



# Alliance Membership Meeting

March 21, 2024

**8:30-10:00am**

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

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## Government Relations Report

### Alliance Government Relations (GR) Report

- Updates from the Capitol & Budget Priorities (Emma Hudson)

- ✓ 129 New DD enrollments
- ✓ Base wage increases - \$1/hr statewide
- ✓ 2.5% common policy increase
- ✓ CMA stabilization funding
- ✓ Pediatric Behavioral Therapies rate increases
- ✓ EI caseload increase and 2% provide rate increase
- ✓ Housing long bill footnote

- GRACE (Next meeting: March 27 @ 11am)

- Bills (Maria)

- Rules (Ellen)

- Federal Gov't Relations (Josh)

- Administrative

- Legislative – BREAKING ANCOR's SOC Bill Unanimously Passed the U.S. Senate on 3.20.24!!!

- ANCOR

- March Disability Awareness Advocacy Events RECAP

**Alliance**  
Colorado Communities United for People with Developmental Disabilities

### Alliance Government Relations (2024)

**Alliance Policy Team**

- Ellen Jansby, Senior Director of Public Policy & Operations
- Maria Jasso, Public Policy & Communications
- Emma Hudson, Government Affairs Consultant
- Josh Rael, Executive Director

**GRACE Leadership**

- Randy Brodersen, North Metro GRACE PASA Chair
- Shari Repinski, RMHS GRACE CMA Chair
- Rob DeHerrera, DDRC GRACE EI Chair
- Jodi Walters, PPCH ANCOR/Federal Chair
- Celeste Ewert, Envision Alliance BOD President

**Additional GRACE Members**

- Nardos Tesfamichael, Thrive Community Options
- Tim Cunningham, Cheyenne Village
- Alexis Marsh, Easterseals Colorado
- Ksana Oglesby, Mountain Valley
- Dr. David Hatfield, Oliver Behavioral Consultants

Click here to visit Alliance's Member-Only Government Relations Webpages



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## Bill Updates

### Bill Updates (03.18.24)

|                      |    |  |
|----------------------|----|--|
| Bills Supporting     | 9  | <a href="#">HB24-1342: Test Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities</a><br><a href="#">SB24-153: News Access for Consumers Who are Print-Disabled</a><br><a href="#">SB24-168: Remote Monitoring Services for Medicaid Members</a>  |
| Bills Monitoring     | 9  | <a href="#">HB24-1260: Prohibition Against Employee Discipline</a><br><a href="#">HB24-1318: Modify Rental Premises Person With Disability</a><br><a href="#">HB24-1355: Measures to Reduce the Competency Wait List</a><br><a href="#">SB24-136: Uniform Guardianship &amp; Conservatorship</a> |
| Total Bills Reviewed | 34 | 13 have been dropped from the tracker, deliberating on 2, amend 1  |



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## Leadership Reports

[BOD Update](#) - Celeste Ewert, Alliance BOD (Next Meeting: April 17 @ 1:30 - 3pm)

### Action Items:

- New PASA member welcomed to Alliance: [Our Own Lives](#)
- New STRATEGIC PARTNER welcomed to Alliance: [Wayfinder](#)
- Removed one STRATEGIC PARTNER from membership: TBA
- Amended Dues Policy: CMA Dues Calculations Using IDD waivers

### Discussion Items: (To be covered elsewhere in today's agenda.)

- Evolution of Alliance: Membership Survey Results
- IDD Day Recap
- Employment Training Reimbursement Updates
- Alliance's High Priority Public Policy Work



### Alliance Board of Directors (FY2023-2024)



**Tara Kiene**  
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**Jodi Walters**  
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# Alliance Policy and Membership Meeting Reports

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## Committee Reports

### Policy Committees

- [CMA](#) Matt VanAuken (Next meeting: April 4 @ 9 - 10am)
- [EI](#) - Rob DeHerrera (Next meeting: TBA)
- [ERIC](#) - Tara Kiene & Corry Robinson (Next meeting: April 9 @ 1-2pm)
- [Employment](#) - Tom Knost (Next meeting TBA)
- [Host Home Safety and Rules](#) - Kristie Braaten
  - [HCPF's Host Home Oversight Committee](#)
- [Housing](#) - Cindy Opheim (Next meeting TBA)



