

Yumiko then reviewed the infrastructure components that have been identified as a result of that exercise: (1) Funding, (2) Comprehensive Model, (3) Care Coordination, (4) Partnerships & Collaboration, and (5) 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: (1) Access; (2) Substance Use; (3) Housing; (4) School-Based; and (5) Insurance. Several priority populations were also identified: (a) Marginalized populations; (b) Children, Youth, and Families; (c) Older Adults; and (d) Inmates leaving custody; those within the justice/incarceration system

Focus Topic: Care Coordination – Generating Solutions

Yumiko introduced the exercise for the day: There would be 4 break-out groups, each assigned a different topic. People could self-select into the break-out group they wanted. The four break-out groups were as follows:

- Breakout Group #1: NEED: Improved provider collaboration to connect adults with complex behavioral health needs to care
- Breakout Group #2: NEED: A centralized hub or directory so people know the providers and service options available
- Breakout Group #3: NEED: A collaborative approach to address behavioral health emergencies in the community
- Breakout Group #4: NEED: Coordinated services for youth who are involved with multiple systems / have complex needs

Each group was asked to discuss and respond to a series of questions:

- What was the identified need?
- How did we respond?
- What did we learn?
- How might we sustain or improve our approach?

Participants were invited to anonymously add their responses/suggestions to this [padlet](#). Most groups did not get a chance to complete their discussions, so the padlet was left open following the meeting so that people could continue to add their ideas.

Updates from the State

Summer Gathercole very briefly reviewed some of the legislation that has been proposed:

- Behavioral Health Crisis Response Recommendations (SB25-042) - Aims to identify existing resources and model programs for co-responder and mobile crisis response, gaps, reimbursement shortages and funding options
- Behavioral Health Treatment Stigma for Providers (HB25-1176) - Aims to reduce the stigma of BH treatment for medical professionals
- Complementary Behavioral Health Services in Jails (HB25-1008) - Appropriates \$50K for

training to jail staff in BH services that complements a person's treatment plan

- Military Family Behavioral Health Grant Program (HB25-1132) - Expands the veterans mental health services program to provide grants to local nonprofits to establish and expand behavioral health services to service members, veterans, and family members
- Department of Corrections Peer Behavioral Health Services Reentry Program (HB25-1129) - Adds peer support BH services as a component to be included in options for a offender's transition into the community
- Honoring Co-Responders & Behavioral Professionals (HJR25-1008) - Designates the third week in September as "Co-Responder Units and Behavioral Health Crisis Professionals Week" in Colorado

Summer suggested that people visit [this webpage](#) to search for legislation related to behavioral health, mental health, and substance use. After you conduct the search, be sure to select "2025 Regular Session" from the dropdown menu to view bills that have been proposed this year.

Updates from Mind Springs

Hans Lutgring from Mind Springs provided an update on some of their work. He also provided an update on their [continuing services](#)

Next Steps and How to Stay Involved

Yumiko encouraged the attendees to continue to participate in the monthly meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 9th from 11am – noon. Additional details can be found on the [landing page](#).