



**Attendees: 75**

Attendee Name, Organization	Present?	Attendee Name, Organization	Present?	Attendee Name, Organization	Present ?
Cailey Cimera, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tricia Yonaha, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jacque Frenier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tara Matin, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nishanth Tangutoori, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terri Beckett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Raina Ali, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Buxton-Andrade, Mental Health Colorado	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ashley Weycer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Frahm, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christopher Menges, Otero County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Hooker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alee Kuzniarowicz, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Richardson, Otero County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Paris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bekkah Abeyta, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doreen Hills, Center for Healing and Trauma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Chatman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brian Robertson, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexandra Mannerings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura DiPrince	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Diamila Konate, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jenna Homsher, Prairie Clinic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Linda Messer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emily Norbury, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cari Whitlock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Linda Thorpe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jennefer Rolf, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joanna Martinson, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chasity Carson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mackenzie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kari Snelson, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cindy Killip	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary McMahon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kayla Beck, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan Schellenger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melody Baum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nancy Musso, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Hejde	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Stangebye, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mnewth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Wayne Watkins, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donna Rohde	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rayland Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abby Haselhorst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca Victor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amy R-S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erika Retzlaff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Russelam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jackie Marks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ethan Kerns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sam Herbert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Persephone Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Danielle Lewark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sara Chacon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kailey Meardon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jack Davies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sharon Mauch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shauna Richardson, CAHEC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonia Schwenke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tamara Laws	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tammy Delarosa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Stacey Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tbender	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tyann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Liesl Wyka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lincoln Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Germaine Seufert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jay Brooke, Hudson Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**SUBJECT:** Region 2 NHP Rural PIAC

**DATE/TIME:** 10/29/2025; 10-11:30am

## 1. Introductions

**Facilitator:** Dr. Brian Robertson [brian@nhpllc.org](mailto:brian@nhpllc.org)

- Welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.

## 2. PIAC Purpose & Committee Overview

**Presenter:** Sarah Stangebye [sarah.stangebye@nhpllc.org](mailto:sarah.stangebye@nhpllc.org)



- Reviewed PIAC’s purpose as a collaborative space for members, families, providers, and community partners to guide program improvement.
- Discussed governance structure and charter expectations. Available online at [PIAC - Northeast Health Partners](#)

### 3. Regional Resources Presentation – Otero County SUD Services & Mental Health Colorado

**Presenters:** Chris Menges and Jeff Richardson, (Otero County SUD Services)

- Shared updates on the SUD Services program, which serves a tri-county region.
- More details are available in the attached slide deck.
- **Action Item:** Dr. Brian Robertson (NHP) to connect with the Otero County team for further collaboration.
- **Contacts:**
  - Chris Menges: 719-383-3047 (O), 719-241-4446 (M), [cmenges@otero.gov](mailto:cmenges@otero.gov)
  - Jeff Richardson: 719-241-4172 (C), [jrichardson@otero.gov](mailto:jrichardson@otero.gov)
  - Larry Chatman (YEEHAW Housing Coordinator): [larry.chatman@otero.gov](mailto:larry.chatman@otero.gov), 719-383-3048 (O), 719-241-2422 (C)

**Presenters:** Wendy Buxton-Andrade (Mental Health Colorado)

- Provided an overview of the organization’s mission and work as a nonprofit consumer advocacy group.
- Key focus areas include legislative advocacy, decriminalizing health conditions, behavioral health access, and early childhood well-being.
- Discussed efforts to pass laws related to medical necessity, insurance coverage, stigma reduction, overdose education, and school-based opioid antagonist access.
- Emphasized alignment with Otero County’s SUD services in breaking down barriers to care.
- More information is available in the attached slides.
- Wendy’s **contact** information: Vice President, Government Affairs 719.691.4910, [wandrade@mentalhealthcolorado.org](mailto:wandrade@mentalhealthcolorado.org)



## 4. Community Investment Grant Updates

**Presenter:** Jenna Homsher (Prairie Clinic)

- Shared that their practice is client-centered, with a focus on informed decision-making.
- Highlighted a partnership with Hudson Clinic in Lamar to expand behavioral health services.
- Discussed behavioral health screening processes used to guide referrals. Shared positive outcomes.

