



Rural PIAC Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2026 at 10-11:30 am

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ATTENDEES

Attendee Name, Organization	Present	Attendee Name, Organization	Present	Attendee Name, Organization	Present
Kari Snelson, NHP	☒	Emily Norbury, NHP	☒	Sarah Stangebye, NHP	☒
Amanda Mrkivicka, NHP	☐	Jennefer Rolf, NHP	☒	Tara Martin, NHP	☒
Bekkah Abeyta, NHP	☒	Mia Colby, NHP	☒	Tricia Yonaha, NHP	☒
Brian Robertson, NHP	☒	Michael Clark, NHP	☒	Wayne Watkins, NHP	☒
Cailey Cimer, NHP	☒	Nishanth Tangutoori, NHP	☒	Kayla Beck, NHP	☒
Natasha Lawless, NHP	☒	Raina Ali, NHP	☒	Ira Carpenter	☒
Amy	☒	Joanna Martinson, NHP	☒	Phoebe Baquera, Break the Silence	☒
Ann Russell	☒	Jack Devie	☒	Kelly Paris, Break the Silence	☒
Christina Tozzie	☒	Jasmine Gomez	☒	Mariela Archuleta	☒
Don Stader	☒	Kailey Meardon	☒	Marquez L	☒
Erika Greenberg	☒	Kami Cahoon	☒	Meagan Hillman	☒
Hannah	☒	Kandice Kramer, The Arc of Northeast Colorado	☒	Melody Baum	☒
Roxie Rankin	☒	Linda Messer	☒	Micaiah Lanckriet	☒
Sarah Chacon	☒	Lisa Thomas	☒	Mary Kay Knode	☒
Sharon Mauch	☒	Liz	☒	Olivia	☒
Shawna	☒	Terri B	☒	Rosie Gomez	☒
	☐		☐	Victoria	☒

Total Attendees: 58

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1. Introduction

Facilitator: Raina Ali raina@nhpllc.org

- Welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.

2. H.R. 1 Overview

Presenter: Kari Snelson kari@nhpllc.org



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- Provided an Overview of the H.R. 1, emphasizing that guidance is rapidly evolving and subject to change.
- Key changes include impacts to Medicaid funding, immigrant coverage, and upcoming work requirements beginning in 2027.
- Emphasized the RAE and State's awareness of the potential impact on the rural community and want to ensure impact to Medicaid members are mitigated.
- Disenrollments for certain immigrant populations is expected to begin October 1, 2026, with additional eligibility and renewal changes to follow.
- The state is actively developing implementation processes, including audit readiness and minimal error thresholds.
- Strong guidance was given to follow State direction and avoid relying on third-party vendors, as processes are not yet fully defined.
- Members should be encouraged to open and respond to notices, use available tools (e.g., work requirement screener), and seek support to maintain coverage.
- Certain populations may be exempt from work requirements (e.g., children, older adults, individuals with disabilities), though some definitions are still being finalized.
- Use State resources (e.g., work requirements screener) to help members assess impact; guidance is still evolving.
- Encourage members to update contact information and respond to notices to avoid coverage disruptions.
- State toolkit is forthcoming; rely only on approved materials and watch for updates via newsletters.
- Expect increased care coordination needs; plan for higher outreach and member support.

3. NHP Committee Updates

Presenters: Raina (NHP) raina@nhpllc.org, Bekkah (NHP) bekkah.abeyta@nhpllc.org, Nishanth Tangutoori (NHP) nishanth.tangutoori@nhpllc.org

Annual Service Appreciation Award

- Provides an opportunity to highlight an outstanding individual working in the region who is not NHP staff.
 - Complete the [Northeast Health Partners Annual Service Appreciation Award Nomination](#) to nominate an individual by June 30th.

RAE 2 MEAC Updates:

- Larimer MEAC
 - State representatives will attend May meetings to gather feedback on preferred H.R. 1 communications methods (e.g., social media, videos, etc.).
- Region 2 MEAC



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- Meet quarterly (in-person with virtual option).
- Recent discussion topics:
 - Emergency preparedness and H.R. 1 impacts (especially for 65+ members)
 - Advanced directive resources (podcast in development)
- Next meeting will be in May.
- Bridging Communities (Deaf/Hard of Hearing)
 - Reviewing hospital communication pathways and House Bill 261109.
- Spanish MEAC
 - Focus on Care Coordination, referral processes, and dental services (DentaQuest).
- Youth Voice
 - Interest in Care Coordination and insurance resources.
- **State PIAC Report (Jodi Walker)**
 - New HCPF Executive director, Gretchen Hammer, was introduced in State PIAC

Training Updates

- **Care Coordination: Boot Camp Launch**
 - Initial cohort successful; strong engagement and positive feedback.
 - Pop-up sessions launched (monthly through the summer) to expand on key topics.
- **First Friday**
 - **June 5th:** Immunizations for Adolescents (best practices and navigating conversations)
 - [Provider Trainings - Northeast Health Partners](#)
 - June 18 & 25: Complex Trauma & Domains of Impact by Doreen Hill
 - All NHP trainings are free and available via the PD Hub.
 - Training suggestions can be submitted to: trainings@nhpllc.org
- **ROOTS Conference (May)**
 - NHP presenting on care coordination approaches across our region.
- **Quality Invitation to QM/Workgroup**
 - Transitioned to quarterly cadence.
 - New topic specific pop-up workgroups introduced
 - Contact Sarah Stangebye at sarah.stangebye@nhpllc.org for more information or to sign up for the workgroups.
- **Community Investment Grant Updates**
 - Application deadline: May 1



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- Focus: addressing community-identified gaps and solutions
- Apply for the grant: https://nhp.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_clsi5Yg1QBISb1l
- Contact Raina (raina@nhpllc.org) if you have any questions.

4. Regional Resources Presentation

Break the Silence

Presenter: Kelly Paris/Phoebe Baquera

- Provides free, community-based mental health and suicide prevention programming.
- Includes youth-led initiatives and peer support opportunities
- Contact Kelly Paris at kelly@breakthesilence.org; view website at www.breakthesilenceinc.org

The ARC of Northeast Colorado

Presenter: Leticia Arguello, The ARC of Northeast Colorado

- Offers free advocacy and resource navigation for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Provides community outreach and connection to local resources.
- Contact Leticia Arguello at leticia@arcneco.org with any questions.

5. Quality Measures Group

- Focused on provider KPIs and quality improvement initiatives (bi-monthly).
- Additional ways to engage:
 - First Fridays
 - Quality Measures group
 - Member councils

6. Action Items & Closing

Facilitator: Raina Ali raina@nhpllc.org

- Next meeting is on July 29, 2026
- Please email nhpmembersupport@nhpllc.org if you need the calendar invite.