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

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



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## Committee Reports

### Membership Committees

- [Alliance Nominating Committee](#) - 2024 Chair: Roxane Miller-Freutel, Jewish Family Service
  - Call for Nominations for the 2024-25 BOD: Nominate yourself or a fellow member [HERE](#)>
  - Nominations are due by April 1, 2024.
- [Member Services](#) - Cindy Opheim & Kylie Kampbell (Next meeting: April 17 in conjunction with the BOD Meeting)
  - [New Strategic Partner Application from SafeinHome: One Month Feedback Request](#)
  - WELCOME TO ALLIANCE!:
    - [New PASA Member: Our Own Lives](#)
    - [New STRATEGIC PARTNER Member: Wayfinder](#)
- [IDEA](#)- Dre Morales (Next meeting: March 27 at 12:30 - 1:30pm)
  - IDEA Quarterly [Webinar: "Addressing DEIA Fatigue: Reenergizing Your Organization"](#) by Nick Manning on March 13th @ 2 - 3PM





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## Staff Updates

- Alliance State Updates
- Alliance High Priority Work
- Evolution of Alliance (Membership Survey Results)
- Other Reminders



**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)**



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## Staff Updates

### Alliance's 2024 High Priority Work

- ✓ Legislative Priorities (Bills, Budget, Rules)
- ✓ [EI Policy Priorities.](#)
- ✓ [Host Home Oversight.](#)
- ✓ [Medicaid Provider Rate Review Advisory Committee \(MPRRAC\).](#)
- ✓ Evolution of Alliance Phase II (Scope)
- ✓ Changes to the Alliance High Priority work:
  - [Direct Care Workforce Stabilization Board](#)
    - Remove from high priority. Monitor through Alliance's representatives.
  - [23-1296 Task Force Study Rights Persons Disabilities](#)
    - Remove from high priority. Monitor notes.
  - Class B Licensure Personal Care in 2025.
    - Conclude this work.
  - CDPHE/HCPF/Alliance Relations (Improving the Survey Process and Communications). Hosted meeting on key issues.
    - Pause this work for six months



## Q34: State Affairs: Do you agree that the following topics are “High Priority” for Alliance?

- Answered: 35 Skipped: 0

| (no label)   | YES           | SOMEWHAT    | NO         | UNSURE      | TOTAL |
|--|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| Alliance Legislative Agenda: 2024 budget and bill review/advocacy            | 100.00%<br>35 | 0.00%<br>0  | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0  | 35    |
| Alliance Early Intervention Policy Priorities                                | 80.00%<br>28  | 14.29%<br>5 | 0.00%<br>0 | 5.71%<br>2  | 35    |
| Host Home Safety and Rules Committee   | 82.86%<br>29  | 8.57%<br>3  | 2.86%<br>1 | 5.71%<br>2  | 35    |
| CDPHE/HCPF/Alliance Relations  | 88.57%<br>31  | 11.43%<br>4 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0  | 35    |
| Medicaid Provider Rate Review Advisory Committee (MPRRAC) work on HCBS Rates | 97.14%<br>34  | 2.86%<br>1  | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0  | 35    |
| Direct Care Workforce Stabilization Board                                    | 88.57%<br>31  | 11.43%<br>4 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0  | 35    |
| Work related to Class B Licensure requirement for all Personal Care in 2025  | 77.14%<br>27  | 8.57%<br>3  | 2.86%<br>1 | 11.43%<br>4 | 35    |
| Statewide/rural stabilization for IDD services                               | 80.00%<br>28  | 17.14%<br>6 | 2.86%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0  | 35    |
| Rulemaking (CMA Rules)   | 77.14%<br>27  | 17.14%<br>6 | 0.00%<br>0 | 5.71%<br>2  | 35    |

