



**Systems Building from a Community Perspective:
Mesa County's Collaboration with
Medical Home Initiative,
Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs,
and Early Childhood Council**

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Progress to Medical Home Approach

2007-2008:

ECC Medical/Dental committee goals:

1. Access and Enrollment for Medicaid & CHP+
2. Childhood Obesity
3. Car Seat Safety and Infant Safe Sleep
4. Beginning to explore the Medical Home approach/philosophy.



Progress to a Medical Home Approach

In 2009

- Rocky Mountain Health Plans received Health Care Policy and Finance CHP+ Medical Home Grant.

Objectives:

- Review Medical Home Standards
- Create a plan for moving forward with Medical Home Initiative



Progress to a Medical Home Approach

July 2009:

- Maternal Child Health Medical Home Integration Grant:
Mesa County HCP was awarded \$25,000.

Goals:

- Identify local committees currently working on the Medical Home Approach.
- Convene and collaborate efforts.
- Identify a medical practice who will demonstrate progress towards full implementation of the Medical Home Model.



Progress to a Medical Home Approach

November 2009 – 2010

November 2009, ECC received a 3-year Health Integration grant from The Colorado Trust.

Objective:

Coordinate educational opportunities for local health care providers to increase their understanding and use of Medical Home

July 2010 (year 2), Mesa County HCP was awarded \$13,000.

Goals:

- Western Colorado Pediatric Association will demonstrate full implementation of the Medical Home Model as measured on the Medical Home Index
- Investigate progress of Colorado West Mental Health working with CCHAP towards full implementation of the Medical Home Model
- Explore quality report similarities between medical and other service agencies

Initial Barriers

- Identifying Mesa County committees currently addressing Medical Home goals and objectives
- Exploring current status of objectives on individual committees to avoid duplication
- Targeting key members of existing efforts to merge into the ECC Health & Safety committee
- Developing Medical Home objectives for the existing Health & Safety committee to address Mesa County's Needs, MCH Medical Home Objectives and eventually ECC Health Integration objectives
- Identifying Medical Home index for physicians and family members to utilize

Current Barriers

- Did not anticipate the number of local physicians that do not serve children and/or do not accept medicaid or CHP+
- Did not anticipate the number of local physicians that only accept Rocky Mountain HMO Medicaid
- Did not anticipate RMHP receiving a grant through the Beacon foundation requiring local physicians to report extensively on their current practice operations.
- WCPA made the decision to complete a 2nd and 3rd inventory for their QI plan

Future Considerations



- Sustainability
- Identify missing agency partners
- Need Community wide training(s) for parents and providers to educate about the Medical Home Approach
- Continued outreach to additional Mesa County family practice's in becoming certified as a Medical Home
- More Family leadership involvement at the Clinic level, community level and policy level achieved through trainings such as FLTI- Family Leadership Training Institute. Many Mesa County collaborations identify they need parent leaders on their committees but are not sure how to integrate the parent voice in a meaningful and productive way.
- Utilizing the youth perspective on local committees

Accomplishments

We were able to connect Mental Health, Oral Health and Medical by the following activities:

- Colorado West Regional Mental Health Center joined the Medical Home Committee in order to identify mental health needs specific to children/youth. All 13 Colorado West sites are currently going through the state Medical Home Survey process at the same time. Results from this process will be shared once all 13 sites have completed the process.
- A gap was identified around oral health services for children birth to 3. April 7, 2011 we hosted a “Cavity Free at 3” training which included 9 Mesa County pediatricians and 1 Delta County Pediatrician. WCPA currently have 9000 children enrolled in their practice on medicaid or CHP+.
- Largest local Pediatric Office became certified as a Medical Home provider.
- Formation of an “Access and Outreach” committee currently serving as a subgroup to Health, Safety/Medical Home committee tracking number of children eligible but not enrolled in public health insurance.

Current & Active Representation

- Health, Safety and Medical Home committee:

Colorado West Regional Mental Health Center

ECC - Partnership for Children and Families

HCP/Mesa County Health Department

Hilltop

Marillac Clinic

Mesa County CMP - Family and Adolescent Partnership

Mesa County Dept of Human Services

Parent

Pediatrician

Primary Care Partners

School District 51

Rocky Mountain Health Plans

Head Start

