



Meeting Agenda: Larimer Member Experience Advisory Council

Thursday, January 15, 2026 11:30am-1pm / Virtual Meeting on Zoom

About the Larimer Member Experience Advisory Council:

A council for people in Larimer county who use Medicaid, to share our experiences of accessing care covered by Medicaid. We help shape the system that serves us to improve access for everyone. Our council has operated for over 8 years under the leadership of Colorado Cross Disability Coalition, led by a Medicaid member themselves. Our council works on system change by advising the regional organization on how to better serve and outreach Medicaid members in Larimer county, bringing various community leaders in to listen and talk with us.

Areas we have worked on:

- Ensuring people with chronic pain have appropriate access to care, including by working with the state on physical therapy approvals for maintenance care
- Access in Larimer county to behavioral healthcare for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disability, by working with our regional organization, Larimer County, and the new Longview facility

Why join the council?

If you are a Medicaid member in Larimer county, and you are passionate about making sure people with Medicaid (Health First Colorado) in our communities can access the care they need when they need it, please join us! Email facilitator [Alison Sbrana](#) to be added to the list. We meet every other month on the odd months, the first Thursday from 11:30am-1pm on Zoom.

Housekeeping

Zoom Meeting Info

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Purpose of today's meeting

We will learn about the behavioral health services we can access through Medicaid in our area. Northeast Health Partners will explain the services available, and how to find them including a tutorial on how to search for a provider on the website based on what you need. We will also spend a little time welcoming our new members.

Attendees

Outside of our Larimer Medicaid members, we will have a few administrative folks join us from Northeast Health Partners for some of our meeting, including:

- Raina Ali - Community Relations Manager
- Cari Ladd, LCSW - Chief Behavioral Health Officer

Agenda - 90 minutes

25min - Welcome and Introductions

- Name
- What is one way that Medicaid has made a difference in your life/helped you?

60min - Behavioral Health services available with Medicaid in our area

- How to confirm you have Medicaid and it's active
- Where to get help navigating Medicaid services so you have help finding care that's right for you
- Available services including:
 - emergency and crisis care options
 - different therapy options including seeing a therapist at a clinic, telehealth, or more intensive therapy where you attend several times a week (intensive outpatient program)
 - support from peers (someone who has lived experience with behavioral health who can help you, paid for by Medicaid)
 - accessing medications for behavioral health
 - treatment for substance use
 - Care at hospitals including inpatient care, or partial hospitalization programs (where you sleep at home but go in for care most days)
 - Care that you stay overnight at but that's not the hospital (residential treatment)
- How to find a provider or the right care for you using the online provider search tool

5min - Council housekeeping

- Schedule of our council and future topics



Next Meeting

Topics to update people on at next meeting

New members - welcome!

Parking Lot - Topics for the future

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Next Meeting reminder

Thursday March 5th 11:30am-1pm