



NORTHERN COLORADO  
**HEALTH SECTOR PARTNERSHIP**

## **WORKFORCE Working Group**

- **Identified Medical Assistants as a priority need.**

- Identified key employers using Medical Assistants and quantifying need – however, it's a moving target

- Participating with Colorado Community College System and soliciting employer feedback as the system plans revisions to its Medical Assistant curriculum

- As a result of the feedback from NoCo Health Sector Partnership and the Greater Metro Denver Health Care Partnership – the Colorado Community College system has revised its Medical Assistant program to reduce tuition cost and time needed for completion.

- In response to employer request of the Workforce subcommittee, Front Range Community College will begin an MA program in Fall/2017.

- This will make more MA education available in the near term in Northern Colorado. The change corresponds with input from the Workforce working group.

- Working with local employers to investigate and plan a Registered Apprenticeship Program for Medical Assistants.

- **Identified behavioral healthcare employees in several categories as a priority need.**

- **Planning high school outreach fairs to inform students about a variety of needed medical careers and career paths.**

- **Sub-committee has set a goal of recruiting more industry representatives – suggestions for people to invite are welcome.**

***WORKFORCE Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month from 11am to 12:30pm.***

***Contact a co-chair for location.***

**Subcommittee co-Chairs:** Lynn Vosler ([lynn.vosler@frontrange.edu](mailto:lynn.vosler@frontrange.edu)) & Bill Stout ([bill.stout@uchealth.org](mailto:bill.stout@uchealth.org))

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## **OUTREACH & AWARENES Working Group**

⇒ Working with a graphic designer on brochures and other marketing materials such as a roll-up banner for future events.

⇒ Website has been updated regularly and continues to be the best place to find Sector information: [nocohealthsector.org](http://nocohealthsector.org) and [nocohealthsector.com](http://nocohealthsector.com).

Please send any feedback or events that are health sector related to

Jonas ([jonas.mckinley@uchealth.org](mailto:jonas.mckinley@uchealth.org)) and

Amanda ([amanda@theplacesettingcompany.com](mailto:amanda@theplacesettingcompany.com))

⇒ Media invite planned for 2nd Quarter Sector meeting.

⇒ CWDC grant outreach funds supported Sector meetings at the Budweiser Event Center with goal to elevate the stature of these events and improve attendance. Sector events now feature light breakfast.

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## Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Working Group

### **Successes thus far:**

- Worked with the Colorado Hospital Association and the Colorado Health Care Association to reinstate the PASRR Stakeholder Committee. A monthly meeting for updates and feedback to HCPF and Office of Behavioral Health.
- Hosted PASRR Update on March 23, 2016 to NoCo hospital, skilled nursing, assisted living, home health, Options for Long Term Care, OBRAs, Ombudsman, etc. Discussed current status of PASRR. Small groups for what is working with PASRR, what is not. Discussion of moving PASRR from hospital to (SNF) on admission.
- Met with Senator Kefalas about PASRR and economic impact on health care providers and health impact to older adults.
- Wrote grant request from Colorado Workforce Development Council for \$5,000 to complete an environmental scan of PASRR in the US.
- Created PASRR environmental scan document. Sent document to potential consultant to complete the scan.
- Hired consultant to complete scan.

### **Goals for remainder of 2016:**

- Finish work with consultant to complete environmental scan by 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017.
- Continue work with Stakeholder Committee to assist with transition of new PASRR coordinator for Colorado.
- Work with HCPF/Office of Behavioral health on transition of PASRR from paper process to HP Electronic process.
- Continue efforts with CHA, CHCA, Ombudsman, OBRAs, and legislative representatives to move PASRR from hospitals to SNFs.

### **Meeting schedule:**

- Meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Pathways Hospice – 305 Carpenter Rd.  
Call in number – 1-866-866-2244 Participant code: 5630908#

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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Working Group

### **Mental Health First Aid:**

Our focus has been on encouraging employer participation in the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) curriculum. The 8 hour class can be a significant time commitment, so a MHFA “light” version has been developed by Chris Fine, in collaboration with the State of Colorado. A full MHFA is scheduled for March 25th, location to be determined, open to all employers. Working with Ann Hutchinson, with Fort Collins Chamber, to be able to offer a MHFA “light” for employers. Provide education to attendees of the Health Summit and encourage participation in MHFA courses. These efforts are supported by the City of Fort Collins and State Workforce Center grants. State-wide website has training opportunities listed throughout the state, mhfaco.org. as have trainings and educational opportunities, will gather names and contacts for database.

### **Regular Meetings:**

In January, Anna Von Dreele, Columbine Health Systems, agreed to co-chair the work group. At 2/15/17 meeting, will initiate a discussion on having quarterly work group meetings to:

- Coordinate efforts to advance MHFA, youth/childhood prevention and intervention, telehealth
- Communicate other efforts in the community and how to support
- Network

### **JOIN US!**

To learn more about the Behavioral Health Work Group, contact  
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