

# NORTHERN COLORADO HEALTH SECTOR PARTNERSHIP

## **WORKFORCE Working Group**

The committee identified the following focus areas for the committee which they will work on through out the year: Industry Career Pathways and Outreach, Identify and Market LPN Apprenticeships, Market Job Fair Summit, Coordinate Career Youth Events for Students and Gather a Resource List of shared equipment in the region.

- Planning Youth Career Fairs in the Fall and Spring- "Getting into the Guts of Healthcare" youth career fairs will be mirrored after event at Banner Health where forty middle school students from Poudre School District toured behind the scenes of Banner Health and heard from a variety of medical professionals about the occupations available today and in the future. The students participated in hands-on activities exploring senior care, medical assisting, surgical technician, behavioral health and emergency medical health services. Anyone interested in supporting this effort please reach out the committee chairs.
- Funding two summer internships coordinated by Larimer County Workforce Center and hosted by Orthopedic & Spine Center of the Rockies and Salud Family Center.
- Funding scholarships at Aims Community College and Front Range Community College for students in Medical Assistant programs
- Identified MA, LPN and behavioral healthcare employees in several categories as a priority need.
- Helping to facilitate a Registered Apprenticeship Program for Medical Assistants/Associates of Family Medicine
- Helping to launch new Medical Assistant program at FRCC
- Sponsoring a Healthcare Career Panel for High School teachers and counselors – June 8 at Banner Health Hospital in Fort Collins. Panel to include MA-Banner Health; RN-UC Health; CNA-Columbine Health; Behavioral Health Counselor-Touchstone
- Hosted a tour and panel discussing for 50 high school teachers and counselors attended the panel and toured the hospital talking to various employees about their positions and their career paths

**WORKFORCE Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 2-3:30PM with the exception of June being 9-10:30am.  
Loveland Chamber of Commerce - 5400 Stone Creek Cir, Loveland, CO 80538

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## **OUTREACH & AWARENESS Working Group**

- Jonas McKinley and Yvonne Myers met with City of Loveland and City of Greeley on how the partnership can collaborate efforts.
- Jonas McKinley presented an overview of the Northern Colorado Health Sector Partnership at the April Health Summit in Loveland where the partnership was a sponsor.
- Christine Juker has developed a newsletter launched in March that will help disseminate important Sector Partnership information.
- Provided mid-year grant report to the City of Fort Collins.
- Jonas McKinley presented an overview of the Northern Colorado Health Sector Partnership at the October Industry Cluster Ignite event sponsored by the City of Fort Collins
- Jacob Castillo presented Northern Colorado Health Sector Partnership successes at the Sector Partnership Academy in Austin, TX.
- Websites ([nocohealthsector.org](http://nocohealthsector.org) and [nocohealthsector.com](http://nocohealthsector.com)) updated regularly with community and sector events. It continues to be the best place to find Sector information. If you have an event you would like listed, please email them to: [nocohealthsector@gmail.com](mailto:nocohealthsector@gmail.com).

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## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Working Group**

The Behavioral Health Committee had a successful focus group for the revamping of Health Info Source, a health information website for Larimer County and learning about behavioral health efforts such as Northern Colorado Health Alliance, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Health Alliance and Thriving Weld. Moving forward the committee will discuss hosting forums for the behavioral health efforts being done in Larimer and Weld counties to encourage opportunities for collaboration and problem solving, collectively and effectively.

This past quarter MHFA Trainings:

- The committee continues to support MHFA trainings by North Range Behavioral Health, Summit Stone, Larimer County Estes Park and the Health District of Northern Colorado through advertisement of classes and grant dollars for training materials.

Committee accomplishments:

- Support of MHFA trainings in region
- Identifying next project for committee

**Next Meeting:** June 25<sup>th</sup> at Clear View, 12:30-1:30pm. – Planning meeting for first Behavioral Health Forum for Larimer and Weld Counties, Tentative Date: September 24, 2018

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

**Efforts from August 2017 to present:**

The State of Colorado PASRR staff will be providing four (4) PASRR training sessions per year. We have worked with them to have one of these in Northern Colorado. Mark your calendars for: PASRR Training on Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Drake Centre 802 W. Drake Road, Fort Collins. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you would like to learn more about our work and join our efforts – we welcome you!

- Held a Q&A session with Linda Abalos, OBRA Coordinator for Larimer County on Wednesday, April 11th. We all learned new information, validated the PASRR Level I and Level II process, discussed the Exempted Hospital Discharge. In attendance were staff from the Larimer County Single Entry Point, Banner Hospital, local Skilled Nursing Facilities and home cares.
- Provided feedback for new Level I form for State of Colorado for implementation beginning 8/7/17 and held Region 2 PASRR event on 8/9/17 for hospital discharge planners, SNF admissions and social services staff, Single Entry Point staff, OBRA Coordinators and others. Hosted PASRR Training on November 1, 2017 for 80+ health care providers from the Denver area and Northern Colorado.

**Goals for 2018:**

- ❖ Participate with monthly State PASRR Stakeholder Committee. Following topics to continue advocating for:
  - Moving PASRR to electronic format
  - Developing process for Exempted Hospital Discharge to take place in Colorado
  - New staff being hired at PASRR. Develop relationships with to continue best practices.
- ❖ Host PASRR training for Northern Colorado in September 2018.

**Meeting schedule:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Columbine Health Systems, 802 W. Drake Road, Suite 101, Fort Collins

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