



Quarterly Meeting Minutes
DENVER METRO RESPITE COALITION
@ The MS SOCIETY
January 18, 2017

Location: MS Society, Denver, Colorado

CRC Mission: Expand quality affordable respite options for Colorado families

CRC Web site: www.ColoradoRespiteCoalition.org. DMRC is one of the regional coalitions listed on this website. CRC has 180+ organizations like yours and together we are the “go to” entity for lifespan respite and caregiver resources. Please let us know if there are things missing on the website or from discussion. If you are a provider and have not signed onto the website, please do so as this will ensure that you will receive announcements regarding events as well as upcoming grant opportunities.

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Announcements

- **Janis De Baca, Haley's House and Developmental Pathways** is the community outreach coordinator for Developmental Pathways. Angels of Colorado and Developmental Pathways partnered to launch their 1st "respite night" which housed people with disabilities and their families into separate hotels. Respite is one of DP's top priorities. Janis serves on the board for Haley's House and they are looking for partners to launch a center-based respite program for children with life threatening conditions.
- **Jennifer from Angels of Colorado** announced their next respite night which will be held May 12, 2017. 40 children participated in the last respite holiday. It is open to children, ages 3 to 18. **See attached flyer.**
- **Kristine Steadman from Night Lights** is the founder of a volunteer/center-based program providing respite to children ages 1 month to 13 years. There are 3 locations.
- **Megan's Place** provides in and out of home respite for people aged 3 to 18. ←Were they there?
- **Kim from Arc of Arapahoe/Douglas** announced "Fun Friday" program. These occur for individuals 15 to 30 on the 1st Friday of each month from 6 to 8:30 PM at various locations throughout the metro area. There are no residency requirements **Please see flyer.**
- **Comfort Keepers** has their class A and B licensure. They provide in-home care including respite.
- **Rosanne with Aurora Mental Health** has respite programs for people with mental illness. They have a program that provides respite using other people's homes.
- **To the Rescue** has grants for senior daycare 60 and over in Douglas County. They provide pick up and take home. There's a grant application to the end of June. **See attached flyer**

Guest Speaker, Adam Tucker: Cross Systems Crisis Project, (please find attached PowerPoint)

- This three-year pilot project was a result of HB 15-1368 and went live in August 2016. This pilot represents an innovative integration of behavioral health and intellectual / developmental disabilities systems to serve people in crisis, and capitalizes on relationships Rocky Mountain Health Plans (a RCCO/Regional Care Collaborative Organization) has cultivated over the years on the Western Slope and in Larimer County. They hope to learn from this project with the hope that lessons learned can be applied when it is eventually launched in the Denver Metro area.
- They have begun working with the START model which intends to interrupt the cycle of crisis for people who are dually diagnosed. Trainings with START are ongoing. They may begin in the Metro area at some point, but trainings for the pilot must be completed 1st.

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- The pilot project will begin an outreach campaign in the Grand Junction/Fort Collins area soon, but wanted to start slow in order to accommodate the referrals without being overwhelmed.
- Please see the **attached flyer** regarding RCCO's in the state. These are regional care organizations that will be instrumental in providing these crisis services to people with co-occurring conditions.
- If you have clients who are turned away from a BHO (Behavioral Health Organizations) because you have an intellectual/developmental disability, Adam and others would like you to file a grievance with the BHO so that the data can get back to HCPF. This is an effort to make the services for IDD and mental health more seamless.

Colorado Respite Care Program (CRCP) update, Meghan Kluth:

- Exciting announcement: Easter Seals Colorado has been awarded the Respite Care Task Force contract. It will be a 2 ½ year effort to conduct a cost-benefit study for respite care in Colorado, audit the trainings that are available in Colorado with best practices highlighted, develop a statewide outreach campaign, and will work with a policy group to look at challenges in either getting or providing respite.
- Caregiver Cloud is an online training tool for family caregivers. There are 25 to 30 courses available and you can contact Meghan to sign up for this free online service.
- Easter Seals will be having a kinship, adoptive and foster families respite weekend March 24-26 at their Rocky Mountain Camp in Empire, Colorado for children ages 5 through 18. **Please see attached brochure**
- CRC is looking for more agencies to apply to become providers for the family voucher program. Please call Meghan if you are interested.
- Please plan to attend or call into the February 15 rate sub-committee hearing at the capital. This will be followed by a full committee hearing in March. Call Meghan for details (303-233-1666 x 257)