

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING  
(Medicaid Mental Health Community Programs)**

**-AND-**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
(Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services)**

**FY 2012-13 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**3:00-3:15 INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS**

**3:15-3:45 PERFORMANCE-BASED GOALS AND BUDGET REQUEST**

1. *[Sen. Steadman]* Is it an appropriate objective to increase treatment referrals to substance use disorder providers by two percent? What if other programs, such as prevention initiatives, reduce the need for treatment referrals? What if referral generation is successful beyond a level that the State can provide financial resources to fulfill?

**3:45-4:10 STRUCTURE OF STATE-SUPPORTED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE**

2. *[Sen. Steadman]* What is the difference between a behavioral health organization (BHO) and a managed service organization (MSO) in terms of service model? Why does the State use both models rather than one to administer State-supported behavioral health care?
3. *[Sen. Lambert]* Have federal funding and organizational structures created barriers to integrating primary and behavioral health care? Have actions taken by the State, such as administering Medicaid-supported primary care in a fee-for-service model and Medicaid-supported behavioral health care in a managed care model, created barriers to integrating primary and behavioral health care?
4. *[Rep. Peniston]* What methodology is used to determine the geography covered by a managed service organization (MSO)? Why is Boulder County covered by one MSO while all other MSO contracts include multiple counties?

**4:10-4:30 COLORADO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTES**

5. *[Sen. Lambert]* Why do adolescent beds at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo cost almost twice that of beds in other treatment divisions, including the Institute for Forensic Psychiatry?
6. *[Sen. Steadman]* What is the anticipated implementation and ongoing operational expense of the electronic health record and pharmacy system proposed for a feasibility study?
7. *[Rep. Gerou]* Are there grants available to cover the expenses of the proposed feasibility study of an electronic health record and pharmacy system?

**4:30-4:45 TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

8. *[Sen. Steadman]* Please describe the current role of the Division of Behavioral Health in administering funds in the Drug Offender Surcharge Fund (including H.B. 10-1352 moneys). Please address data collection, data reporting, and performance measurement. How could this administration be improved?
9. *[Sen. Steadman]* Please describe the proposed role of the Division of Behavioral Health in administering funds in the proposed Correctional Treatment Cash Fund. Please address data collection, data reporting, and performance measurement.

**4:45-4:50 PRIOR YEAR LEGISLATION**

10. *[Rep. Gerou]* Is the implementation of S.B. 11-008 (concerning aligning Medicaid eligibility for children) going to be delayed one year?

**4:50-5:00 TREATMENT SERVICES FOR YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE CHILD WELFARE AND YOUTH CORRECTIONS SYSTEMS** *(note, this agenda section was added per Committee request during the December 13, 2011 hearing with the Department of Human Services on the Division of Child Welfare and the Division of Youth Corrections)*

11. *[Sen. Lambert/Sen. Steadman]* Provide your perspective on the current multiple funding streams that support treatment services for youth involved in the child welfare and youth corrections systems.
  - a. How does the current system affect what services are available?
  - b. How does it affect how youth are placed (e.g., hospital, therapeutic residential facility, DYC)?
  - c. Is DYC being used as a placement of last resort for youth with mental illness?
  - d. To what extent is there an exposure to civil rights lawsuits if we are failing to serve kids with mental illness in the least restrictive environment (e.g., if they are being committed to the Division of Youth Corrections due to insufficient treatment alternatives in the community)?
12. *[Sen. Lambert]* How should the State tackle the problems resulting from the multiple funding streams?
  - a. How do other states manage this funding? Is there a model we could use to improve our system?
  - b. Do we need to change some of the current funding streams (e.g., carve more or less out of mental health capitation/county departments?)
  - c. Is more state oversight or review of placements for youth with multiple needs required?

- d. Does the issue need further study? If so, what would be the best forum for this, *e.g.*, an existing Executive committee or task force? A new group tasked with this created by the Executive or through legislation?
- e. Are there actions you believe the JBC or Committees of Reference could or should take to help address this problem?

13. *[Rep. Gerou/Sen. Lambert]* Is there any current work being done on this issue that relates to the work of the JBC or the Audit Committee?

- a. Are there any initiatives in this year's budget request for Human Services or Health Care Policy and Financing that address this issue?
- b. Have there been any audit findings or recommendations that identify this problem and/or recommend a solution?

14. *[Rep. Jim Kerr]* Have you determined why the Departments of Human Services and Health Care Policy and Financing have such different estimates of the number of children receiving Child Welfare Core Services who are eligible for Medicaid (one department was reflecting 35 percent; the other 64 percent)? If not, when do you expect to know this?