



Regional Health Connectors (RHCs) connect the systems that keep us healthy, including primary care, public health, social services, and other community resources. RHCs work on a project that aligns with the priorities of practices and community. Contact your RHC for more information on their local priority project. Above: The RHC regions

Region 1 – Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma

RHC: Erika Greenberg

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Area of Focus: Practice Engagement and Connections

Care Coordination Training Program to educate rural healthcare providers working and living in

the region. Care Coordination is a patient-centered approach that strives to meet the needs and preferences of the individuals while strengthening the caregiving capabilities of service providers. Overarching goal is to provide education to providers which will enable them to provide continuity of care. Intends to focus on long-term care and jail populations to increase continuity of care in times of transition for patients. There is a focus on best practices for telehealth, which has grown in the last few months because of COVID19.



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Key Partners: CAHEC, Sterling Regional Hospital, Yuma Jail, Washington Jail, the RAE, other hospitals in the region

Region 2 – Larimer

RHC: Shawna Hendricks

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Area of Focus: Social Needs

Community Resource Center supports to address health coverage and resource barriers and gaps in Estes Valley. Community stakeholders such as community members, school administration, resources agencies, and healthcare providers to collaborate efforts to form a centralized resource hub in one location to assist individuals in accessing available resources based on their needs to maintain optimal health. The goal is to decrease the uninsured population and uncompensated costs in healthcare needs in a one stop shop to maintain better overall access to healthcare and resources to support health.

Key Partners: North Colorado Health Alliance, Connect for Health Colorado, Estes school district, Crossroad Ministry, RMHP, Estes Park Salud and Estes Park Health

Region 3 – Douglas

RHC: Laura Don

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Area of Focus: COVID19 Response

Support community testing efforts and connecting community-based organizations and healthcare partners with “Social Need” (SN) resources for priority populations. Coordinate testing efforts across all the region and provide technical assistance to partners for testing, especially for vulnerable populations.

Key Partners: TCHD, CDHE, STRIDE, ISP practices, Health Alliances, FQHCs, Urgent care, Community behavioral health centers, pharmacies, community-based orgs, Centura

Region 4 – El Paso, Teller

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Area of Focus: Social Needs

Provider education on trauma and the bodies response to stress, focused on how childhood adversity contributes to chronic health problems, poor academic achievement, and overall social well-being. Further, support the screening of patients for understanding the relationship between the bodies stress response, development of diabetes, and poor socioeconomic status leading to food insecurity and identification of resources to improve health outcomes in the RHC region.

Key Partners: CTC, PIAC, CCAHEC, RAE in the region, 2-Gen collaborative, El Paso County Dept of PH, El Paso Dept of Human Services, CDPHE,



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UCHEALTH, Peak Vista, UCCS, Community Health Partnership, Colorado Springs Food Rescue, Catholic Charities, local YMCA's, Homeward Pikes Peak

Region 5 – Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln

RHC: Kim Fairley

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Area of Focus: Practice Engagement and Connections

Rural Peer Assistance Network creates a sustainable rural community safety net for farmers and ranchers who need mental health and substance use help. There is a need for education on stress management, suicide prevention, and substance use. This project will use a peer support model of education to normalize mental health support for farmers and ranchers.

Key Partners: CAHEC, CMHCs, Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Farm Bureau

Region 6 – Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers

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Area of Focus: Project to be submitted.

Region 7 – Pueblo

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Area of Focus: COVID19 Response

PDPHE and partners will work to provide COVID19 resources, education and technical assistance to providers in order to support and sustain practices. Additionally, efforts will focus on assisting providers with screening for, and addressing social-determinants of health in order to improve health outcomes for patients, as well as looking at how COVID19 is impacting social determinants of health for patients.

Key Partners: Champions Medical (current ISP partner), Pueblo County Medical Society, PDPHE, Pueblo Health Care, Health Colorado (the region's RAE)

Region 8 – Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache

RHC: Dee Kessler

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Area of Focus: Immunizations

SLV Health Leadership group, who meets regularly, will provide guidance and communication about what they are doing to increase awareness around immunizations. The group consists of SLV Health, Rio Grande



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Hospital, and Valley-Wide Health Systems, six county Public health directors, and AHEC ED. Public health will provide resources to healthcare systems around data of immunization rates, and support the standardization of process of giving IZs per CDC guidelines.

