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Community Advisory Committee Minutes

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Attendance:

Joy Benson, Person with lived experience

Consuelo Gaytan, Mountain Family Health Center

Sara Simms, Mountain Valley Developmental Services

Staff:

Brent Basham, CMA Supervisor, Garfield County Department of Human Services

Wendy Steckler, CMA Supervisor, Garfield County Department of Human Services

I. Review of Complaints

No new complaints have been received since the last CAC meeting three weeks ago. Discussed work being done to write new policy regarding member choice of providers, and random selection of providers if the member does not want to choose. Although not started, policy will also be written on CMA and provider roles and responsibilities.

II. CMA Updates

Assessment visits are returning to in person home visits starting January 1, 2026. A virtual option will no longer be available. Most case managers are completing in person assessments now, but some case managers and members will need to adjust accordingly. Change in program areas (waiver to skilled nursing facility, CFC to CFC + waiver) will require an additional visit and a phone update may not be allowed.

The 90-day extension for Medicaid eligibility is sunseting. In the past, Garfield County eligibility has provided a list of members due for annual review so case managers can remind the member or the person assisting the member of the due date, so Medicaid eligibility is not at risk. This list will be requested from eligibility for case managers.

Presumptive eligibility, which would have allowed individuals who appear eligible for long term care to begin receiving services while eligibility is being determined, has been delayed. Original plan was for this to begin on January 1, 2026.

Colorado Medicaid and LTSS sustainability handout and timeframes reviewed. The handout outlines cost saving measures provided by HCPF to address fiscal constraints. Spending trends are outpacing funding. Talked in more detail about provider rates for individuals receiving residential services through a residential service provider versus a family home; implementation of the PETI program for members enrolled in the DD waiver; reduction in churn enrollment in the DD waiver; soft cap for some HCBS services; and changes anticipated for community connector services.

III. Meeting schedule

Joy, Sara and Consuelo agreed to continue their CAC participation in 2026. A reminder of the meeting the weekend before the Monday meeting is helpful.

A tentative meeting was scheduled for December 15, 2025, to review complaints, if any are received between this meeting and December 15, 2025. If no complaints are received, CAC will not meet in December 2025.

January-October 2026 meetings will be at 1:00 pm on the 4th Monday of the Month. For November, the meeting will be on the 3rd Monday of the month due to the holiday. December meeting will only occur if a complaint is received to discuss in December.

Next meeting: **December 15, at 1:00 P.M (tentative).** This meeting will be virtual.