



Attendees:

SUBJECT: Region 2 NHP Urban PIAC

DATE/TIME: 7.23.2023; 10-11:30am

Attendee Name, Organization	Present?	Attendee Name, Organization	Present?	Attendee Name, Organization	Present ?
Cara Herbert, NHP	☒	Abe Herrera	☒	Daniel Bort	☒
Wayne Watkins, NHP	☒	Alison Sbrana	☒	Dawn Morrissey	☒
Diamila Konte, NHP	☒	Amanda V	☒	D Dunning	☒
Cody Campbell, NHP	☒	Amber Griffin	☒	Elizabeth Leicht	☒
Natan Wallace, NHP	☒	Amy Albrecht	☒	Haidith Ramirez-Leon	☒
Cari Ladd, NHP	☒	Andrea Herrera	☒	Heather Schenkel	☒
Bekkah Abeyta, NHP	☒	Bryanna Flavell	☒	Ivonne Tamez	☒
Nancy Musso, NHP	☒	C Smith	☒	J Thomas	☒
Joanna Martinson, NHP	☒	Celeste	☒	Jeb	☒
Kari Snelson, NHP	☒	Chan Timmons	☒	Jenny Shaw	☒
Kayla Beck, NHP	☒	Collete	☒	Katie Matus	☒
Chantel Hawkins, NHP	☒	Colleen Emery	☒	Lane Mattox	☒
Cailey Cimera, NHP	☒	Crystal Valles	☒	Lara Muzydla	☒
Mary Beth Swanson	☒	Pat Carney	☒	Rebecca Victor	☒
Nancy Greene	☒	Rach Oregnio	☒	Sarah Gales	☒
SS	☒	V Garcia	☒	Mary Hummell	☒
Susan Kaiser	☒	Tonia Fox	☒	Delaine Dunning	☒
Tamara	☒	Jennefer Rolf	☒	Alex Barrera, Banner	☒

Minutes:

PIAC Meeting Summary for ACC 3.0

This meeting marked the launch of Performance Improvement Advisory Committees (PIAC) for the ACC 3.0 program that began on July 1st. Northeast Health Partners (NHP) has significantly expanded their team and coverage area, now serving 18 counties in Colorado's Eastern Corridor. The meeting outlined the new committee structure, introduced expanded member



engagement initiatives, and provided updates on various healthcare programs and requirements

1. Meeting Objectives and Key Topics:

The primary goal was to introduce the new PIAC structure and focus under ACC 3.0 while recruiting community partners for key roles. The meeting covered NHP's

- a. Expansion
- b. Committee restructuring
- c. Member engagement initiatives
 - Governance structure
 - Healthcare programs and requirements

2. ACC Phase 3 Overview and NHP Growth:

NHP has grown substantially, expanding from 12-30 team members and increasing coverage from a smaller region to 18 counties throughout the Eastern Colorado Corridor. The organization's mission centers on serving the communities through integrated physical and behavioral health services, with a vision to become Colorado's preeminent Medicaid health plan.

3. PIAC Purpose and Committee Structure:

The PIAC will focus on four main areas:

- Quality assurance
- Strategic alignment with state priorities
- Progress monitoring of feedback implementation
- Resource management for community health needs

NHP is restructuring committees into Urban and Rural PIACS to better address distinct geographic needs. Feedback will flow into quality-focused committees including First Fridays, quality management meetings, and the Quality of Care and Grievance Committee. Health equity remains central across all committees.

4. Member Engagement Committees:



NHP is expanding from one Member Advisory Committee to 5 Member Engagement Committees:

- Larimer County MEAC (continuing)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing group (continuing)
- Full Region MEAC (hybrid format)
- Spanish-speaking MEAC (new)
- Youth Voice Council (new)

Additional groups include a Member Material Review Work Group and a Member Health Equity Task Force. Members receive a \$25 gift card for participation.

5. PIAC Governance and Voting Members:

Dr. Brian Robertson chairs the committee, with recruitment underway for approximately 10 voting members representing diverse healthcare sectors. Voting members will help finalize the PIAC charter, develop meetings agendas, and potentially advise on community grants, with a time commitment of 2.5 hours per quarter.

6. Federal and State Medicaid Changes:

An official statement regarding legislative changes to Medicaid was posted on July 3rd and is available on all social media channels. NHP is committed to monitoring these changes and communicating effectively with providers.

7. Primary Care Medical Provider Updates:

Key requirements under ACC 3.0 include:

- Mandatory practice transformation activities in year one
- Completion of practice assessments
- Tiered care coordination responsibilities
- Focus on EPSDT benefits for youth and pregnant members
- Site-based performance metrics for incentive programs
- New NHP incentive programs being developed

8. Behavioral Health Network Overview:



A major change is the partnership with Rocky Mountain Health Plans for the behavioral health network, aiming to streamline contracting and claims processing. Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BHASOs) are being introduced to support crisis services, with Signal Behavioral Health designated for region 2,

9. Community Investment Grants:

A record number of applicants received 18 grants focusing on access to care barriers, behavioral health, and housing support. Recipients included:

- Programs for dementia training
- Support for teenage mothers
- School-based oral health programs
- Obesity education
- Emergency food packages
- Behavioral health therapy services

10. Hospital Transformation Program and Behavioral Health Initiatives:

Banner Health Alex Barreras presented on the Transformation Program and three key behavioral health initiatives

- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid use
- Alternative to Opioids (ALTO) to reduce opioid prescriptions
- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

Data showed over 100,000 SBIRT screenings conducted with McKee Hospital showing a 40% positive screening rate (double the national average.) For pain management, more than half of the patients receive ALTOs instead of traditional opioids.

11. Decisions & Actions:

- Recruitment opened for approximately 10 PIAC voting members
- Follow-up needed on SBIRT screening data to provide unduplicated patient counts
- Confirmation requested on the starting age for substance abuse screening (believed to be 14)



12. Closing/Next Steps

- Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM

13. Next meeting TBD – NHP will send out invite and details via email