



## COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY & FINANCING

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**TO:** All Stakeholders

**FROM:** Emily Blanford, Assistant Director – Administrative Services

**DATE:** October 1, 2014

**SUBJECT:** COMMUNICATION BRIEF  
Dates for Community Engagement – House Bill 14-1051, Strategic Plan for enrolling all eligible persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities into programs at the time services and support are needed

### **Purpose:**

To remind all stakeholders of upcoming community engagement meetings to discuss development of a strategic plan to assure timely access to services provided through the following programs: Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD), Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS), and Children’s Extensive Support (HCBS-CES), State funded Supported Living Services and the Family Support Services Program (FSSP).

To provide a copy of the framework for the strategic plan, which will be discussed at the community engagement meetings.

To announce an additional community engagement meeting date to be held in Denver on October 16, 2014.

### **Background:**

During the 2014 Legislative Session, House Bill 14-1051 was passed and signed by the Governor. This bill requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) to develop, in consultation with intellectual and developmental disability system stakeholders, a comprehensive strategic plan to provide eligible persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities access to the services and supports listed above. This strategic plan must include specific recommendations for ensuring that all individuals eligible and in need of services are provided services timely by July 1, 2020. The recommendations must also include administrative procedures and identification of adequate funding in order to meet this goal.

As a part of developing the strategic plan, the Department is required to review the statutory definition of "waiting list" as set forth in section 25.5-10-202 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) and make recommendations concerning amendments to the definition.

As part of the engagement process, the statute specifies that the Department will engage people and families receiving services, as well as people and families waiting for enrollment into services and supports. In addition to these groups, the Department welcomes input from providers, CCBs, advocates, as well as other interested stakeholders.

### **Procedure or Information:**

The Department would like to thank everyone for their interest in and commitment to developing a strategic plan for enrolling individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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Attached to this Communication Brief is a framework for the development of the strategic plan. This framework will be used for discussion and feedback at the community engagement meetings. Feedback will be used to develop the plan to be submitted to the legislature on November 1, 2014.

As the strategic plan is implemented, it will be updated quarterly, with ongoing opportunity for stakeholders to participate in further development as benchmarks are achieved and next steps evolve. The plan will be posted on the Department's website by November 14, 2014, along with a Listening Log showing feedback and how the Department used the feedback or an explanation of why it was not used. Ongoing stakeholder participation will be via a dedicated phone line at 303-866-5560, an e-mail address at mary.james@state.co.us, U.S. Postal Service at the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, c/o DIDD, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203 and additional community engagement meetings.

As a reminder, the community engagement meeting schedule is as follows:

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>
October 6, 2014	1:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Pueblo:</b> Pueblo Community College, College Center (Student Center), 900 W. Orman Avenue, 81004
October 9, 2014	1:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Denver:</b> KRMA-TV, 1089 Bannock Street, 80204
October 10, 2014	1:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Fort Collins:</b> Larimer County Department of Human Services, 2573 Midpoint Drive, 80525
October 13, 2014	1:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Grand Junction:</b> Grand Junction Regional Center, 2800 Riverside Parkway, Blue Mesa Conference Room, 81501

An additional meeting has been added in Denver for October 16, 2014. This meeting will serve as the teleconference option mentioned in previous briefs as well as provide a second date in the Denver metro. Details for the meeting are as follows:

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>
October 16, 2014	1:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Denver:</b> KRMA-TV, 1089 Bannock Street, 80204

If you are unable to attend these meetings in-person, a teleconference and webinar option is available for each meeting. Please see the attachment for information and instructions on how to attend remotely.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sarah McDonnell at sarah.mcdonnell@state.co.us or 303-866-5144.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. Please notify Sarah McDonnell at least one week prior to a meeting if you need accommodations in order to participate.

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