



# Alliance Membership Meeting

January 18, 2024

**8:00-9:30am**

The Alliance Membership Meeting will be recorded, and meeting highlights will be provided after.

<https://www.alliancecolorado.org/membershipmeetings>





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## Government Relations Report

- Updates from the Capitol (Emma Hudson)
- [Government Relations Leadership and Website Updates](#) (Josh)
- Updates to Alliance's 2024 Legislative Agenda (Ellen)
- Colorado Budget (Emma)
- Bills (Maria)
- Rules (Ellen)
  - CMRD Rules
- Federal Gov't Relations (Josh)
- [March Disability Awareness Advocacy Events](#)
  - March 4th: DSP/CM/Advocate of the Year Finalists Webinar
  - March 7th: Disability Rights Advocacy Day at the Capitol (hosted by DLC)
  - March 11th: IDD Policy Overview & Advocacy Training
  - March 20th: IDD Awareness Day at the Capitol (Luncheon Tickets on sale soon.)
    - Awards Luncheon at the Denver Art Museum: DSP, Case Manager and Advocate of the Year Awards.





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## Leadership Reports













- [Alliance BOD Update](#) (Next Meeting: February 20)
  - Evolution of Alliance
  - Alliance BOD Action Items
    - Reviewed and approved the financials and minutes.
    - We voted in a new member [Sevita \(dba Tunland and Bridges of Colorado\)](#)
    - Approved a dues payment extension for a member having a financial hardship due to CMRD.
  - Alliance Dues Policy for CMAs
  - Alliance Summit Venue (2025-2027)
- [Alliance GRACE](#) (Next meeting: January 30<sup>th</sup>)
  - No further updates



### Alliance Board of Directors

(FY2023-2024)



 <b>Tara Kiene</b> Alliance Board Secretary (Term Ends 6/30/25) & President/CEO of Community Connections, Inc. (CCI) tkiene@colorado.org	 <b>Randy Brodersen</b> Alliance Board Vice-President (Term Ends 6/30/24) & CEO of North Metro Community Services (PASA) Randy.Brodersen@nmeto.org	 <b>Celeste Ewert</b> Alliance Board President (Term Ends 6/30/24) & Executive Director of Education (CCD) cewert@educationcc.org	 <b>Sally Montgomery</b> Alliance Board Treasurer (Term Ends 6/30/25) & Executive Director of Montrose Northern CO (PASA) sally.montgomery@montroscolorado.org	 <b>Jodi Walters</b> Alliance Board Past President & ANCOR Board of Hope (Term Ends 6/30/24) & Executive Director of Eastern Regional Care Services (PASA) jwalters@atkinsch.com		
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### Alliance Government Relations





(2024)








#### Alliance Policy Team

 <b>Ellen Jensby</b> Senior Director of Public Policy & Operations	 <b>Maria Jasso</b> Public Policy & Communications	 <b>Emma Hudson</b> Government Affairs Consultant	 <b>Josh Rael</b> Executive Director
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#### GRACE Leadership

 <b>Randy Brodersen</b> North Metro GRACE PASA Chair	 <b>Shari Repinski</b> RMHS GRACE CMA Chair	 <b>Rob DeHerrera</b> DDRC GRACE EI Chair	 <b>Jodi Walters</b> PPCH ANCOR/Federal Chair	 <b>Celeste Ewert</b> Envision Alliance BOD President
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#### Additional GRACE Members

 <b>Nardos Tesfamichael</b> Thrive Community Options	 <b>Tim Cunningham</b> Cheyenne Village	 <b>Alexis Marsh</b> Easterseals Colorado	 <b>Ksana Oglesby</b> Mountain Valley	 <b>Dr. David Hatfield</b> Oliver Behavioral Consultants
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Government Relations Advisory Committee of Excellence  
[Click here to visit Alliance's Member-Only Government Relations Webpages](#)



