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Senate Health and Human Services Committee
House Health, Insurance and Environment
Committee

House Public Health Care and Human Services
Committee

Behavioral Health Transformation Council (BHTC)
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BHTC: Background

Goals for the BHTC from legislation- Created by SB10 - 153

To develop a strategic prioritization, planning, and implementation process to advise the Governor's cabinet on transforming Colorado's behavioral health system. The council shall work toward the goals associated with a comprehensive, efficient, effective, and integrated behavioral health system.

To improve outcomes for Colorado citizens by transforming behavioral health systems through:

- Administrative processes
- Service delivery
- Funding more efficient and effective outcomes



BHTC: Background

27-61-102 (2)(c) “On or before January 30, 2011, and on or before January 30 each year thereafter, the lead agency shall brief the health and human services committees of the house of representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, and the state court administrator’s office on the activities and progress of the council toward achieving the goals of a transformation of Colorado’s behavioral health system.”

Senate Bill 2013- 266 C.R.S. 27-60-103 (2014) (1) (a) “The State Department shall collaborate with the Behavioral Health Transformation Council, to ensure that services resulting from the requests for proposals are aligned throughout the system, integrated, and comprehensive.”

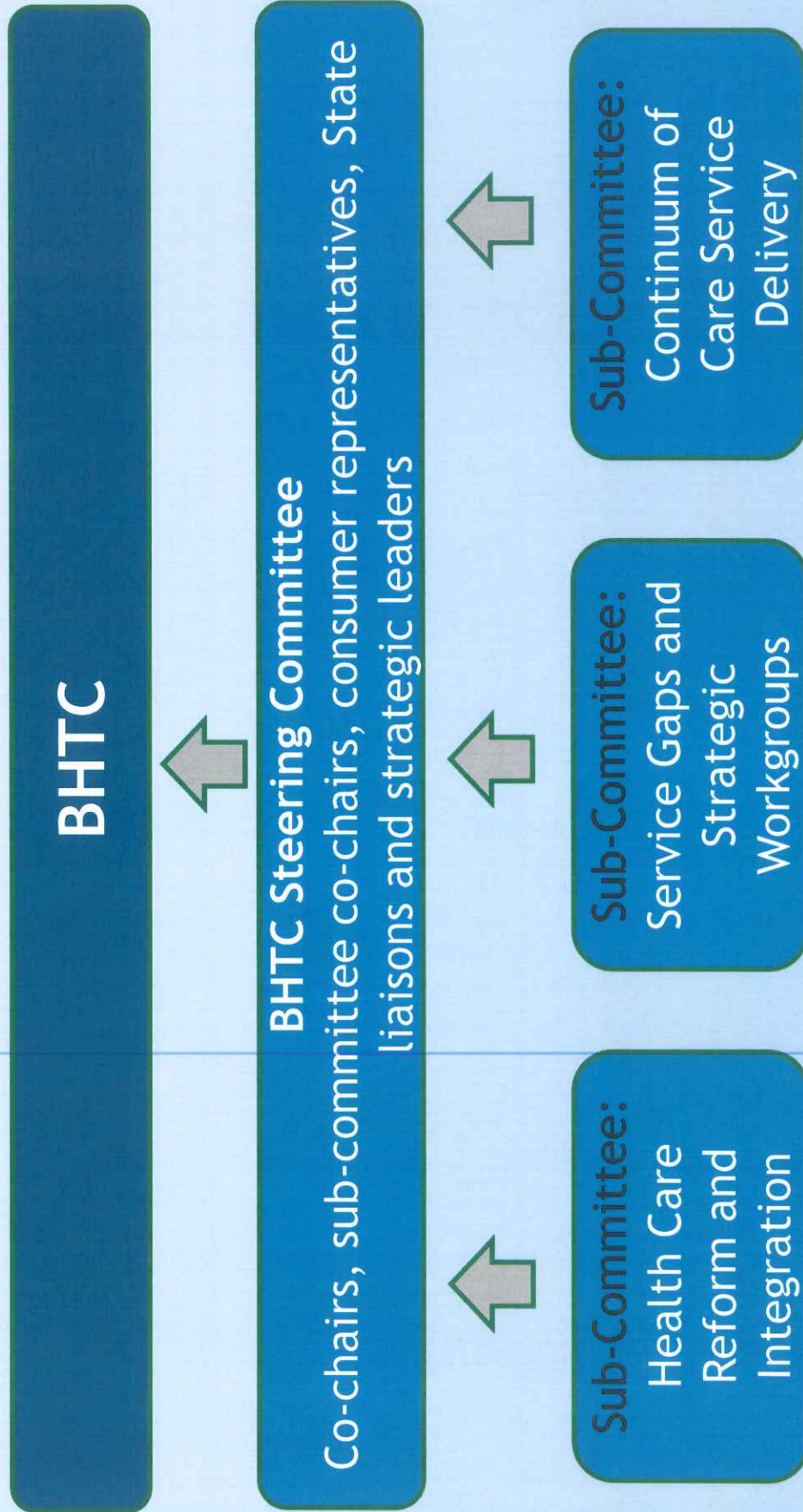


Council Organization

The BHTC is co-chaired by the Deputy Director of the Office of Behavioral Health within the Department of Human Services as the Lead agency, and until December 23, 2014, by Don Mares, Executive Director of Mental Health America of Colorado.



