



House Bill 2010 – 1032 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services Study

Legislative Directive:

The State Department shall review the current behavioral health crisis response in Colorado and shall formulate a plan to address the lack of coordinated crisis response in the state. The plan shall include and analysis of the best use of existing resources, including but not limited to managed service organizations, behavioral health organizations, mental health centers, crisis intervention trained officers, metro crisis services, hospitals, and other entities impacting behavioral health crisis response. The State Department shall complete the review, formulate the plan, and prepare the report required in paragraph (b) of this sub section (2) within existing appropriations and shall design the plan to be implemented within existing appropriations.

(b) On or before January 30, 2013, the State Department shall present to a joint meeting of the Health and human Services Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, or any successor committee, a report concerning coordinated behavioral health crisis response in Colorado. The report, at a minimum, shall include the plan prepared pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (2).

Behavioral Health Crisis Response Study Plan

The State Department of Human Services delegated the lead implementation of House Bill 2010-1032 to the Division of Behavioral Health.

Stakeholder meetings - To conduct a high-quality stakeholder review of the behavioral health crisis response system the Division has hired a consultant to facilitate at a minimum of 8 meetings with stakeholders across the state in cooperation with the Division. HB10-1032 did not allocate any resources to conduct a study, the Division believes this is an important behavioral health system issue, and has set aside the funding to establish the use of a facilitator. A separate stakeholder survey was developed and can be submitted through a survey monkey to capture written comments.

Research study – The Division will conduct and evaluate research from other states state systems to identify unique/promising practices and information that may guide Colorado on creation or enhancements to the crisis response system in Colorado.

Plan Development – The Division will incorporate stakeholder recommendations and the conclusions from the research on unique/promising practices to combine ideas into a final report. It is important to note throughout the crisis study process the Division will maintain a focus on the best need and interest of the consumer and family member who may be involved in a crisis situation.

Timeline – August 2010 Division contracts with facilitator and develops the work plan for the Study. April 2011 organize first stakeholder meeting to develop ground rules and understanding of the study.

Draft stakeholder meeting schedule subject to change

FY11-12

3 State regional meetings
2 Metropolitan Denver meeting

FY12-13

1 Metropolitan Denver Meeting Before October 1, 2012

- Report finalized November 2012 and sent to Department Executive Director December 2012.
- January 15, 2013 Report sent to HHS Committee.
- Between January 15 and 30, 2013 Division/Department will present report/plan to HHS Committee.