

# **Boulder County Forum on Medically Underserved: Improving Health Access and Outcomes**

The Boulder County Human Services Coordinating Council (HSCC), in co-sponsorship with the Boulder County Civic Forum (a project of the Community Foundation Serving Boulder County), will examine local issues affecting people without adequate health insurance or access to health care in Boulder County, and will discuss state and local initiatives that could improve access to health care.

**Date:** Monday, May 21, 2007

**Time:** 8:00 am – 1:00pm

Continental breakfast and sandwich lunch will be provided.

If you'd like to get some time to network with the other stakeholders who are participating, please come at 7:30am for Coffee and Chat, per the agenda below.

**Location:** **NOTE CHANGED LOCATION !!!!!**

**Boulder County Commissioners' Hearing Room**

**Boulder County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**14<sup>th</sup> and Spruce Streets, Boulder**

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# Agenda

*The agenda is fast-paced, so please note that we will adhere to the schedule.*

**Morgan Rogers, Facilitator**

**7:30 – 8:00am**      **Networking Opportunity: Coffee and Chat** (We will start the program promptly at 8:00am, so this is your chance to get breakfast, pick up your nametag, and meet and greet other participants.)

**8:00 – 8:05**      **Participants get seated.**    Packets will be on seats.

**8:05 – 8:15**      **Welcoming remarks:**

- **Commissioner Tom Mayer, Chair, Human Services Coordinating Council**
- **Morgan Rogers, Director, Boulder County Civic Forum**

**8:15 – 9:45**      **Service Provider Perspectives**

This section is divided into four short “discussion panels.” Each panel will participate in a brief, facilitated discussion and directed conversation that will help set the stage for stakeholder deliberations. Each panel is asked to discuss these questions:

- What challenges does our health provider system (our area hospitals, community health clinics, healthcare-oriented nonprofits, and our local public health department) face in serving people with little or no health access or reimbursement?
- What links do each of these sectors have with other community resources, to help improve access to health care?
- Do you have any specific recommendations to improve the system that we could undertake at the county-level, immediately?
- What specific issues and questions do you suggest we discuss in the Stakeholder Roundtables, later in today’s forum, and that we need to address as a community following the forum?

**1. 8:15 – 8:30: The Hospital Perspective**

Ron Secrist, Boulder Community Hospital  
Laura Folsom, Exempla Good Samaritan Hospital  
John Sackett, Avista Hospital  
Matt Hartzler, Longmont United Hospital

**2. 8:30 – 8:45: The Community Health Centers Perspective**

Alex Bulkacz, MD, Clinica Campesina  
David Adamson, Mt. Family Health Clinic  
Jennifer Morse, Salud Clinic  
Connie Holden, Peoples Clinic

**3. 8:45 – 9:00: The Community Nonprofits' Perspective**

Susan Levy, Boulder Valley Womens' Health  
Karen Cody Carlson, Dental Aid  
John Taylor, Imagine!  
Barbara Ryan, Mental Health Center

**4. 9:00 – 9:10: The Department of Public Health's Perspective**

Chuck Stout, Director, Boulder County Department of Public Health

**9:10 – 9:45: Q&A, and Full Group Discussion**

**This time is for full-group discussion among panelists and other stakeholders. If participants (including other panelists) still have unanswered questions after this session ends, please write them on a 3x5 card. Staff will ensure they are directed to the specific panelist after today's forum, and the panelists' email responses will be shared with today's participants.**

**9:45 – 10:00**      *Break*

**10:00 – 11:00** *State Initiatives and Opportunities*

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- What legislative and executive-level opportunities exist in 2007 to help promote better access to health care, at the local level?

**1. 10:00 – 10:30: Legislative Perspectives**

Senator Joan Fitz-Gerald  
 Representative Paul Weissmann  
 Representative Claire Levy  
 Representative Jack Pommer  
 Representative Dianne Primavera

**2. 10:30 – 11:00: Policy Perspectives**

Jeff Bontrager, Colorado Health Institute  
 Barbara Yondorf, Blue Ribbon Committee on Health Care Reform  
 Dr. Gary VanderArk, Colorado Coalition on Medically Underserved  
 Robin Baker, Bell Policy Center

**11:00 – 11:15: Q&A, and Full Group Discussion**

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**11:15 – 11:30 Get lunch, re-group in Roundtables for lunch discussion.**

**Your nametag lists which Roundtable you will be attending. Look for the circle with the number on your nametag.**

**11:30 – 12:30 Open Discussion and Brainstorming: Lunch discussion**

Roundtables: General Stakeholders and Panelists will be seated in groupings representing diverse perspectives. Each Roundtable will have a flipchart to take notes on each of these questions. Please select a volunteer from each Roundtable to take notes.

1. What health care changes do we wish to accomplish at the local level?
2. What's possible to achieve locally – i.e., what are we able to accomplish at the local level, with our existing resources?
  - a. What resources or support would we need additionally to promote increase in health care options to medically underserved in the county?

- b. What new initiatives could be implemented at the county level to improve access to health care? What would the cost of these programs be and how can community leaders support them?
- c. What partners are needed to further the promotion of health care options to increase access to medically underserved residents in the county?
- d. What partners should we be collaborating with to ensure inclusivity of diversity perspectives, and of people of color, both from the provider perspective and the patient perspective?

**12:30 – 1:00**

### **Putting the Pieces Together**

**12:30 – 12:45: Roundtable Reports and Recommendations**

Each Roundtable will briefly present their key points.

**12:45 – 12:59: Full-Group Discussion of Decision Points, Local Opportunities, and Follow-up Action Work Groups**

General comments from all participants.

**12:59 – 1:00: Concluding Comments: Commissioner Mayer and Morgan Rogers**

### **Post-Forum follow-up:**

The Human Services Coordinating Council and the Boulder County Civic Forum will coordinate all of the Roundtable input, suggestions, and recommendations, and will contact all participants with a suggested follow-up plan of action within three weeks.