



Alliance State Forum Agenda and Notes

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Thank you for participating in the [Alliance State Forum](#)! This Forum is an opportunity for the state departments and Alliance members to share updates, ask questions, provide feedback and discuss issues related to the IDD system. All participants are encouraged to send in agenda items and questions at least one week prior to the meeting.

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February 22, 2024

9:30 - 10:00 am

Agenda/Notes:

- **Alliance Updates for the Departments**
 - **March 20:** IDD Awareness Day Luncheon at the Denver Art Museum
 - **June 19 - 20:** Alliance on the Road in Weld County
 - **August 20-22:** Alliance Summit in Breckenridge
 - **State Forum Meeting schedule through August 2025!**
 - Added at end of this document and on the [Alliance State Forum](#) webpage.
 - State Partners: ADD TO YOUR CALENDARS!
- **Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC)**
 - Agenda Items from CDEC:
 - EI Broker RFP Updates
 - Right on track with their timeline. Awards and contracts will be in place in plenty of time for the next FY and to provide any technical assistance needed prior.
 - Workforce Recruitment and Retention Activities
 - Teaming Workgroup: just finished creating a unique Colorado model called TEAM EI Colorado. It is a transdisciplinary model for teaming and they created definitions so everyone has the same understanding and created a glossary of terms.
 - This workgroup will take a little hiatus while CDEC internally crafts their work plan and rollout details for how they'll train providers via a cohort model.
 - Agenda Items from Alliance members:

- Workforce Investment Committee recommendations and policy implications
 - Can CDEC share a written no-show policy?
 - [Early Intervention Workforce Investment Recommendations: No-Show Policy](#)
 - Still in process of working with the WIC to develop a policy for mileage reimbursement for ICs. Once available, the mileage reimbursement policy will be added to a formal memo re: the no-show policy linked above. Don't be confused that we should not be implementing these policy recommendations, you should be - effective dates are on the document linked above.
 - Q: An email was sent in December and in the attachment, the section that discusses the no-show policy, it says the policy is to be standardized and implemented statewide, and that the effective date is July 1, 2023. Do you expect all EI Brokers create their own policy and then replace the policy once we receive the standardized statewide policy, and have to communicate to providers what changed?
 - The policy sent in that email **IS** the policy (and is linked above). The comment about standardization is to make sure everyone implements the policy (that was attached) statewide. If someone had a more generous policy, we don't expect somebody to take funding back, but we want to make sure anyone who was not reimbursed for a no-show has the opportunity to be reimbursed.
 - Q: Have heard through other EI programs since this December communication came out that after July 1, 2023 they had already submitted some billing with the higher rate, so will that still be paid at that higher rate or would they have to pull back that billing and submit the lower rate?
 - No. We do not want to take back any funding.
- Updates on [Alliance's Policy Issues and Barriers](#) work with CDEC's CFO and Leadership - continued communication challenges and continued billing delays.
 - Alliance brought forward concerns in ways CDEC does contracting, budget negotiation, invoicing, payments with local EI programs, etc. CDEC and the CDEC CFO have met twice with some members of the Alliance EI Policy Committee.
 - Have identified a new invoicing process to decrease the amount of time it takes to get invoices paid. The EI program will be one of the piloting entities for this process starting next month. A form will be used to submit invoices and this will allow communications as the invoice is processed, check cut, payment sent, etc.
 - CDEC will engage in a workgroup process relating to contracting processes, to streamline and simplify

them. Will include the department's Procurement Director and the laws that must be followed.

- CDEC would like to engage in a feedback session related to the new solicitation process after awards are made. More to come.

NO UPDATES AT THIS TIME FROM:

- HCPF: Office of Community Living
- CDPHE: Health Facilities & Emergency Medical Services Division
- CDHS: Office of Adult, Aging and Disability Services
- CDLE: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- CDHS: Adult Protective Services Policy Unit
- CDHS: Division of Regional Centers
- Colorado Office of Employment First (COEF)

Alliance Members & State Partners - please let Kylie know if you'd like to add an agenda item for any of these Departments

Next Meeting Dates and Alliance Events through August 2025

(subject to change; starting at 10:00am and ending by 11:30am unless otherwise noted)

- March 20 @ 11:30am - 1:30pm: IDD Awareness Day
- March 21, 2024: ft. CDEC & CDPHE (Zoom)
- April 18, 2024: ft. CDEC & OCL (Zoom)
- May 16, 2024: ft. CDEC & CDPHE (Zoom)
- June 19, 2024 in the afternoon: All State Partners
 - Alliance on the Road IN-PERSON (Greeley, CO) happy hour reception (approx 4pm)
- June 20, 2024: All State Partners
 - Alliance on the Road IN-PERSON (Greeley, CO)
- August 20 - 22, 2024: All State Partners
 - Alliance Summit in Breckenridge, CO
- Sept 19, 2024: ft. CDEC & CDPHE (Zoom)
- Oct 17, 2024: ft. OCL (Zoom)
- Dec 4, 2024 @ 4:00 - 6:30pm
 - Alliance Holiday Social
- Jan 16, 2025: ft. OCL (Zoom)
- Feb 20, 2025: ft. CDEC (Zoom)
- March 20, 2025: ft. CDEC & CDPHE (Zoom)
- April 17, 2025: ft. CDEC & OCL (Zoom)
- May 22, 2025: ft. CDEC & CDPHE (Zoom)
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 - Alliance on the Road IN-PERSON (Colorado location TBA) happy hour reception (approx 4pm)
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 - Alliance on the Road IN-PERSON (Colorado location TBA)
- August 26 - 28, 2025: All State Partners

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