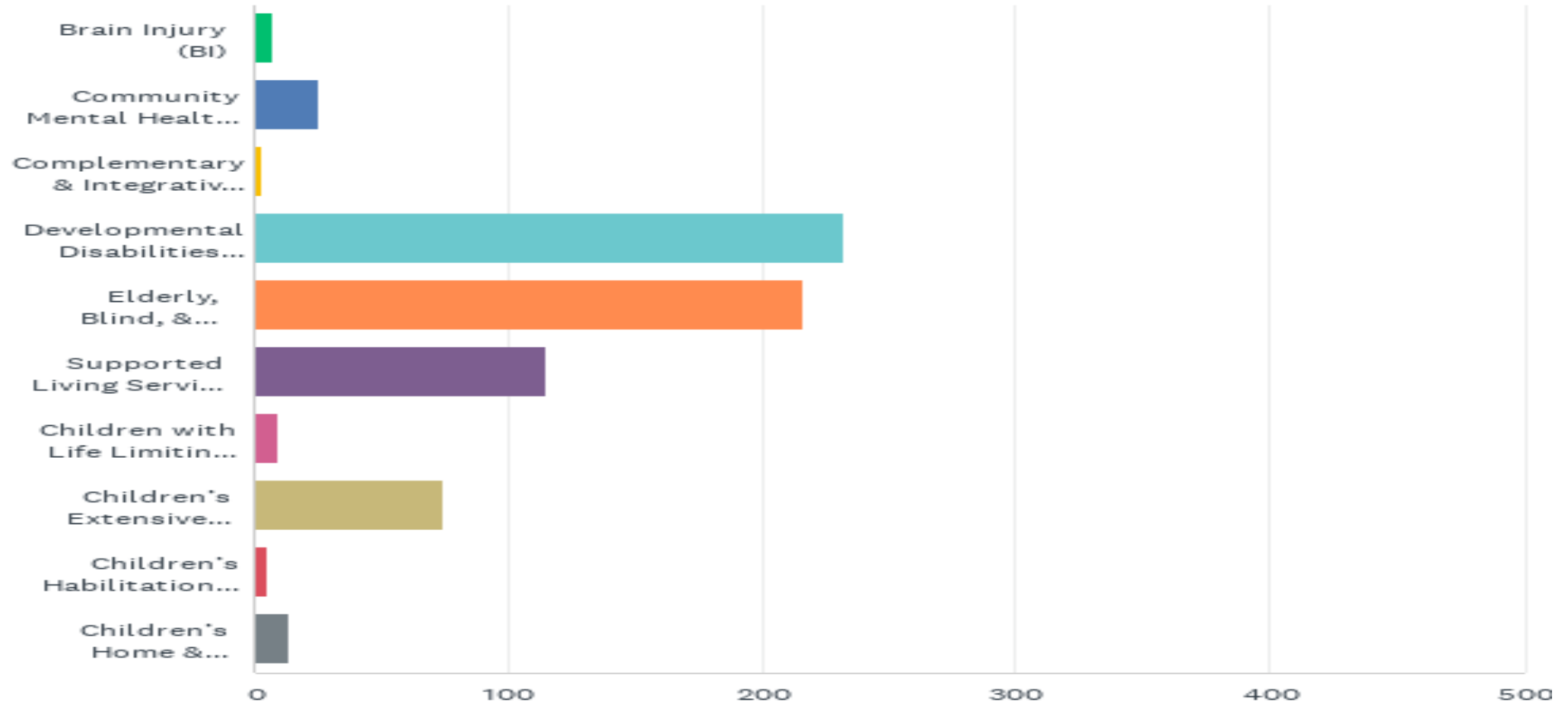


# 2024 Alliance Membership Survey Evolution of Alliance Responses

- Date Created: Monday, January 22, 2024, through March 14, 2024
- Complete Responses: 35/100 members

