



CCI Winter Conference

December 3rd 2024

Commissioner Dannette R. Smith



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On the horizon for BHA

- **Inculcating Community Conversations Feedback**
- **Joint Budget Committee Hearing - December 19th**
- **BHASO Launch Preparation - July 2025**
- **Growing the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Continuum**

Inculcating Feedback from Community Conversations

Number of Sessions

8

Commissioner Smith
and BHA Staff hosted 8
Community
Conversations.

Participants

150

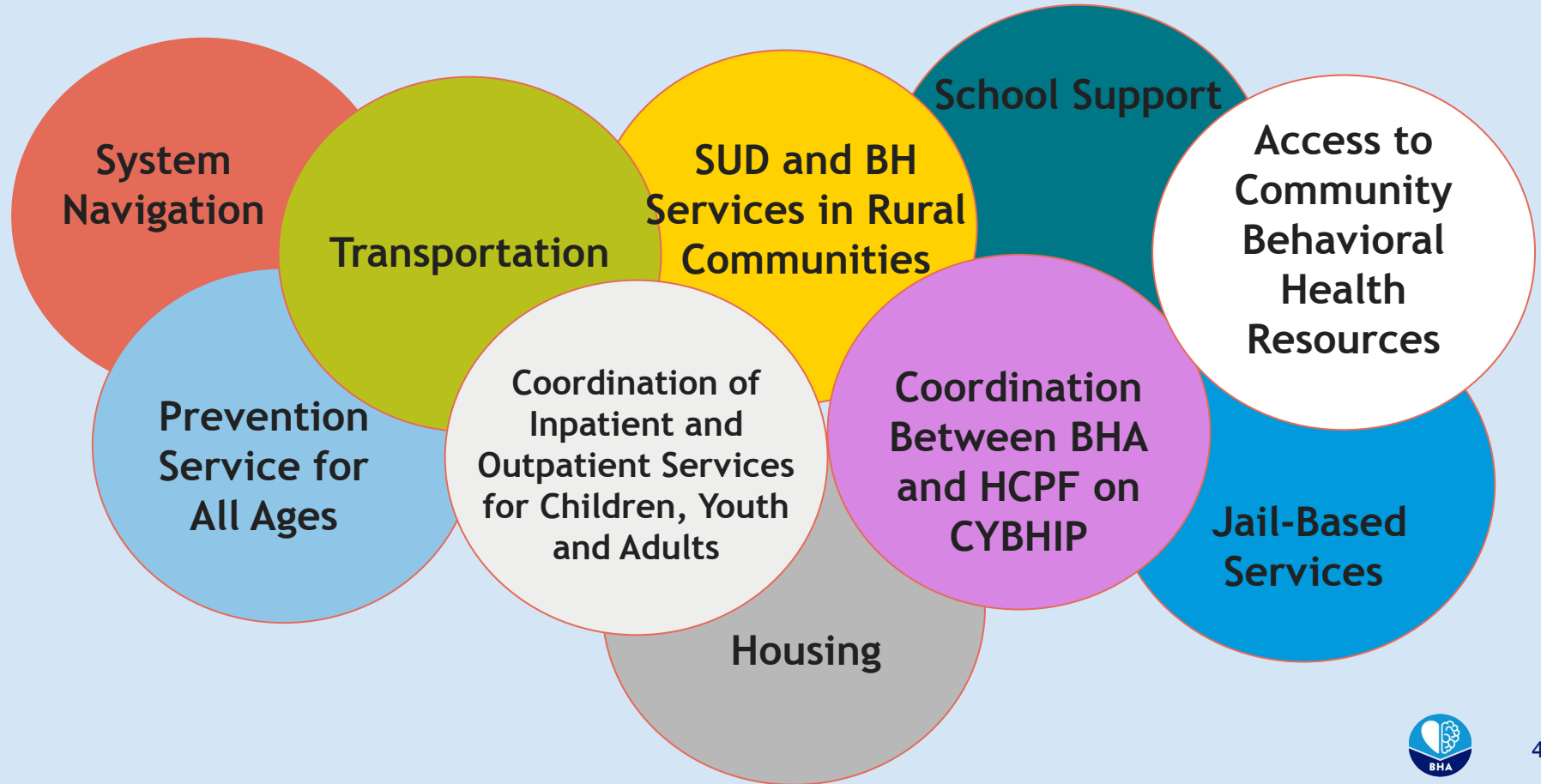
Across the Community
Conversations and
accompanying
community visits, over
150 community
members participated.

Emerging Themes

10

All Across the state, 10
consistent themes
emerged, which will
inform BHA's future work.

