



July 27, 2015

Mr. Joseph Lugo
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Community Living
Center for Consumer Access and Self-Determination

Dear Mr. Lugo:

Please accept this letter of commitment and support from the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and the Office of Community Access and Independence for the grant application opportunity: *Transforming State LTSS Access Functions into a No Wrong Door System for All Populations and All Payers: Statewide Implementation*, submitted by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), the State Medicaid Office.

The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health and the Office of Community Access and Independence, is committed to participating in the No Wrong Door Grant to achieve the goal of streamlining access to entry points for consumers and caregivers seeking long-term services and supports. Colorado's No Wrong Door project is a key component to developing strategies and achieving goals in Colorado's Community Living Plan and recommendations proposed by the Community Living Advisory Group.

The Community Living Plan has key provisions directly related to the No Wrong Door project such as improving access to community-based services, increasing consumer choice, streamlining access, and arranging community-based services. Additionally, the No Wrong Door project supports and assists in achieving the Department's Wildly Important Goal to create choices and avenues to live and thrive in our communities.

The Department and the Offices have specific requirements to achieving the Community Living Plan goals; the No Wrong Door Grant will help us to achieve these goals. We are committed to working with our unique systems to ensure that the contractors, facilities, and stakeholders we partner with all participate in the development of a No Wrong Door system. As we implement the strategies of the No Wrong Door implementation plan we will use the resources of each Office to provide leadership and guidance to all stakeholders to adopt the No Wrong Door actions. Each Office will use contracting and policy mechanisms within its authority to make any necessary changes to ensure the success of the No Wrong Door system.

The Offices will continue to participate in the governance of the No Wrong Door project and provide its leadership to ensuring the success of the project. The Offices will use their specific data systems to develop performance measures that will align with the No Wrong Door goals to track and monitor the progress of the No Wrong Door system. The Offices will share its performance measures with the governing body to track progress



and identify any issues that need to be addressed either through contractual or policy change that will ensure the goals are being met.

For the specific implementation grant for which HCPF is applying, the Offices will work with their various stakeholders who will be collaborating to create the No Wrong Door community organizational pilots. The Offices will provide leadership, tracking of progress, assisting in development, monitoring success, and providing technical assistance when necessary to ensure the success of the community organizational pilot.

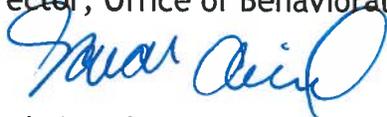
The Office of Behavioral Health is the state's behavioral health authority. The Office of Behavioral Health is responsible for policy development, service provision and coordination, program monitoring and evaluation, and administrative oversight for the public behavioral health system. HCPF will have the lead on this project and Office of Behavioral Health will be a collaborative partner in the development of the three-year plan. Chris Habgood, Director of Policy and Planning, will be the senior staff member representing Office of Behavioral Health in this initiative.

The Office of Community Access and Independence contains the Division of Aging and Adult Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of Regional Centers, Division of Veterans Community Living Centers, and the Division of Disability Determination. The Office directs the operations of programs and facilities that assist veterans, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities. Policy, performance management, fiscal and administrative tools and directions are provided to: Area Agencies on Aging, 64 County Departments of Social Services, three Regional Centers for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and vocational rehabilitation. The State Unit on Aging is housed in the Division of Aging and Adult Services and administers the Older Americans Act, State Funding for Senior Services, and the Aging and Disability Resources for Colorado programs. Todd Coffey Manager of State Unit on Aging and Rob Buzogany, Manager Programs and Program Development, with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, will be the senior staff members representing the Office of Community Access and Independence.

Sincerely,



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