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Caira Hebert, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tricia Yonaha, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amber Griffin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tara Martin, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wayne Watkins, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abby Haselhorst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Clark, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alma Mejorado, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heather Schenkel, DentaQuest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Natasha Lawless, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Hooker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Kayla Beck, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Debi Lopez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melody Baum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Stangebye, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Morgan County IOG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Raina Ali, NHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stacey Samaro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rayland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Shauna Richardson, CAEHC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shaun May	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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SUBJECT: Region 2 NHP Rural PIAC

DATE/TIME: 02/04/2026; 10-11:30am

1. Introductions

Facilitator: Sarah Stangebye sarah.stangebye@nhpllc.org

- Welcome attendees and opened the meeting.

2. Performance Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Purpose & Committee Overview

Presenter: Sarah Stangebye sarah.stangebye@nhpllc.org

- New voting members were introduced to support broader representation across rural, frontier, and urban communities.



- 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. H.R.1 Overview

Presenters: Kari Snelson (NHP) kari@nhpllc.org

- HR 1, enacted July 4, introduces significant changes to Medicaid **eligibility, financing, and compliance** over the next several years.
- In Colorado, the bill is projected to impact **hundreds of thousands of residents**.
- Key themes included:
 - Future impacts tied to work requirements, six-month renewals, and eligibility changes
 - Six-month Medicaid renewals beginning January 1, 2027.
 - Introduction of work and volunteer requirements (80 hours/month).
- Emphasis was placed on preventing coverage loss, proactive outreach, and supporting providers through the transition.
- A deeper discussion on HR 1 is planned for the **April PIAC meeting**.
- Contact Kari Snelson at kari@nhpllc.org for any questions or concerns.

4. Regional Resources Presentation – DentaQuest

Presenters: Heather Schenkel (DentaQuest) Heather.Schenkel@greatdentalplans.com

- DentaQuest provided a comprehensive overview of **Health First Colorado dental benefits**.
- Emphasis was placed on education, access, and addressing common misconceptions about dental benefits.



5. NHP Committee Updates

Presenters: Raina (NHP) raina@nhpllc.org , Jodi

Walker, Bekkah Abeyta (NHP) bekkah.abeyta@nhpllc.org , Sarah Stangebye NHP sarah.stangebye@nhpllc.org & Alee Kuzniarowicz (NHP) alexandra@nhpllc.org

RAE II Regional MEAC:

- The Region 2 Full MEAC meets quarterly in-person to discuss updates and share concerns related to Medicaid.

Larimer MEAC:

- MEAC provided updates on efforts to improve member understanding of behavioral health benefits, coverage, and how to access services (i.e., access to care standards, care coordination benefit, etc.).
- Highlighted initiatives to reduce barriers to care by covering many services without prior authorization, helping members receive support earlier
- Emphasized MEAC's role in elevating member voices, identifying gaps in care, and improving access to quality behavioral health services across Colorado

Bridging Communities (Deaf/Hard of Hearing):

- Continuing to work on website accessibility improvements
- Group will continue discussions on federal updates impacting the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

Spanish MEACs:

- Meetings are fully facilitated in Spanish.
- A presentation was provided by Guidelight Help regarding a new Spanish-language Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) to this group.

Youth Voice Council:

- Currently operating in Weld County and Morgan County, with plans to expand to Southeast regions next quarter.



- Discussions include understanding Medicaid coverage and connecting to Care Coordinators

Member Materials Workgroup:

- Ensures materials are accessible, engaging, and meeting community needs.
- Recent feedback highlights strong interest in:
 - Short, informational videos as an alternative to email, text, or website-only communications.
- NHP is exploring video content to explain federal updates and provider services.
- Practices and organizations interested in participating in video content creation were encouraged to reach out for support.

State PIAC Report:

- State PIAC discussions focused heavily on H.R.1 impacts, including Medicaid eligibility, work requirements, and administrative burden.

Annual Service Appreciation Award:

- NHP introduced a new Annual Service Appreciation Award to recognize individuals who demonstrate service above and beyond their formal job responsibilities.
- Award criteria include community involvement, relationship-building, and consistent engagement across meetings and initiatives.
- A nomination form is available via the meeting invite and will be shared again in the post-meeting summary.
- [NHP Annual Service Appreciation Award Nomination Form](#)
- NHP leadership will review nominations and select a recipient annually.
- The award will be discussed at the April PIAC meeting.