**Presenter:** Doreen Hills (Center for Healing Trauma and Attachment)

- Provided an update on services offered, including mindfulness, sound healing, self-defense, counseling, nutrition, and more.
- Noted that the program is partially funded by the NHP Investment Grant.
- Offers trainings on self-care, grief, trauma, stress management, and attachment. The PIAC group had substantial interest in learning more about trainings. NHP to foster cross agency collaboration.
- Doreen Hills contact: [Doreen@chtainc.org](mailto:Doreen@chtainc.org), 970 397-4609, [www.chtainc.org](http://www.chtainc.org)

## 5. NHP Committee Updates

**Presenters:** Raina (NHP) [raina@nhpllc.org](mailto:raina@nhpllc.org) , Bekkah (NHP) [bekkah.abeyta@nhpllc.org](mailto:bekkah.abeyta@nhpllc.org) , Alee (NHP) [alexandra@nhpllc.org](mailto:alexandra@nhpllc.org)

- **MEAC Updates:**
- Michael G. shared how MEAC integrates with PIAC and previewed upcoming MEAC activities.
  - Notably, Jodi Walker will attend MEAC to deliver a state-level PIAC update.
  - Michael discussed anticipated federal changes and their potential impact on programs and service delivery.
  - He also noted that MEAC will be doing a deeper dive into care coordination and collaborating with NHP to strengthen those efforts.
- **Bridging Communities (Deaf/Hard of Hearing):**
  - First meeting including NHP was held in Larimer County.
  - UHealth staff shared insights on interpreter qualifications.
  - Group will be in hybrid setting for ongoing meetings, working on a good mix of technology for all.



- **Member Material Review Workgroup (MMRWG):**
  - Members review materials quarterly (e.g., website, videos, social media).
  - Videos are a preferred format; NHP will expand video offerings.
  - Members suggested monthly event sharing with reminders.
- **Health Equity Committee:**
  - Alee K shared FY 25–26 schedule and focus areas: rural/front access, Hispanic care, maternal health, diabetes, and hospitalization.
  - Language services reviewed (Language Line).
  - To join the Health Equity Task Force, complete the survey tool or email [laura@nhpllc.org](mailto:laura@nhpllc.org).

## 6. Questions / Open Forum / Survey

- **Comment:** Amy Smith
  - Expressed concern about how state data is captured and the feeling of being misrepresented.
  - **Action Item:** Kari Snelson (NHP) to follow up.
- Open discussion and Q&A.
- Reminder to complete the survey tool [NHP PIAC Meeting Feedback Survey](#) for feedback, voting member interest, or continuing education/proof of attendance documentation.

## 7. Action Items & Closing

**Facilitators:** Sarah Stangebye, [sarah.stangebye@nhpllc.org](mailto:sarah.stangebye@nhpllc.org)

- Follow up with Otero County Health Department SUD Program
  - Purpose: Explore collaboration opportunities with Dr. Brian Robertson (NHP)
  - Contacts: Chris Menges, Jeff Richardson, Larry Chatman (YEEHAW Housing Coordinator)
- Facilitate connection between Valley-Wide (Laura DiPrince) and Amy Smith
  - Purpose: Support collaboration and shared learning
- Facilitate connection between Otero County (Chris Menges, Jeff Richardson) and Lisa Thomas
  - Purpose: Encourage cross-agency coordination
- Facilitate connection between Wendy Buxton-Andrade (Mental Health Colorado) and Jack
  - Purpose: Align advocacy and policy efforts
- Disseminate information on Doreen Hills's training dates



- Purpose: Promote access to self-care, trauma, and stress management trainings
- Document and track Amy Smith's concern about state data representation
  - Assigned to: Kari Snelson (NHP)
- Finalize and distribute meeting minutes
- Slides and meeting minutes will be posted on the NHP website within one week.
- NHP is seeking 4–5 new voting members — please express interest via the survey tool.
- Training documentation letter/ proof of attendance available upon request through the survey.
- **Next Meeting is February 4, 2026**
  - **If you need the calendar invite, please email [nhprae2events@nhpllc.org](mailto:nhprae2events@nhpllc.org)**