Themes We Heard - Community Conversations



Community Conversations and BHA Engagement

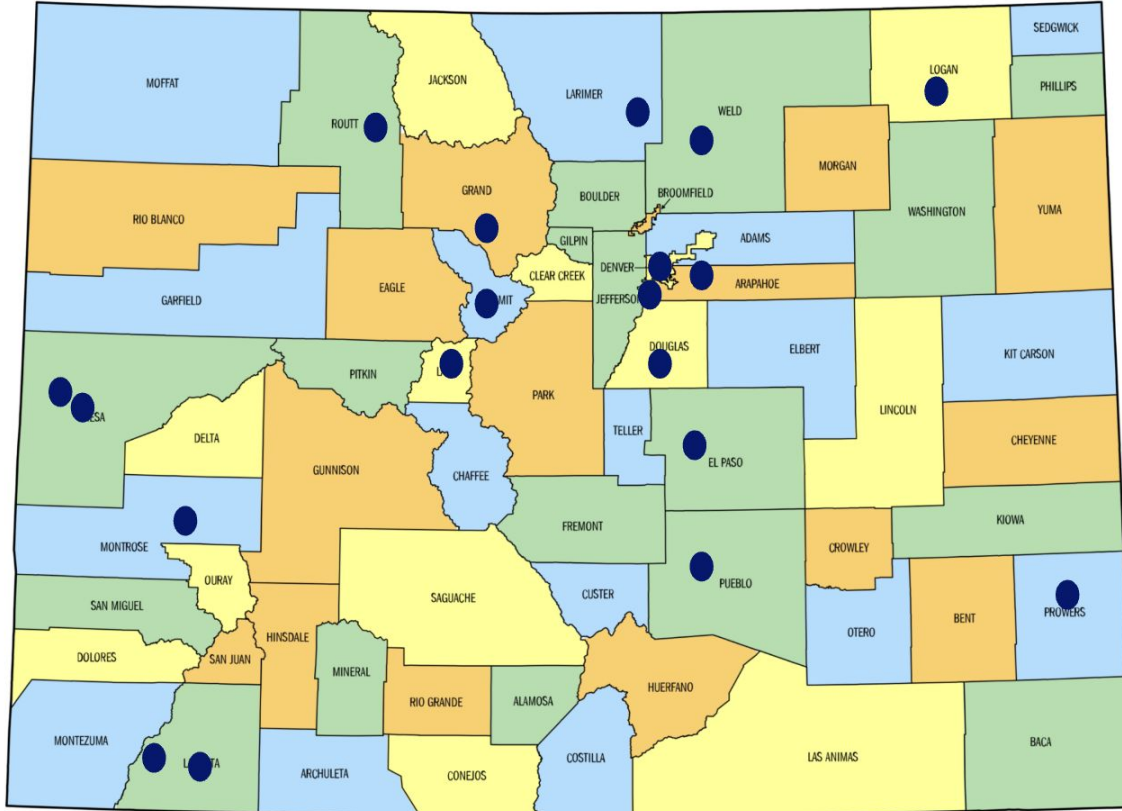
August: Pueblo

September: Denver, Grand Junction, Montrose

October: Fort Collins, Mancos, Durango, Alamosa, Greeley, Boulder

November: Steamboat, Frisco, Leadville, Pueblo, Lamar, Sterling

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BHA FY 2026 Budget Request At a Glance

R1

Increasing Access to Behavioral Health Care

**\$3.15
Million**

- Direct Funding to Providers to Assist with Care Coordination
- Care Navigation Through BHASOs
- Supporting Provider Infrastructure

R2

Advancing the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Implementation Plan

**\$350
Thousand**

- Capacity Assessment to Determine Gaps
- Analysis to Streamline Costs
- Offset Costs Through Capacity Expansion

R3

Streamlining Crisis Care

**Net
\$200
Thousand**

- Streamlined Approach to Funding Crisis Services
- Raising Awareness Through Coordinated Marketing

R4	<i>Alternative Funding for Behavioral Health Services</i>	-\$1.6 Million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rightsizing for Demand and Medicaid Changes • Maintaining Access and Quality • Offsetting General Fund Dollars
R5	<i>School Mental Health Screening Savings</i>	-\$775 Thousand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Cost Program Implementation due to Vendor Efficiencies
R6	<i>Right-Sizing I Matter</i>	-\$6 Million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining \$5 Million Appropriation • Continuing to Meet Need and Statutory Requirements
R7	<i>BHE Licensing Cash Fund Spending Authority</i>	Net \$420 Thousand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover Personnel and Administrative Expenses for BHEs • Ensure all BHA Providers are Approved and Regulated
R8	<i>High-Acuity Crisis for Youth and Children</i>	\$3.35 Million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correcting a Fiscal Note Error • Cover Anticipated Room and Board Expenses

BHASO Implementation Progression

October 2024 - BHA announced Signal Behavioral Health and Rocky Mountain Health Plans as BHASO Contractors.

November 2024 - BHA, Signal and RMHP hold official kick off meetings

December 2024 - Ongoing collaboration in advance of contract execution.

January 2025 - BHASO Contractors begin building their networks

Spring 2025 - Executive Tour to hear from communities in advance of launch

June 2025 - BHASO Soft Launch

July 2025 - BHASOs are officially “online”

Envisioning a Children and Youth Behavioral Health... Continuum

Prevention

Recovery

Inculcated System of Care

Pathways to
Care

Intensive BH
Services

Standards and
Roles

Workforce
Expansion



Children and Youth Collaboration and Engagement Sessions

- December 5, 2024, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Community Feedback Session via Zoom
- December 6th, Tackling Barriers Interagency Meeting
- December 9th, CORE 5 Interagency Meeting
- December 13th, HCPF, RAE and County Committee Meeting
- January 9th Policy Advisory Committee Interagency Meeting
- January 16, 2024, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom



Thank You!

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