



CCI and Behavioral Health

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CCI's History of Involvement

- Began in earnest in 2018
- Recognized treatment challenges on county services and infrastructure
- Helped county commissioners and leaders better understand the state's complex behavioral health system



The Role of County Leaders

- Members of Governor Polis' Behavioral Task Force
- Champions for ARPA fund access expansion to include Counties
- Advocates for reform, including increased collaboration and flexibility



Celebrating Our Success



Improving Transparency & Accountability

4 out of 6 concepts from CCI's
2019 legislative initiative were
adopted

- Conflict of interest policy
- Provider financial transparency
- Performance accountability measures
- Public accountability measures



Legislative Accomplishments



HB22-1214: Behavioral Health Crisis Response System

- Sets clear regulatory standards for walk-in centers and mobile crisis programs
- Requires crisis response facilities to provide both substance use and mental health treatment
- Requires facilities to provide services to youth of any age and those with disabilities



HB-22-1278: Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)

- Development of system wide BH grievance process
- Capacity and performance monitoring system of all BH providers
- Development of universal contract provisions
- Create an annually updated Behavioral Health System Plan
- Creates a BH safety net system
- Creates Behavioral Health Advisory Council and Regional Committees



HB22-1281: Behavioral Healthcare Continuum Gap Grant

Creates three new grant programs:

- Community Behavioral Healthcare Continuum Gap Grant
 - Covers prevention, treatment, crisis services, recovery, harm reduction, care navigation and coordination, transitional housing
- Children, Youth, and Family Services Grants
 - Covers behavioral healthcare services, care coordination for children, youth, and families
- Substance Use Workforce Stability Grant Program
 - Created in response to Fentanyl legislation (HB22-1326)
 - Available to substance use disorder treatment providers and local governments



Observations



- Legislators are responsive to desires and needs of their counties
- Commissioner champions were a conduit to give legislators courage to take lead on reforms
- Bipartisan support allows leaders to hear needs and issues in an open manner
- Diverse chorus of support of Behavioral Health reform helps challenge patterned thinking



Shout Outs



Honor Roll

- Lora Thomas from Douglas County
- Hillary Cooper from San Miguel County
- Janet Rowland from Mesa County
- Wendy Buxton Andrade from Powers County
- Nancy Jackson from Arapahoe County