Key Partners: Public health departments in RHC region, SLV Health, Valley-Wide Health Systems, Rio Grande Hospital and clinics, Public school systems in RHC region

Region 9 – Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan

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Host Organization: Southwest Colorado Area Health Education Center

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Area of Focus: Social Needs

Develop a social determinants of health toolkit (living document, there are resource list already compiled in the region) for providers and care coordinators to raise awareness of and opportunities to address the needs of patients who screen for social determinants of health. Dissemination of toolkit will be through the Care Coordination Collaborative (convened by RHC and SWCAHEC) that facilitates provider knowledge of resources, education and training about social determinants of health, and enhancement of clinic-community referrals. There is one champion practice already engaged in this work with SWCAHEC that can “mentor” other practices in the region. A large focus will be on food insecurity.

Key Partners: SWAHEC, Pediatric Partners of the Southwest, AXIS Health System, San Juan Basin

Public Health, Rocky Mountain Health Plans, Montezuma County Public Health, Pinon Project, Pagosa Springs Medical Center, Archuleta County Department of Social Services, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe behavioral health project director

Region 10 – Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel

RHC: Mary Burt

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Area of Focus: Social Needs

Using [AHCM data](#) to identify social needs and working with clinical and organizational partners to understand and utilize on local, regional, and statewide resources. Develop a Resource Learning Community as a network that serves to provide education and outreach on resources. TCHNetwork is the only organization developing comprehensive social needs-based resource development in the region. SDOH resource lists are kept up to date through an online platform that is easily accessed by providers. Working together with the Quality Health Network as they implement the Community Resource Network in the communities of Delta, Montrose and Gunnison by providing networking and content for their electronic database.

Key Partners: TCHNetwork, River Valley Family Medical, Peak Family Medicine, Basin Clinic Montrose Memorial Hospital, Delta County Memorial Hospital, Gunnison Valley Health System (all are doing the AHCM screening)



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Region 11 – Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt

RHC: Sarah House

Host Organization: Northwest Colorado Community Health Partnership

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Area of Focus: Social Needs

Virtual Collaborative Care Team Project aims to improve collaboration between care navigators in our region. The platform will link clinical, behavioral and social service providers through the Community Resource Network (CRN) to ensure key resource and referral partners can seamlessly care for vulnerable populations.

Key Partners: Health partnership, practices, QHN, 10 clinics doing AHCM program, Mind Springs Health, Public health, food banks, department of human services

Region 12 – Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin, Summit

RHC: Namrata Shrestha

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Area of Focus: Social Needs

West Mountain Regional Health Alliance (WMRHA) is facilitating the region's adoption of Quality Health Network's Community Resource Network (CRN), a social health information exchange tool utilized by medical, behavioral health, and social providers (i.e. community orgs, and government public health and human service departments) that create a whole person picture and expedites help for those in need. This

tool allows the care team to communicate with each other, and helps patients build more trust in the system. The tool illustrates a picture of patient needs, reduces staff time in finding resources, and ensures patients are connected to help and the resources to address the identified need.

Key Partners: Quality Health Network, WMRHA, WMRHA Board Organizations (for example: Mountain Family Health Centers, Mind Springs Health, and hospitals in the region) as well as 20 clinics doing the AHCM screening

Region 13 – Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake

RHC: Mike Orrill

Host Organization: Chaffee County Public Health

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Area of Focus: Substance use disorder

Develop an informal peer support network that complements and expands the current program offered at Solvista Health. Intensive trainings in each of the four counties of region 13 and formation of Recovery Community Organization, the peer support network will serve as a new referral source for adults (18+yo) seeking to enter and sustain in long-term recovery. Goal: 20 new peer support specialists in the region. Peer recovery support has been shown to improve relationship with treatment providers and treatment retention as well as reductions in substance use.

Key Partners: PH directors in counties of RHC region, Solvista Health, Fremont County Young People in Recovery, Chaffee County probation, Recovery Coach trainer, adults in long-term recovery, SARC Peer Support Action Team



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Region 14 – Adams

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Area of Focus: COVID19 Response

Support community testing efforts and connecting community-based organizations and healthcare partners with “Social Need” (SN) resources for priority populations. Coordinate testing efforts across the region and provide technical assistance to partners working to set up free community testing sites that are open to the public and often prioritize priority populations. In Adams county, RHC will be focusing on people experiencing homelessness and Latinx/Spanish-speaking communities with mixed immigration status. Goal is to increase equitable access to testing and resources for these populations.

