







The BHA

An overview of Colorado's Behavioral Health Administration

Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee Summer Gathercole, Deputy Commissioner June 29, 2023





Agenda

- Genesis of the BHA
- **Current Operations**
- BHA's Vision for the Future

How did we get here?



BLUEPRINT FOR REFORM

September 2020

Task force released blueprint outlining a vision for reform



BHA PLAN

November 2021

Implementation plan to establish BHA submitted to General Assembly



BHA Launches

July 2022



TASK FORCE LAUNCHES

April 2019

Governor Polis creates the Behavioral Health Task Force



HB 21-1097 PASSES

April 2021

Directs establishment of new BHA by July 2022



HB 22-1278 PASSES

May 2022

Officially established duties of BHA





It is about everyday people in Colorado





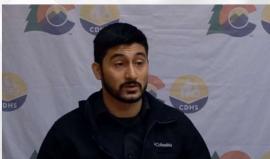




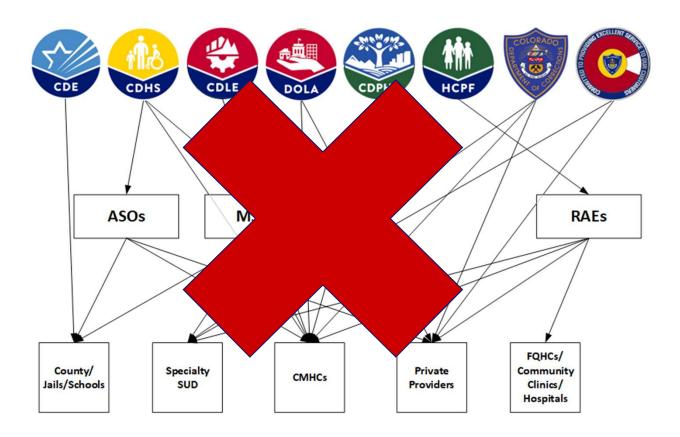




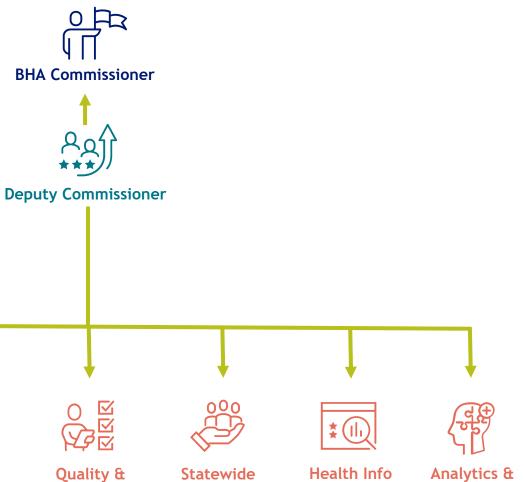




This is about Systems Change













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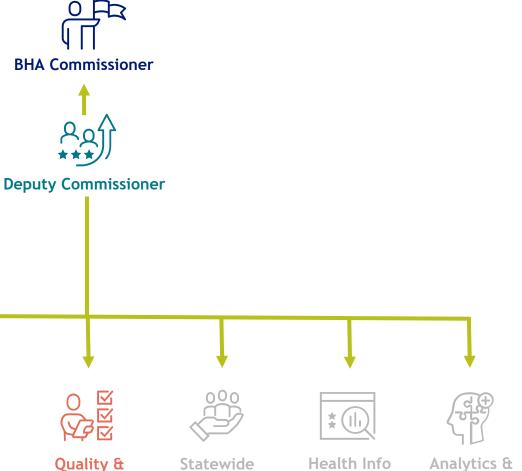
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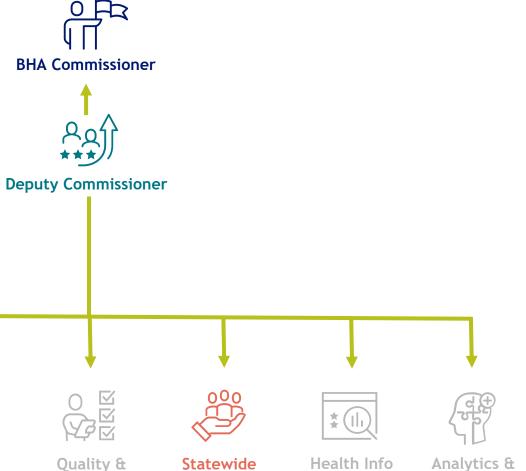
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- 222 Safety Net Grants
- Agricultural MH
- American Indian / Alaskan Native MH
- ARPA County Grants
- Children & Youth DYS
- Children Youth & Families Grant Program
- Community Investment Gap Grant
- Substance Use Workforce Stability Grant Program
- Criminal Justice Early Intervention Microgrants
- CYF Workforce Development Training
- Fentanyl study
- Mental Health Community POs