# Alliance Policy and Membership Meeting Reports

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## Committee Reports

- **Policy Committees**

- [CMA](#) Updates by Josh (Next meeting: February 1st)
- [EI](#) - TBD (Next meeting: TBA)
- [ERIC](#)- No updates (Next meeting: February 13th)
- [Employment](#)- No updates (Next meeting TBA)
- [Host Home Safety and Rules](#)- No Updates (Next meeting: January 18th)
- [Housing](#)- No updates (Next meeting TBA)

- **Membership Committees**

- [Member Services](#)- Report given with BOD Update. (Next meeting: Feb 20, with the BOD)
- [IDEA](#)- No updates (Next meeting: January 31st)

**Alliance Policy Committee Chairs (2024)**  
Access links to Alliance's Committees [HERE](#)>

Case Management Agency (CMA)	Early Intervention (EI)	Emergency Response in Communities (ERIC)
 Chair: Matt VanAuken, DP Alliance Staff Lead: Josh <a href="#">CMA Committee Webpage</a>	 Chair: Rob DeHerrera, DDRC Alliance Staff Lead: Josh <a href="#">EI Committee Webpage</a>	 Co-Chairs: Tara Kiene, CGI and Dr. Corry Robinson-Rosenberg, JFK Partners Alliance Staff Lead: Maria <a href="#">ERIC Committee Webpage</a>
Host Home Safety and Rules	Housing	Employment
 Chair: Kristie Braaten, DDRC Alliance Staff Lead: Ellen <a href="#">Host Home Safety and Rules Committee Webpage</a>	 Chair: Cindy Opheim, Cottonwood Alliance Staff Lead: Maria <a href="#">Housing Committee Webpage</a>	 Chair: Tom Knost, Continuum of Colorado Alliance Staff Lead: Ellen <a href="#">Employment Committee Webpage</a>

