



Attendees:

Attendee Name, Organization	Present?	Attendee Name, Organization	Present?	Attendee Name, Organization	Present ?
Kari Snelson, NHP	☐	Jennefer Rolf, NHP	☒	Jennifer Hale-Coulson, NHP	☒
Diamila Koante, NHP	☐	Sam Herbert, NHP	☐	Cari Ladd, NHP	☒
Emily Nobury, NHP	☒	Nancy Musso, NHP	☒	Tricia Yonaha, NHP	☐
Wayne Watkins, NHP	☒	Emily Norbury, NHP	☒	Michael Clark, NHP	☒
Nishanth Tangutoori, NHP	☒	Gavin Kazynski, NHP	☒	Merry Hummell	☒
Alee Kuzniarowicz, NHP	☒	Corina Manzanares	☒	Dave	☒
Cody Campbell, NHP	☐	Katie Matus	☒	Ethan Kerns	☒
Kayla Beck, NHP	☒	Rayland Smith	☒	Christine Olivas	☒
Laura Cornell, NHP	☒	Jodi Walker	☒	Stephanie Seng	☒
Sarah Stangebye, NHP	☒	Kyle Gustafson	☒	Nancy Greene	☒
Brian Robertson, NHP	☒	Pat Carney	☒	Jay	☒
Raina Ali, NHP	☒	Victoria Garcia	☒	Bryanna Flavell	☒
Bekkah Abeyta, NHP	☒		☐	Kathleen	☒
Cara Hebert, NHP	☒	Brenna Ozment	☒	Kodie Rosten, Hope House Northern Colorado	☒
Jim Luft, NHP	☐	Amber Griffin	☒	Jenny Shaw, UWWC	☒
Heather Schenkel, DentaQuest	☒	Alison C	☒	Jackie Marks	☒
Bill	☒	EB30	☒	Persephone Wilson	☒
Jenn	☒	Madison	☒	Christina M	☒
Erika Greenberg	☒	Abe Herrera	☒	Jeremy Carroll	☒
Marsha Evans	☒	Dmr857	☒	Alison	☒
Tasha	☒	Dina	☒	Amelia Koehmstedt	☒
Christina Miller	☒	Larry	☒	Brooke Jostad	☒
Mark Wallace	☒	John Everett	☒	Chan Timmons	☒
Alyson Williams	☒	Brooke	☒	Hannah	☒

Total Attendance: 65



SUBJECT: Region 2 NHP Urban PIAC

DATE/TIME: 1/27/2026; 10-11:30am

1. Introductions

Facilitator: Raina Ali (NHP) raina@nhpllc.org

- Welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.
- Introduced new PIAC voting members.

2. PIAC Purpose & Committee Overview

Presenter: Sarah Stangebye (NHP) sarah.strangebye@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. 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:
 - Increased administrative and IT burden for the state
 - Limited federal funding to support implementation
 - Additional barriers to coverage and stricter renewal requirements
 - Future impacts tied to work requirements, six month renewals, and eligibility changes-month renewals, and eligibility changes



- Emphasis was placed on preventing coverage loss, proactive outreach, and supporting providers through the transition.
- A deeper discussion on HR One is planned for the **April PIAC meeting**.
- Contact Kari Snelson at kari@nhopllc.org for any questions or concerns.

4. Community Investment Grant Updates

Presenters: Kodie Rosten (Hope House for Northern Colorado), Jenny Shaw (United Way – Weld)

- **United Way Housing – Weld’s Way Home:**
 - Shared updates on housing stabilization, homelessness prevention, and emergency shelter services.
 - Notable outcomes included increased housing placements, year-round emergency shelter operations, and expanded supportive services.
 - Contact jshaw@unitedway-weld.org if there are any questions.
- **Hope House for Northern Colorado:**
 - Presented on services supporting **parenting teen moms** toward self-sufficiency.
 - Majority of participants are Medicaid members and living below the poverty line.
 - Services include direct assistance, counseling, education, career preparation, and parenting support.

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 & Alea Kuzniarowicz (NHP) alexandra@nhpllc.org

RAE 2 MEAC's:

- Focus areas include:
 - Helping members understand **behavioral health benefits** and how to access services
 - Reviewing **access-to-care standards**, appointment timelines, and reporting pathways
 - Strengthening **care coordination** and navigation support
- MEAC feedback helps identify gaps in access, waitlists, and system navigation challenges.
- MEACs support equitable behavioral health access, particularly for **communities of color**.



- Reminder provided that MIAC meetings are open to Medicaid members, caregivers, and supporters, with a **\$25 gift card** offered for participation.

RAE II Regional MEAC:

- The Region 2 Full MEAC meets quarterly at Zoe's 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:

- Serves members aged **13–20**.
- 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.



- The organization 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.

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**.

State PIAC Report:

- State PIAC discussions focused heavily on **H.R.1 One impacts**, including Medicaid eligibility, work requirements, and administrative burden.
- Concerns were raised regarding the definition of “**medically frail**” and the potential for inconsistent exemptions.
- Participants emphasized the urgency of preparing members for disability determinations.
- NHP will continue monitoring guidance and sharing updates as information becomes available.

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 UCHHealth, 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. Review Survey Outcomes

Presenter: Raina Ali NHP raina@nhpllc.org

- Survey results indicated strong satisfaction with the updated PIAC structure and meeting format.
- Regional resource presentations were identified as particularly valuable.
- Training and education emerged as top priorities for future meetings.

7. Regional Resources Presentation – Denta Quest

Presenters: Heather Schenkel

- DentaQuest provided a comprehensive overview of **Health First Colorado dental benefits**.



- Emphasis was placed on education, access, and addressing common misconceptions about dental benefits.

8. Questions / Open Forum / Survey

- No additions at this time.

9. Action Items & Closing

Facilitators: Raina Ali NHP raina@nhpllc.org

- Slides and meeting minutes will be posted on the NHP website within one week.
- **Next Meeting is April 22, 2026**
 - A new calendar invite will be sent separately.
 - If you need the invite, please email nhprae2events@nhpllc.org