# Q10: For CCBs/CMAAs/PASAs: Number of people served on each waiver by your agency:

- Answered: 31 Skipped: 4



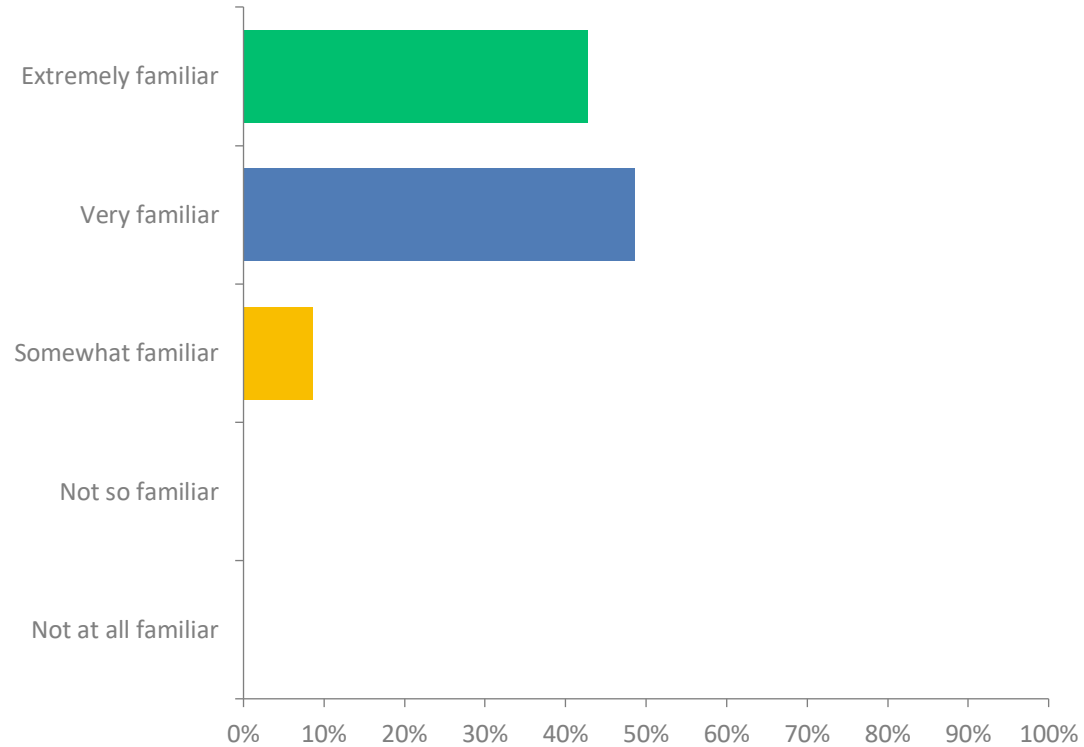
## Q10: For CCBs/CMAAs/PASAs: Number of people served on each waiver by your agency:

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| ANSWER CHOICES                                     | AVERAGE NUMBER | TOTAL NUMBER | RESPONSES |
|--|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Brain Injury (BI)                                  | 7              | 126          | 18        |
| Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS)            | 26             | 488          | 19        |
| Complementary & Integrative Health (CIH)           | 3              | 53           | 19        |
| Developmental Disabilities (DD-Comp)               | 232            | 6,962        | 30        |
| Elderly, Blind, & Disabled (EBD)                   | 217            | 4,331        | 20        |
| Supported Living Services (SLS)                    | 115            | 3,329        | 29        |
| Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI)         | 9              | 187          | 20        |
| Children's Extensive Support (CES)                 | 74             | 1,929        | 26        |
| Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) | 6              | 140          | 24        |
| Children's Home & Community Based Services (CHCBS) | 14             | 298          | 21        |
| Total Respondents: 31                              |                |              |           |