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## Staff Updates

### Public Health Emergency Unwind

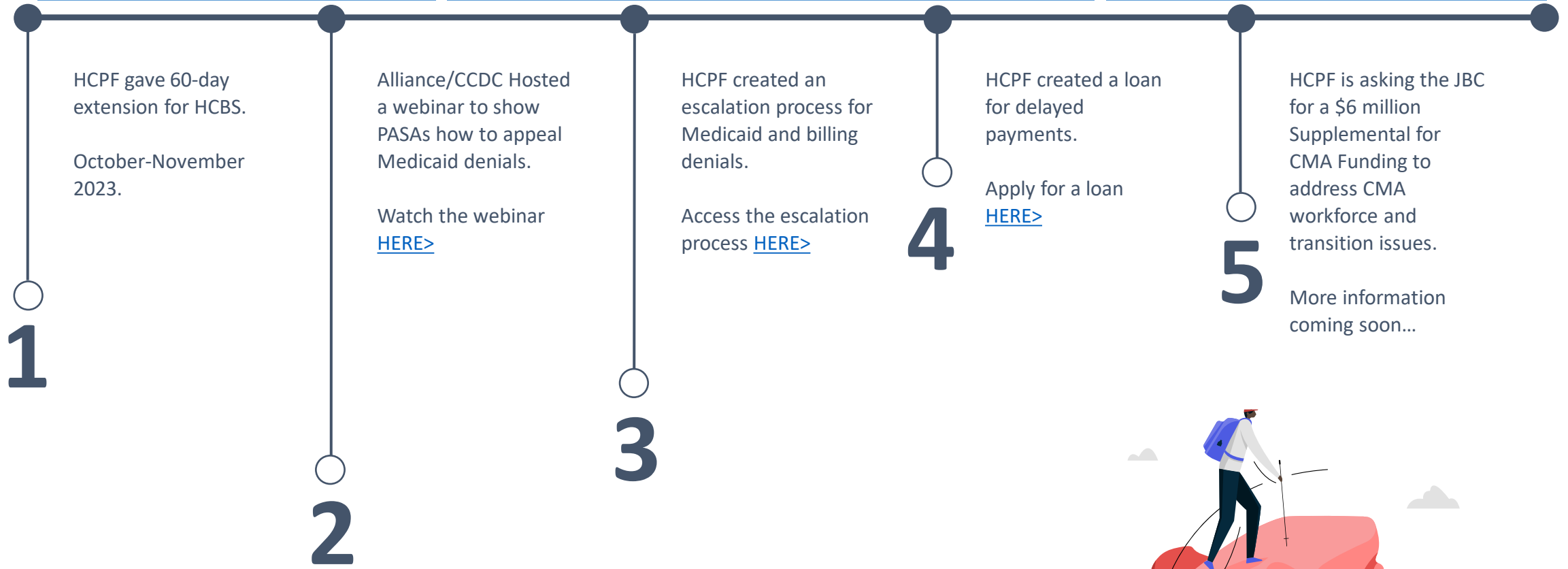
Counties struggle to keep up

### Case Management Redesign and New CM System

CCB/SEPs began to transfer case management functions to new Case Management Agencies (CMAs) and HCPF implemental a new CM data system.

### Billing Delays

Due to the PHE Unwind, CMRD, the new CM system, and workforce crisis, providers are seeing significant billing delays and CMAs are overworked.





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## Staff Updates

- State Updates
  - HCPF: [Host Home Oversight Committee](#)
  - HCPF: [MPRRAC](#)
  - HCPF: Medications when on Eligibility Break (Added 1.16.24)
- Alliance High Priority Work
  - CDPHE/HCPF/Alliance Relations
  - Class B Licensure for all Personal Care in 2025



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## Staff Updates

### Evolution of Alliance

#### **Phase I**

- Hire Consultant (Completed)
- Membership meetings and surveys (Completed)
- [Alliance Bylaw](#) Updates (Completed)
- Alliance Policy Updates (In Progress)
- CMA Dues Policy (In Progress)

#### **Phase II**

- Hire Consultant (Completed)
- [Alliance BOD](#) And [GR Leadership and Staff](#) Org Charts, [GR Timeline](#), [Committee Org Chart](#) Updates (Complete)
- Staff capacity meetings with consultant (Complete)
- Research on HCBS Waivers (Complete)
- Review Alliance Decision-Making Process
- Research and interview other state association's decision-making processes and structures (In Progress)
  - Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, and Pennsylvania.
- Membership Outreach and Feedback Opportunities (In progress)
  - Updates at Membership Meetings
  - Membership Webinars (January 30th)
  - Membership Survey (Due March 1st)
  - Membership Webinar (March- TBD)
- Final report from consultations (Expected April 2024)



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## Staff Updates

### Evolution of Alliance

**Tune in to the Alliance Evolution of Alliance Webinar on January 30th at 2pm.**

- Webinar Agenda:
  - EOA Overview (Josh)
  - HCBS Waivers (Maria)
  - Membership Survey Preview (Kylie)
  - Current Decision-Making Process & Dues Overview (Ellen)
  - Questions and Discussion

### **Alliance Membership Survey:**

- Following the EOA Webinar, Alliance will release the Alliance Membership Survey.
- Members will have until March 1st to respond.

### **Next Steps:**

- January- Staff Capacity, Structure, and Expertise
- February- Development of Framework for Prioritizing and Decision Making
- March- Articulating the Membership Value Proposition
- April- Final Review and next steps
- May- Make final decisions
- June- If needed, vote or bylaw changes or policies.