Key Partners: TCHD, CDPHE, STRIDE, Thornton Fire, Adams County Government, ISP practices, Health Alliances, FQHCs, Advanced Urgent Care, community behavioral health centers, pharmacies, community-based orgs, Colorado Access (RAE)

Region 15 – Arapahoe

RHC: Kaitlin Wolff

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Area of Focus: COVID19 Response

Support community navigation assistance for COVID19 positive cases, as well as vaccine information dissemination, and connecting community-based organizations and healthcare partners with “Social Need” (SN) resources for priority populations. Coordinate vaccine and access to care efforts across all the region and provide technical assistance to partners, especially for vulnerable populations, specifically refugee community.

Key Partners: TCHD, CDHE, STRIDE, ISP practices, Health Alliances, FQHCs, Urgent care, Community behavioral health centers, pharmacies, community-based orgs, Centura

Region 16 – Boulder, Broomfield

RHC: Dane Hall

Host Organization: Central Colorado Area Health Education Center

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Area of Focus: Other – Queer Competency in Practices

Building and expanding LGBTQ+ competent referral networks between behavioral health providers, primary care providers, and social service/community-based organizations will increase community confidence in providers and expand access to affordable behavioral healthcare for LGBTQ+ residents in RHC region. In coordination with AmeriCorps VISTA members, build and adopt processes to evaluate substance use disorder and behavioral health treatment facilities on the bases of LGBTQ+ cultural competency and develop/deliver educational toolkit to identify LGBTQ+ friendly providers. Goal to decrease the behavioral health



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outcome disparities faced by LGBTQ+ communities.

Key Partners: ISP practices, CCAHEC, Umbrella Collective, Queer+, Boulder/Broomfield Public Health Departments, social service orgs

Region 17 – Clear Creek, Gilpin, Park

RHC: Dane Hall/Susan Garrett

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Area of Focus: Social Needs

Facilitating meetings with local stakeholders and partners, communicating community needs to local and interested partners and ensure community members receive local healthcare resources identified. Connect stakeholders and appropriate local resources that address social determinants of health that prevent people from accessing care to ensure continued access and sustainability of local health care services

Key Partners: Colorado Community Health Alliance (Regional Accountable Entity-RAE), Gilpin County Public Health, Clear Creek County Public Health and Human Services, Rocky Mountain Rural Health, South Park Health Service District Board of Directors, the town of Fairplay, the town of Alma, Park County local government, Mountain Youth Network (formally Clear Creek County Communities That Care), Clear Creek County Commissioners, HealthONE, Centura, Saint Anthony's, and local private behavioral health providers

Region 18 – Weld

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Host Organization: North Colorado Health Alliance

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Area of Focus: Social Needs

Increase health coverage and resource barriers and gaps with the Weld County Jail for inmates upon release, decreasing uninsured percentage in Weld County. RHC organizing collaborative effort to assist individuals participating in resources that are available based on their needs in order to maintain optimal health after release from jail.

Key Partners: North Colorado Health Alliance, Weld County Department of Human Services, North Range Behavioral, Weld County Jail

Region 19 – Mesa

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Area of Focus: Project to be submitted in November.

Region 20 – Denver

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Area of Focus: COVID19 Response/Social Needs



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Coordinate free community health events that will test for COVID19, BMI screening and A1C testing. Collaborating with partners who will provide food resources and oral health screenings to provide comprehensive resources at the community testing events. The project will provide ISP practices with information pertaining to individuals experiencing housing stability and safety issues through Colorado Legal Services and the Colorado Poverty Law Project. Additionally, those individuals who are unable to purchase health insurance will be referred to a PCP at one of the FQHCs in the area, provide telehealth through provider in Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice, and if warranted, refer individuals to the ED. Social Health Information exchange will also be used to meet unmet social needs with patients in practices.

Key Partners: Mile High Health Alliance, Denver Indian Center, Denver Public Health, CREA Results, Denver Health Southwest Pena Clinic, Servicios de la Raza, Montbello promotores, Denver Police District 4, Southwest Denver coalition

Region 21 – Jefferson

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Area of Focus: Social Needs

Increased connections between older adults and services/programs addressing social and physical isolation needs (like in-home library services, in-home healthcare, phone check-in programs, DRCOG's Reassurance Program, virtual

recreation) will support medical providers in screening for isolation in older adults because they will have the local resources to give their patients. In addition, older adults will have improved access to services and programs to address isolation needs and healthcare needs.

Key Partners: Age-Friendly Jeffco Steering Committee, ISP practices (Sustaina, Potomac Square, STRIDE, New West Physicians), Jeffco PH, Jefferson County Health Alliance