# Q16: Are you following and familiar with the work on the Evolution of Alliance?

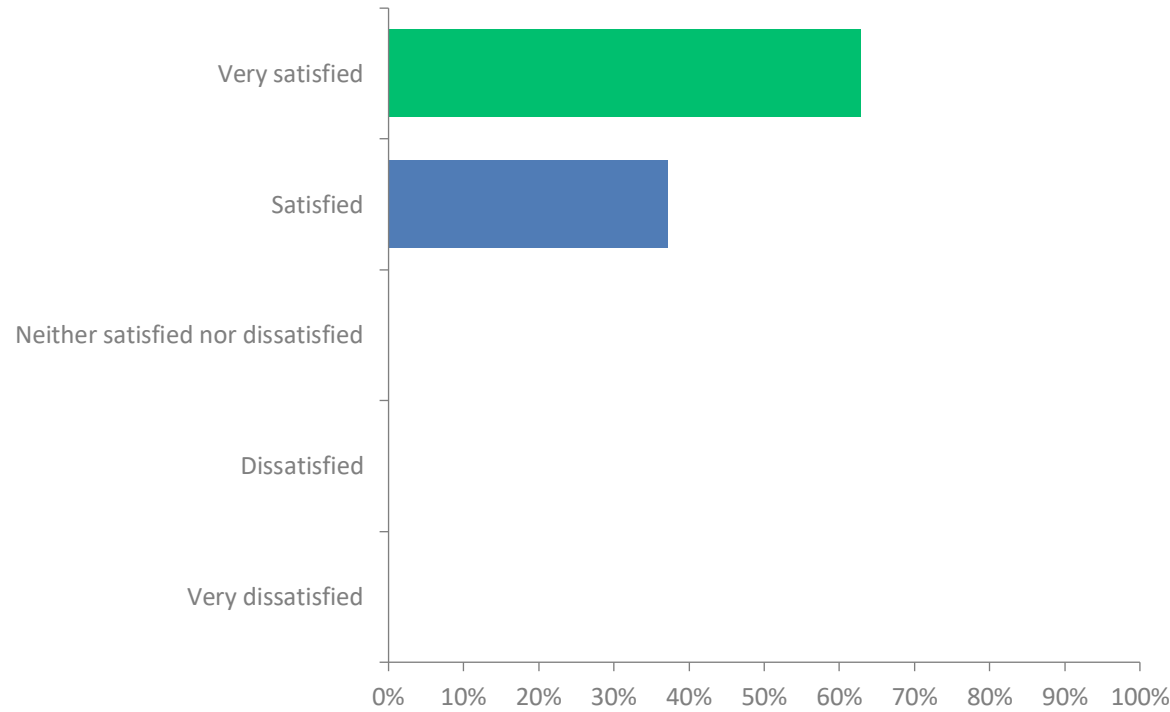
• Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES      | RESPONSES |           |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Extremely familiar  | 42.86%    | 15        |
| Very familiar       | 48.57%    | 17        |
| Somewhat familiar   | 8.57%     | 3         |
| Not so familiar     | 0%        | 0         |
| Not at all familiar | 0%        | 0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        |           | <b>35</b> |

# Q17: Are you satisfied with the Evolution of Alliance Phase I work? (including Bylaw Updates and Alliance Org Chart Updates)

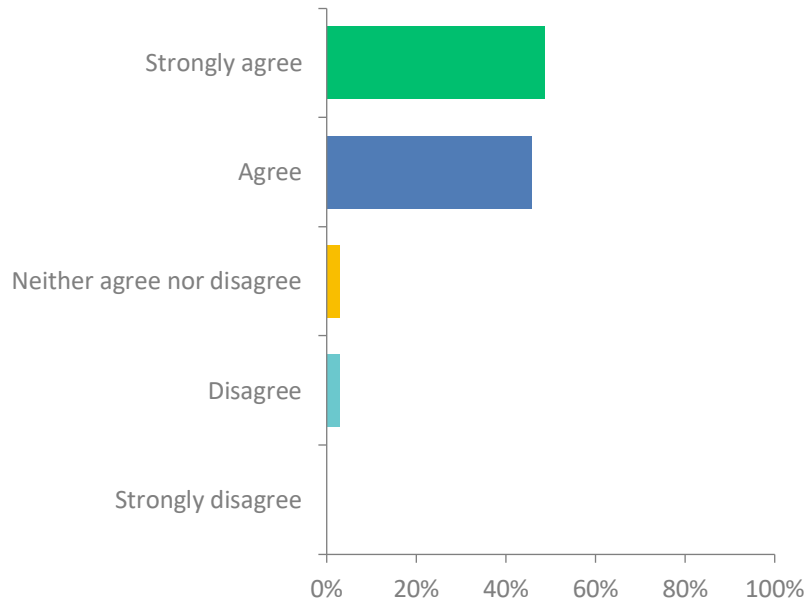
• Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES                     | RESPONSES |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied                     | 62.86%    | 22        |
| Satisfied                          | 37.14%    | 13        |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 0%        | 0         |
| Dissatisfied                       | 0%        | 0         |
| Very dissatisfied                  | 0%        | 0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       |           | <b>35</b> |