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## Staff Updates

- Other
  - 2023 Group Home Data (Maria)
    - 12 GHs closed in 2023, 85 total licensed beds in CO
  - Summit Sponsorship Opportunities (Kylie)
    - Sponsorships (available on a first-to-reserve basis):
      - General Session Sponsor \$2250
      - A-Tunes Welcome Reception Appetizer Sponsor \$4000
      - A-Tunes Welcome Reception Beverage Sponsor \$2500
      - Exhibitor Meet & Greet Appetizer Sponsor \$3000
      - Exhibitor Meet & Greet Beverage Sponsor \$1500
      - Snack Break Sponsor \$650
      - Hospitality Suite Sponsor \$1000
      - Sponsor an IDEA Scholarship Winner \$500
      - Conference Lanyards – cost varies
      - Breakfast Co-Sponsor with 5-min presentation \$150
  - Member Dues Adjustment Forms (Josh)
    - Kylie will be reaching out to all members
    - Josh will reach out to CMA members
    - We will need these forms by March 1 from PASAs





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## Staff Updates: Important Upcoming Dates to Note (Kylie)

### [Alliance Host Home Rules and Safety Committee](#)

January 18 @ 2:00 - 3:00pm via zoom

### [IDD Waitlist Presentation](#)

January 19 @ 10:45am - Alliance CMA/PASA Members will present for 10 minutes from 11:05-11:15am.

### [Housing Vouchers WEBINAR for Alliance Members](#)

January 23 @ 11:00am - 12:00pm via zoom

### [IDD Community Awareness Event at the CO Avalanche!](#)

January 26 @ 7:00pm

### [Government Relations Committee of Excellence \(GRACE\)](#)

January 30 @ 10:00 - 11:00am via zoom

### [Alliance IDEA Committee](#)

January 31 @ 12:30pm

### [Alliance CMA Policy Committee](#)

February 1 @ 9:00 - 10:00am via zoom

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SHARE WITH STAFF:

### •[FSSP \(non-policy\) Peer Network](#)

January 22 @ 2:00 – approx. 3:30pm via zoom

NOTE!: The [Case Managers Peer Network](#) will meet MONTHLY through June 2024:

- Feb 12 @ 10:00 - 11:30am
- March 18 @ 10:00 - 11:30am
- Apr 15 @ 10:00 - 11:30am
- May 20 @ 10:00 - 11:30am
- June 17 @ 10:00 - 11:30am

## Save the Dates:

**January 23:** Housing Vouchers Webinar for Alliance Members

**January 30:** WEBINAR - Evolution of Alliance Updates

**February 14:** Combat Human Trafficking Webinar for Alliance Members

**February 12:** [DSP/CM/Advocate of the Year Nominations due](#)

**March:** [IDD Awareness Day webinars and main event!](#)

**June 19 – 20:** Alliance on the Road in Weld County

**August 20 – 22:** Alliance Summit

**Sept 25-27:** Six State Summit in Bozeman

**Remember, you can always reference the Alliance Calendar here: [www.alliancecolorado.org/alliance-calendar](http://www.alliancecolorado.org/alliance-calendar)**

**CAN Members can reference: [www.alliancecolorado.org/canmembersonly](http://www.alliancecolorado.org/canmembersonly)**

**Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities  
Awareness Day**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Virtual and in-  
person options on  
March 20!**



**March 4 @ 11:00am -12:00pm**

WEBINAR: Finalists Announced for  
Direct Support Professional, Case  
Manager, and Advocate of Year

**March 11 @ 8:30 - 9:30am**

WEBINAR: IDD Policy Overview &  
Advocacy Training

**March 20 @ 9:00am**

Pledge of Allegiance & IDD Day  
Tributes at the Capitol

**March 20 @ 12:00pm**

IDD Awareness Day VIRTUAL  
Luncheon

*\*Limited in-person  
invites available soon*

**Coming Soon: event details and livestream links at**

**[www.alliancecolorado.org/jiddawarenessday](http://www.alliancecolorado.org/jiddawarenessday)**



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## Membership Discussion and Feedback Forum

- Future agenda items.
- Feedback for the Alliance BOD.
- Questions for fellow members.
- Questions for state partners.
- Feedback for staff.

