



Behavioral Health System Overview

Behavioral Health Administration

*Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders
in the Criminal Justice System Interim Committee
July 27, 2023*



COLORADO
Behavioral Health
Administration

BHA's Core Priorities



Operationalize
the BHA



Behavioral
Health
Administrative
Services
Organizations
(BHASO)



Care
Coordination



Statewide
Behavioral
Health
System

Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organizations (BHASO(s))

Why BHASO(s)

- Crisis + Mental Health + Substance Use
- Contracting efficiency
- Interface and align services with Managed Care Entities (RAEs)

BHASO Role

- Maintain a continuum of safety net service
- Connect people to care and ensure timely access to services
- Receive feedback from communities and make system / service adjustments

BHASO Timeline

RFI: Early August 2023 RFP: April 2024 Go-Live: July 1, 2025





Care Coordination

- Standardized Definitions and Roles
- Direct BHA Administered Navigation
- Technology [OwnPath.co]
- Rule Oversight / Technical Assistance
- Formal Training of Navigators
- Cross Agency Program Alignment





“The BHA is charged with creating a coordinated, cohesive, and effective behavioral health system in Colorado.” [27-50-102(2), C.R.S.]

- Provider Rules
- Community, Regional, and Statewide Service Requirements
- Addressing Workforce Challenges



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