Quality: Invitation to QM/Workgroup/Survey:

- NHP previewed a short provider experience survey for physical and behavioral health providers.
- [PCMP Provider Survey Draft.pdf](#)
- [BH Provider Survey Draft.pdf](#)
- Feedback is requested prior to launch to ensure clarity and relevance.
- Providers are encouraged to submit comments via email.



Care Coordination: Boot Camp Launch

- A six-week Care Coordination Boot Camp will launch in February.
- Designed to prepare Tier 3 and Tier 3+ teams for upcoming audits while strengthening day-to-day practice.
- Nearly 50 participants have already registered.
- Job aids, workflows, and online tools are being developed as part of the initiative.

Health Equity Committee:

- NHP announced the transition from the Health Equity Plan to the Healthy Colorado for All seven-year plan.
- The plan expands prevention and behavioral health measures and outlines long-term equity priorities.
- Community input is actively being sought through the NHP Health Equity Committee.
- Additional February meetings include:
 - A Health Equity Committee meeting
 - A First Fridays hospital-focused session featuring UHealth, Banner Health, and CommonSpirit

Professional Development Corner

- NHP announced the launch of a new Professional Development and Training Hub.
- The platform provides on-demand trainings for providers, staff, care coordinators, community organizations, and members.
- Trainings include videos, readings, and reflective components to support different learning styles.
- Access information will be shared via email and posted on the NHP website.
- Contact training@nhpllc.org for questions or more information.

6. Community Investment Grant Updates

Presenters: Talya Honstead (NCHD), Melissa Jensen (CAHEC)

- **Northeast Colorado Health Department**



- NCHD serves six counties across a 9,200-square-mile region, supporting 21 public school districts and delivering over 40 public health programs, including a robust school-based oral health initiative.
 - The school-based Oral Health Program provides age-appropriate oral hygiene education, dental screenings, fluoride varnish, and sealants for students from preschool through 6th grade using a fully mobile clinic model.
 - Services are delivered directly in schools using adaptable setups ranging from mobile dental units to handheld screenings for preschoolers to ensure comfort, accessibility, and broad reach across diverse school environments.
 - From September–December, the program served 482 students, including 233 Medicaid-enrolled students (48%), delivering 233 screenings, 153 fluoride applications, 159 sealants, and identifying 89 teeth with decay, all with required parental consent.
- **Centennial Area Health Education Center**
 - Centennial AHEC, established in 1977, serves 12 counties in northeastern Colorado as part of the national HRSA-funded AHEC system, with a mission to strengthen health outcomes by connecting communities with current and future healthcare professionals.
 - Key initiatives focus on building healthcare career pathways through high school exploration programs, the annual HOPE Program, Anatomy & Clay workshops, and the nationally recognized AHEC Scholars Program for college students.
 - Centennial AHEC supports rural healthcare workforce development through host-home placements for clinical rotations, professional development conferences, nurse well-being initiatives, and dementia-focused Compassionate Care Training integrated into multiple higher education programs.
 - Additional community health supports include a statewide traveling mental health exhibit, Narcan trainings, an online health resource portal, and regional health connector support, made possible through partnerships with Northeast Health Partners, Bridgewell Foundation, UCHHealth, and others.

7. Review Survey Outcomes

- **Presenter:** Sarah Stangebye sarah.stangebye@nhpllc.org
 - The PIAC Survey results were briefly reviewed, indicating that the sessions are aligning well with participant expectations and requested topics.



8. Questions / Open Forum / Survey

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- Encouraged members to attend the Disability Rights Advocacy Day on February 12, 2026 at the State Capital from 10am – 2 pm. Register to attend [here](#).

Facilitators: Sarah Stangebye, sarah.stangebye@nhpllc.org

- Due to the changes being brought with H.R. 1, a member inquired if they should proceed with their regular Medicaid renewal process this year.
 - NHP confirmed that members should continue to complete the renewal process as usual. They will provide updates on the renewal process as NHP receives updated information.
 - Attribution changes were made on July 1, 2025. Contact NHP if you have questions regarding attribution.

9. Action Items

Facilitators: Sarah Stangebye, sarah.stangebye@nhpllc.org

- **Next Meeting is April 29, 2026**
 - **If you need the calendar invite, please email nhprae2events@nhpllc.org**