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RE: Colorado's Human Rights Committees

Dear Mr. Rael,

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department or HCPF) has received and reviewed the recommendations from the Alliance led committee on Colorado's Human Rights Committees (HRC). First and foremost, thank you for the work you have completed to engage community members and facilitate the recommendations regarding HRC.

The committee provided the following recommendations to the Department:

- HCPF should issue an operational memo to provide clarity to CCBs, PASAs, and HRCs on psychotropic medication reviews.
- HCPF should develop an HRC training manual, forms, and a streamlined state-wide oversight system for mandatory use across Colorado.
- HCPF should develop a process and protocols for PRN medications for sleep challenges and event specific anxiety.

The Department agrees there is an opportunity to work collaboratively with stakeholders on HRC policy, procedures and overall training. The Department plans to hold stakeholder workgroup meetings in late Summer/early Fall 2020 regarding HRC and would greatly appreciate the participation of the Alliance committee. The focus of the first meeting will be to discuss HRC, identify priorities for the group, and initiate discussion of PRN medications. As the workgroup identifies potential changes to HRC it will be essential to identify training and educational materials that will be needed to ensure any implemented changes are fully supported.



Meeting notifications will be shared through the Department constant contact email distribution list and the Department website.

Thank you for your engagement and commitment to our members.

Sincerely,

Rhyann Lubitz

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