RAE1 Western Slope PIAC Meeting Notes March 2026

03/10/26

10:00am – 1:00pm

Mesa County Workforce Center

**Attendees:**

Internal: ReNae Anderson, Amber Beye, Barbara Bishop, Jeremiah Fluke, Patrick Gordon, Kim Herek*, Nacole Johnson, Angela Nottingham, Kendra Peters, Meg Taylor, Lynda Thompson, Jennifer Walterscheid

External: Kristen Allison^, Kate Anderson, Erin Andrews, Brooke Bambis, Megan Bardessona, Christopher Barnet*, Paula Belcher, Lizeth Campos, Amanda Canete^, Maria Cruz, shawn Davis*, Allison Duran^, Tom Franchi, Christina Gair^, Karen Gallardo^, Vee Gallegos*, Nichole Glaser, Victoria Grasmick*, Nancy Green^, Kelli Higdon, Nancy Ketchum*, Tracy Klumker^*, Meighan Lovelace^*, Jock McKay*, Sarah Meade^, Lidia Medrano, Kara Napolitano, Lindsay Nelson^*, Hali Nurnberg*, Ashleigh Phillips, Jennifer Pieroni, Sloan Piffer, Julie Reiskin*, Angela Rodriguez, Amy Rowan^, Kimberly Sanchez*, Angel Searcy, Patti Schnetzler*, Tina Strang^, Monique Terpstra-Sturgeon*, Alyssa Thomas^, Jerrica Thurston, Andi Tilmann^, Amanda Uehlein^, Lorie Williams

^Indicates voting member
*Indicates in person

Organizations: AVA Health, Axis Health Systems, Colorado Cross Disability Coalition, Common Spirit, Contexture, DentaQuest, Grand County Rural Health, Harmonie House, HCPF, Invest In Kids, Light Minded Counseling, Loving Beyond Understanding, Memorial Hospital, Moffat County Public Health, Montrose Health, Mountain Family Health Centers, NWCCOG, NW Health Partners, Pioneer Hospital, Slope Cares, Summit County, Summit FIRC, Tri-County Health, Vail Health, Valley View Hospital, Western Mountain Health Alliance

**Welcome -ReNae Anderson (RMHP)**

- Introduction of new voting members and review of current vacancies, including Medicaid members, a family member/caregiver, advocacy/community organization, and a criminal justice advocate role
- Members encouraged to submit recommendations to Renae.anderson@uhc.com

**Leadership Report -Kim Herek, (RMHP), Meg Taylor (RMHP)**

- ACC 3.0: RMHP website updated with calendars, PIAC information, agendas, and meeting notes
- BHASO Update
    - BHASO contracts run for five years with annual renewals
    - Ongoing collaboration with BHA on contract updates, potential service additions, and changes to deliverables
    - Provider network challenges discussed, including fixed budgets and large geographic coverage
    - BHASO Regional Council is still new, focusing on qualitative metrics
    - Council provides a valuable forum for cross-regional information sharing
- Budget
    - Budget discussions ongoing; Medicaid budget expected to be discussed further in June
    - ACC performance standards for providers established, with data to be shared at future PIAC meetings
    - Integrated behavioral health utilization is being tracked and appears evenly distributed across providers

**Dental Benefits (DentaQuest) – Nancy Green**

- Overview of dental education, outreach, and case management efforts
- Differences between Medicaid and CHP dental guidelines reviewed
- Challenges recruiting Medicaid dental providers due to workforce shortages
- Member outreach includes text campaigns, though reach is inconsistent
- Suggestions included annual mailed graphics and creating a QR code linking members to resources

**Council for a Healthy Colorado – Amber Beye (RMHP)**

- Regional representation with 17 participants
- Focus areas include health equity, accessibility, member engagement, and data review
- Council will meet virtually twice per year, beginning in late April

**KPI Report – Jennifer Walterscheid (RMHP)**

- Review of preventive and chronic care measures , including breast cancer screenings, blood pressure, diabetes, depression and follow-up
- Introduction of a three-tier performance model (Baseline, Tree Line, Summit) tied to provider funding
- Practice-level measures expected to become KPIs next year
- One-page data summaries are being developed for clarity

**Member Advisory Council Updates**

- **Bridging Communications Deaf/Hard of Hearing – Tracy Klumker**
    - Legislative updates shared, including interpreter services, ASL access, and rural initiatives
        - Teen Life Conference -Lindsay Nelson
            - June 20 in Denver, with applications opening in April.
- **Western Slope MAC/State PIAC Updates -Herberta Silas**
    - Medicaid eligibility, rural hospital issues, HR1 implementation, and ACC evaluation

**Public Comment**

- Concerns raised about Medicaid work requirements potentially increasing human trafficking risks and administrative burdens for nonprofits
- Ongoing and future discussions planned on these impacts

**Closing -ReNae Anderson (RMHP)**

Next meeting on June 9, 2026.