Q18: I feel comfortable with the Evolution of Alliance Phase II Work/Timeline below (includes exploring an expansion in provider membership and scope/expertise beyond IDD):

- Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES             | RESPONSES |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Strongly agree             | 48.57% 17 |
| Agree                      | 45.71% 16 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 2.86% 1   |
| Disagree                   | 2.86% 1   |
| Strongly disagree          | 0% 0      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>35</b> |

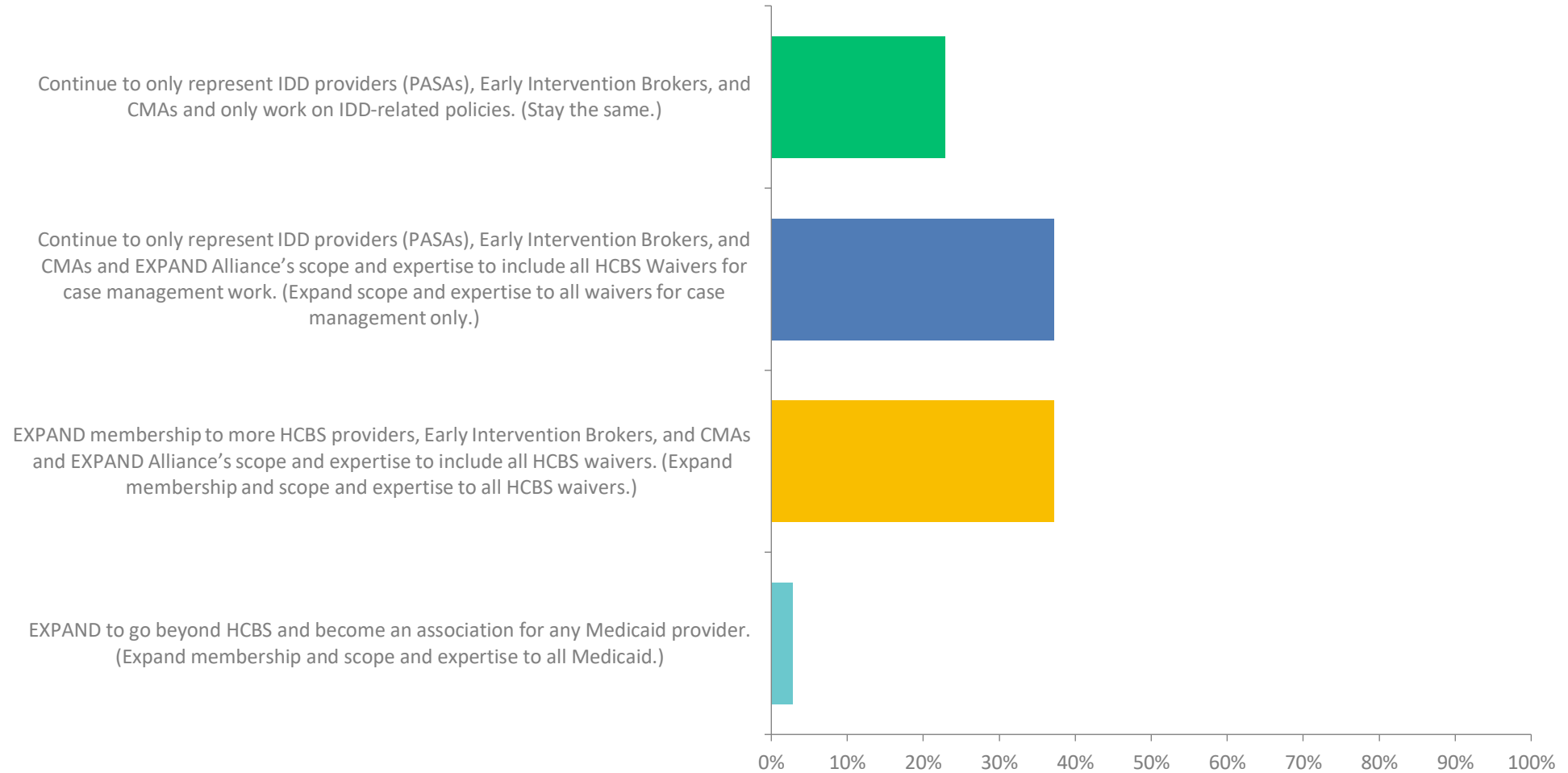
Q20: In 2023, the Alliance BOD expanded the voting membership to include not only PASAs and CCBs, but also CMAs. In Phase II of Evolution of Alliance, we are discussing if the scope and expertise should expand beyond IDD and if we should allow non-IDD providers into membership. What would you like to see for the future of Alliance?

- Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



# Alliance's scope:

- Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



## ANSWER CHOICES

## RESPONSES

Continue to only represent IDD providers (PASAs), Early Intervention Brokers, and CMAs and only work on IDD-related policies. (Stay the same.)

22.86%

8

Continue to only represent IDD providers (PASAs), Early Intervention Brokers, and CMAs and EXPAND Alliance's scope and expertise to include all HCBS Waivers for case management work. (Expand scope and expertise to all waivers for case management only.)

37.14%

13

EXPAND membership to more HCBS providers, Early Intervention Brokers, and CMAs and EXPAND Alliance's scope and expertise to include all HCBS waivers. (Expand membership and scope and expertise to all HCBS waivers.)

37.14%

13

EXPAND to go beyond HCBS and become an association for any Medicaid provider. (Expand membership and scope and expertise to all Medicaid.)

2.86%

1

TOTAL

35



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## Zoom “Evolution of Alliance” Survey





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## 2024 Membership Survey

- The BOD wants your feedback!
- We only had 35/85 members respond.
- The BOD would love to hear from more PASAs.
- The BOD will be deciding on Phase II of the Evolution of Alliance soon! (Scope of work and membership.)
  
- Alliance will re-open the survey until the end of March.
- Kylie will email the Alliance Authorized Representative for each of the 38 PASAs that have **not responded**.
  - If that is YOU, you can access the link [HERE>](#)
  - We are asking that one response per agency is submitted.
  - We really would like you to answer the evolution of Alliance questions, which we covered today.



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## Members that did not respond to the membership survey

1. A Better Living Experience (ABLE)
2. Ability Specialists
3. AbleLight
4. Activity Options
5. Array Clinical and Therapeutic Services
6. Ascendigo Autism Services
7. Behavior Services of the Rockies
8. C.A.R.E., Inc.
9. Colorado Autism Consultants
10. Colorado Bluesky Enterprises
11. Community Advantage (Rescare)
12. Community Living Alternatives
13. Community Support Services
14. Dynamic Dimensions
15. Eastern CO Services
16. Easterseals CO
17. Eleos Services
18. Elevated Supports
19. Evergreen Service Providers
20. FRIENDS of Broomfield
21. Garden, Inc.
22. Horizons Specialized Services
23. Inclusion on Purpose
24. Karuna Care Services
25. Metro Support Services
26. PASCO (joined during the survey)
27. Pueblo Diversified Services
28. Roundup Fellowship
29. Schaefer Enterprises
30. Shields Foundation
31. Skills Academy Vocational Services
32. Southeastern Developmental Services
33. Southern CO DD Services
34. Stepping Stone Support Center
35. STRiVE
36. Support, Inc.
37. Thrive Community Options
38. Wellspring Community



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## Other Updates/Reminders

- Agenda item from Jazz Pharmaceuticals, an Alliance Strategic Partner!
  - Updated diagnostic screening tool for Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) - Brandon Eddy
  - This screening tool is targeted at healthcare professionals who work with individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) and seizures. It's particularly important as LGS could potentially be undiagnosed in individuals with I/DD, especially if it's a new diagnosis for them.
  - [HERE is the tool for your review.](#)
  - Direct questions to: [brandon.eddy@jazzpharma.com](mailto:brandon.eddy@jazzpharma.com)
- Important Upcoming Meetings/Events
  - REMINDER: Meeting Schedule for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 now available via [PDF](#)
  - **June 19 – 20:** [Alliance on the Road](#) in Weld County
  - *More details coming next week!*
  - **August 20 – 22:** Alliance Summit
  - **Sept 25-27:** Six State Summit in Bozeman
  - Request info [here >](#)



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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.

