



Yumiko then reviewed the infrastructure components that have been identified as a result of that exercise:

- Funding
- Comprehensive Model
- Care Coordination
- Partnerships & Collaboration
- Workforce

These components will guide our conversations in the coming months, and topics we will dig into in more detail.

Yumiko also highlighted the focus areas that will also be included in future discussions:

- Prevention
- Crisis
- Housing
- School-Based
- Insurance

Several priority populations were also identified:

- Marginalized populations
- Children, Youth, and Families
- Older Adults
- Inmates leaving custody; those within the justice/incarceration system

Yumiko then invited people to actively participate in an exercise to provide feedback on the proposed infrastructure components and any missing elements. Participants were encouraged to (1) add their thoughts in the PPT deck, (2) speak up, or (3) make a note in the chat box. The additional comments are reflected in [the PowerPoint](#).

### **Focus Topic: Care Coordination**

Summer provided an overview of some of the components of Colorado's current statewide behavioral health system (i.e., Managed Service Organizations and Administrative Service Organizations) as well as the new Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations (BHASOs) that will launch on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. BHASOs will be responsible for consolidating crisis and substance use disorder services, building out the provider network in their region, and providing care coordination. Summer introduced Meg Taylor of Rocky Mountain Health Plans, which will be the BHASO for Pitkin and surrounding counties.

Meg reviewed shared that the BHASO will consist of (1) the current structure and functions of the MSOs and ASOs, (2) care coordination, and (3) behavioral health contracting. The BHASO will directly contract with comprehensive safety net providers for safety net services. Meg also mentioned that the BHA will focus on priority populations, but the specifics of care coordination are still being finalized.

Meg shared that people should contact her if they want information on how to participate in the provider info sessions that will be held in the coming weeks.

### **Updates from the State**

Per a request made at the December 2024 partner meeting, Summer reviewed activities taking place at the State level:

- HCPF has drafted a System of Care for children and youth as a result of a settlement agreement that went into effect in February 2024. The BHA has been a partner in this work, and is holding a listening session on January 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am – noon.
- There are two proposed pieces of legislation (as of January 22<sup>nd</sup>) that touch behavioral health:
  - SB25-042: Behavioral Health Crisis Response Recommendations (Public Safety and BHA convene stakeholders to provide recommendations related to co-responder models, mobile crisis, and other similar programs)
  - HB25-1008: Complementary Behavioral Health Services in Jails (BHA provides funding to jails for behavioral health treatment)
- The BHA is revising rules related to providers, administrative items, and the Commissioner.

### **Next Steps and How to Stay Involved**

Summer mentioned that several people had provided suggestions for other partners to include in these discussions, and those invitations have been extended. She mentioned that several people had invited SHG to pre-existing/regularly-scheduled meetings and encouraged people to continue to engage SHG in various meetings that are helpful in understanding the landscape in Pitkin County.

Summer and Yumiko have begun to schedule one-on-one interviews and focus groups. Additional information on focus groups is forthcoming.

Everyone is encouraged to continue to provide feedback and comments on [the PowerPoint deck](#).

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am – noon. Additional details can be found on the [landing page](#).