



All Kids Covered Initiative Meeting Notes May 2, 2014

HCPF Updates – Colleen Daywalt (phone)

- There have been 181,000 Medicaid enrollments from Oct. 1, 2013 through April 19, 2014. This number was reported in an HHS report published yesterday. [See the report [here](#).]
- EBNE Kids Metrics: from Oct. 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014, HCPF estimates that 26,000 kids enrolled who were previously Eligible but Not Enrolled
 - Q: Are the EBNE numbers available by county?
A: No, only for the state
- HCPF is requesting the help of CBOs to get the word out that CHP+ and Medicaid don't have an open enrollment period and reconfirming that an increase in income out of Medicaid is a qualifying event to enroll in the Marketplace
- Exciting enhancements have been added to PEAK including mail center, the ability to check the status of an application online, and ability to fill in the level of care online. Another post build call will be held May 7 at 3 pm. Call in info in the April 17 [ACA implementation newsletter](#).
- Colleen thanked the All Kids Covered initiative members for supporting the budget ask presented in March. The full \$40M request was included in the long bill headed to the Governor for his signature.
 - Q: How will the community be updated throughout the CBMS improvement process?
A: There is a communications work group where we strategize about how to tell the story of what's happening with CBMS and PEAK. Perhaps several months down the road this could be on the All Kids Covered agenda.
 - Q: Will additional EBNE numbers for pregnant women or adults be released?
A: The ask for this information has been submitted, but the analysis is more difficult so the numbers are not available yet.

2014 KIDS COUNT in Colorado! Presentation – Sarah Hughes, Research Director, Colorado Children's Campaign

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Theme of this year's report: Better integration of the three issue areas of the Campaign (child's health status, early childhood experiences, and educational opportunities). County data is available, however this report will focus mostly on statewide data.

Highlights from the presentation include:

- Family and Economic Security – more Colorado children are now living in poverty than in any point in the great recession. Many kids are not yet experiencing the results of economic recovery.
- Colorado has one of the fastest rates of growth in children's poverty in the U.S.
- Geographic distribution of poverty – high levels in San Luis Valley, lower in some suburban counties around Denver (however, some of the suburban counties with low levels of poverty have had a rapid growth rate which could mean that poor kids in those areas don't have the same social supports as kids in other counties).
- Significant decline in uninsured kids from 14% in 2006 to 8% in 2014
- About 72% of uninsured kids in Colorado are eligible for Medicaid or CHP+ (numbers from 2012).
- Higher percentage of kids eligible for CHP+ are not enrolled, than kids eligible for Medicaid

- National Survey of Children’s Health – 15% of all Colorado kids are going more than 12 months without a check-up, but for those without insurance that percentage goes up to about 45%
- Only 37% of Colorado kids live in families in which the householder holds a 4 yr. college degree
- Colorado has the 7th largest achievement gap in 4th grade reading level. (Only 1 in 5 lower income students are reading at level.)
- Colorado has a high rate of remediation (kids who go to college and require a pre-requisite/remedial class). 40% of new college students are asked to take remedial classes.
- Visit the Kids Count Data Center where you can compare Colorado to other states, by county and by school district: <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>
 - Q: Are there eligible but uninsured numbers by county (not just percentages)?
A: Yes in the Kids Count Data Center
 - Q: CHI released an analysis recently on the relationship between Hispanic race/ethnicity and connection with uninsurance. Are there ways to do a similar regression analysis on reasons why kids aren’t in a medical home, etc.? How do we know what to change to make a big impact?
A: This has been discussed in preliminary way, and we may look into this over the summer and in months to come.
 - Comment: Most of this data is quantitative. There is also an opportunity to do some qualitative research into the community of newly enrolled to find out why they got enrolled. TCHF may be interviewing people who did not enroll so this would be different.

Update on CHIP Reauthorization – Cody Belzley

AKC Leadership Team identified CHIP Reauthorization as a priority for the next year. Many other organizations are interested in this, but congress is not acting yet and unlikely to do much until after Nov. elections. There have been a few sign on letters from First Focus and a provider group. The Leadership Team is continuing to develop a plan on strategy.