Current Council Organization



Council Organization

BHTC Steering Committee

Co-chairs, sub-committee co-chairs, consumer representatives, State liaisons and strategic leaders

Goals of the Steering Committee:

- Guide sub-committee direction and alignment
- Establish priorities for all sub-committees and work groups
- In conjunction with the Council, determine action steps required for initiative implementation
- Prepare initiatives for BHTC review and approval

Council Organization

Health Care Reform and Integration Sub-Committee
Appointed chair, elected chair, state liaison, consumer liaisons, committee and targeted members

Goals of this Sub-Committee:

- Align regulations and statutes to promote healthcare integration
- Identify provider, consumer and system integration needs
- Expand the role of peers in integrated care
- Improve communication within the behavioral health field and between behavioral and physical health
- Demonstrate value by quantifying behavioral health's impact on the entire health care system



Council Organization

Continuum of Care Service Delivery Sub-Committee
Appointed chair, elected chair, state liaison, consumer
liaisons, committee and targeted members

Goals of this Sub-Committee:

- Promote a state-wide Trauma-informed System of Care (TISOC)
- Identify and address the needs of Under 26 Youth in Transition
- Support the Colorado Wellness and Recovery for Thousands through Employment (and Education WRKE) program
- Expand involvement in care by peers and family members
- Address the behavioral health needs of senior citizens



Council Organization

Service Gaps and Strategic Workgroups Sub-Committee
Appointed chair, elected chair, State liaison, consumer liaisons, committee and targeted members

Goals of this Sub-Committee:

- Address service gaps in prevention and early intervention
- Promote evidence-based, evidence-informed, and promising practices for behavioral health (EBPs)
- Improve system responsiveness for children and their families



Continuation Work

- The BHTC will maintain a strategic role with respect to grants; supporting efforts for the state to sustain and expand programs initially funded through federal grants that demonstrate effectiveness.
 - WRKE Grant;
 - System of Care Grant;
- Peer/Family Advocate/ credentialing
- Statewide guidelines for mental health holds and related issues for people with dementia;
- Creation of a single pharmaceutical formulary and buying cooperative



2014 Accomplishments

Health Information Exchange - Worked with CORHIO to resolve issues with sharing of behavioral Health information.

Barriers to Integration - Worked to develop a white paper and to eliminate unnecessary regulatory barrier to integration.

State Innovation Model Grant - Health Care Reform Subcommittee members provided input and recommendations to the SIM Grant Development.

Core Competencies Skill Set for behavioral health Peer and Family Advocates - this skill set was incorporated into the Medicaid Behavioral Health RFP. Currently, working to establish a credentialing process for Peer and Family Advocates base on the Core Competencies. Credentialing process has been identified by System of Care Subcommittee.



2014 Accomplishments

WRKE “Wellness and Recovery for Thousands through Employment and Education” Grant-

- BHTC endorsed the program’s transformative goal of delivering developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive, evidence-based supported employment and supported education for adults with serious mental illness.
- The BHTC supported the Department to participate in a Johnson & Johnson Grant to increase access to evidence-based supported employment for adults with serious mental illness.
- With support of the BHTC, Department was able to expand the evidence based approach “Individual Placement Support” (IPS) model to 8 additional CMHCs.



2014 Accomplishments

Trauma-Informed System of Care Grant -

- Currently, 12 Communities of Excellence across the state are serving families using an evidence-based, intensive care coordination approach called High-Fidelity Wraparound.
- The initiative also piloted a new service delivery model in Colorado known as a care management entity in El Paso County.
- First year evaluation results show a high degree of satisfaction with the model, improvements in youth mental health functioning and cost savings for several systems.



Future Focus - New Big Picture Initiatives

1. BHTC Role Regarding the statewide Crisis System:

Pursuant to SB13-266 “Ensure that services resulting from the requests for Proposals are aligned throughout the system, integrated, and comprehensive.”

The BHTC will work with the OBH Crisis Services Manager to assist in the oversight and coordination of crisis services once contracts are awarded. This will occur via regular presentations of outcome data to the BHTC.



Future Focus - New Big Picture Initiatives

2. Behavioral Health Workforce:

Coordinated, system-wide efforts and initiatives to improve the capacity and quality of the behavioral health workforce.



Future Focus - New Big Picture Initiatives

3. Payment Reform:

The behavioral health payment system needs to be reformed so practices and providers can bill for integrated care, and include all of the services provided in an integrated delivery system.

For More Information on the Behavioral Health Transformation Council

Go to the CHDS Website:

[http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-
BehavioralHealth/CBON/1251581834703](http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-BehavioralHealth/CBON/1251581834703)

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