

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- **HB12-88:** Personal Belief Exemptions for School Enrollment requires parents to immunize school-aged children against diseases. Kids can be exempt from immunizations for three reasons; a medical exemption, the child cannot be vaccinated due to a medical condition, a religious exemption, or a personal belief exemption. To qualify for a personal belief exemption a parent must sign a form that says I choose not to immunize my child. Colorado has the 6th highest rate of kids exempted from vaccines at 4.3% which equates to 3,000 kindergarteners. Personal exemption is the reason for 90% of exemptions. The legislation preserves the right of personal belief exemption but requires parents get a signature from a provider stating they have received education on immunizations or take online course and print out certificate. There is bipartisan support in both chambers. The bill will be heard on 3/13. The bill does need the support because there is a minority of people who believe strongly against it and are vocal about it. AKC is on the list of supporters.
 - To add your organization's name to the list of supporters email Cody.
- **SB 32. 2012:** Update: Regulation of Naturopathic Doctors and Alternative Care Providers. Safeguards put in place to prohibit treating children 0-2, required disclosure to parents for treating children 3-8. Legislation would eliminate prohibition on children 0-2 and eliminate disclosure 3-8. Bill passed senate health in surprise vote last week.
 - B. **Budget update:** The JBC is putting together the state's budget. 1. Colorado Opportunity Project. 2. Provision to fund Medicaid for legally present pregnant women and children (eliminate 5 year ban) 3. CHIPRA state option. In 2009, Colorado passed legislation to eliminate this based on states funding. Now that state's budget is rebounding, it is time to fund it. Moving forward with support from JBC. Applicable with Medicaid – following up to see if it is also applicable to CHP+. Major impact is to children.

General Partner Updates

Speak Up For Kids: Speak up for Kids Day 3/13 is Sold Out. There will be 175 grassroots advocates participating. They are still looking for a few more advocacy coaches to help people navigate the capitol, get over jitters, go through security, etc.

CBMS Phase II – Reggie Bicha, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Human Services & Kevin Patterson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Hickenlooper provided the following information:

- So far, 93 projects have been completed as part of the CBMS rebuild phase 1. All of them, on time, on schedule, and on budget.
- CBMS Phase II would fund PEAK so it becomes a universal application. Currently, people apply for individual programs. More programs would be added to PEAK including free/reduced lunch, child care assistance, WIC, etc. It would be set up so when someone applies they will get a screen, "You're approved for Medicaid. You may be approved for WIC and free/reduced lunch. Would you like to know more?"
- CBMS Phase 2 includes 10 OIT maintenance projects, 57 CHDS updates (53 are federal or state requirements), 31 HCPF projects (all are federal requirements), CCUG 3 projects.
- CBMS Phase 2 needs \$40 million over the next two years. \$24 million of that will be new federal dollars coming to Colorado. \$16.5 million from the general fund.
- 83% of projects are to meet federal or state requirements. 17% are to increase efficiency. 88% for new projects, 12% is operational/maintenance. 57% HCPF cost, 24% CDHS, 16% OIT, 3% CCUG. (Number of projects- not cost of projects)
- How clients access their information will shift to self-service platform. Clients can monitor their own status. Focus on email notices and text reminders rather than postal service. Better customer service through alignment of due dates and paperwork.
- Upcoming system updates include: enrollment of former foster care youth into Medicaid, continuous eligibility for kids under 19 in Medicaid/CHP+, PEAK e-noticing, PEAK manage my account becoming streamlined, (non-contingent on CBMS Phase 2 funding) ----Online PEAK screening for multiple programs (contingent on CBMS Phase 2 funding)
- PEAK Pro- providers and community partners will have information available through PEAK. (Pro= Professional) Will be able to look up account and say, "Oh, you need birth certificate

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verified before your application can be processed.” Access will change, instead of CBMS access community partners will have PEAK Pro access.

- CBMS Phase 2 will be cloud based so they don't have concerns about size. They can buy more cloud space if necessary.
- Action Steps, the OIT Legislative Liaison is the lead. CBMS Phase 2 is up for figure setting on 12th or 13th.
 - Q. Where are things with MMIS rebuild? How will CBMS interface with MMIS.
 - A. HCPF is still finalizing contracts on the new MMIS. We're still 2 years out on the new MMIS.

NEXT MEETING: April 4, 2014