- *Request to Coalition members: Please share work/resources from national organizations that you belong to that are beginning to address this issue. National timing and coordination with states and federal delegations is important to make sure the time is right to create changes.*

Final Review of Kids Health Items in Colorado FY 14-15 Budget - Jennifer Miles

- Legislative session will end May 7.
- Included in long bill:
 - Funding for Medicaid/CHP+ coverage for legal immigrant prenatal and kids. The bill for this was passed in 2009, but implementation was pending due to funding. This will be effective July 1, 2014.
 - Medicaid provider increase of 2%. There are also targeted increases above and beyond the 2% for certain providers including for pediatric hospice, extended care, pediatric and developmental assessments, ambulatory surgery centers, etc.
 - Enhanced reimbursement for family planning, FQHCs
 - HCPF to develop a plan to look at reimbursement rates. (Look for a stakeholder process.)
 - Enhanced money for Medicaid eligibility activities: grants to counties, incentive payments for counties, studying eligibility determination payment system, and eventually payments to Medical Assistance (MA) sites by Jan. 2015. (MA sites don’t currently receive funding.)
 - Approval of primary care specialty collaboration project so that specialists and primary care providers can be linked across miles and can do telehealth or other contacts.
 - Oral health: Funding for full dentures was added to the adult Medicaid dental benefits, CHP+ benefits increased the cap to \$1000. Funding to incentivize dentists to take Medicaid also included.

- Children’s Hosp. increase in line item. \$1.6 million increase – resolves behavioral health backlog mostly for teenagers.
- Public school health services – still funded, no change.
- CBMS investment – next phase of CBMS modernization – funded at full \$40 million
- Child care assistance program received additional funding, and tax credit expanded for child care costs
- Increase of child care inspection
- Develop a quality rating system for child care
- Safe routes to schools – Increase bike lanes, teaching bike safety, side walks, etc.
- Bill still moving forward re: MJ funds (SB 215) – school and community prevention and early intervention projects – funding for schools to hire nurses, diversion programs for kids headed to juvenile court Jan. 1 – June. 30 this year. There will be another bill next year. Notable: decided to spend the money a year after it comes in to be able to know what’s been received.
- Sen. Aguilar’s cost containment panel is headed to the Governor for signature. This was a bipartisan bill in both houses. It proposes to create a health care cost commission to address health care costs. There will be 12 members, with a balance of party affiliation. Charged to look at existing data (not creating own research). Gov’s staff part of crafting it so it is expected to be signed.

General Partner updates

- **Kim Erikson – The Consortium** – The Consortium has acquired a company that had been working with 14 school districts. Now The Consortium works with 47 out of the 52 Colorado districts with School Based Health Centers. The Consortium is trying to help districts work together to bring in Federal funding. Kim will share a list of the school districts with AKC.
- **Ryan Biehle – Colorado Consumer Health Initiative** – Please join CCHI for the 6th Annual Colorado Voices for Coverage Conference: *Going for the Gold! Celebrating Success and Training for the Future.*
 - When: June 4, 2014 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
 - Where: PPA Event Center (21st and Decatur St., Denver)
 - Register today at: <http://cohealth.co/R4ZKjh>
 - Speakers include Heather Howard, Sen. Aguilar, Patty Fontneau
- **Gretchen Hammer – CCMU** – We just received a news release from the DOI that insurers can continue non ACA compliant plans. (AKC had signed onto a letter organized by CCHI in opposition to continuing non ACA compliant plans.) Ryan (CCHI) said that he will keep AKC updated on what CCHI plans to do. [See the press release & FAQ [here.](#)]
- **Rob Hendershot – Denver Public Schools Medicaid** – As of April 26, Denver Public Schools Medicaid Department has moved to the new Emily Griffith Campus downtown. We have new phone numbers in addition to a new address:

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