Statewide Programs

SUBSTANCE USE

Managed Service Organization (MSO) Contracts CRISIS

Administrative Service Organizations (ASOs) 988 Enterprise 988 SAMHSA Grant

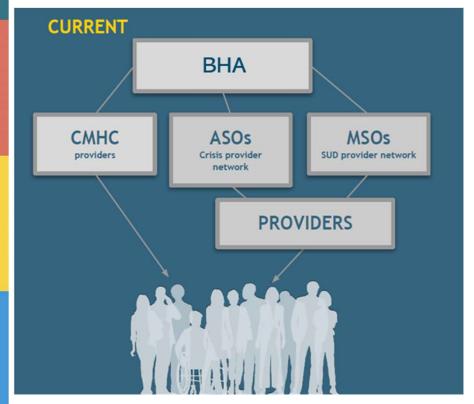
Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Contracts

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

- ASCENT
- Care Coordination
- Children & Youth Mental Health Treatment Act (CYMHTA) •
- COACT 3.0 (High fidelity wraparounds)
- Community Transition Services
- Co-Responder
- Crisis Response System (Marketing, Hotline, Training)
- Fentanyl Education & Treatment
- Gambling Addiction Program
- Gender Responsive Services Pregnant and Postpartum Intervention
- Healthy Transitions
- Individual Placement and Support (IPS)

- Jail-based Behavioral Health Services
- LatinX Peer Supports
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
- Maternal and Child Health / Integrated Care for Women and Babies
- Medication Consistency
- Persistent Drunk Driver
- Projects for Assistance in Transition From Homelessness (PATH)
- · Recovery Housing
- Recovery Support Services
- School Based Mental Health Services (SBMHS)
- Veteran Suicide Prevention
- State Opioid Response

Streamlining Regional Services





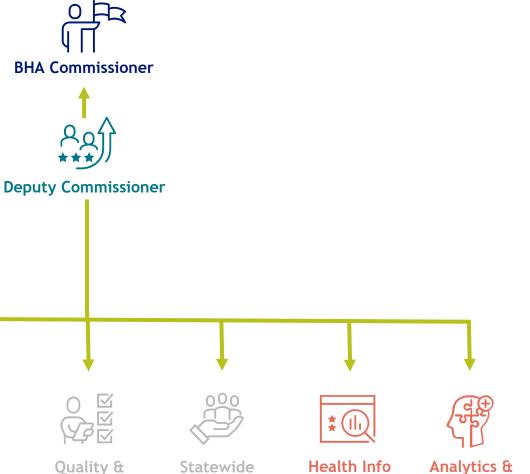
The BHASOs will:

Help individuals and families connect to behavioral health care and ensure timely access to service.

Provide a continuum of behavioral health safety net services and care coordination.

Consolidate MSOs, ASOs, and services offered by CMHCs.

Interface and align with the RAEs that manage services and provide care coordination for Medicaid members.





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The Governor's
Behavioral Health
Task Force
identified the six
pillars needed for
a strong behavioral
health system in
Colorado.







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