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**CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF THE COLORADO STATE INNOVATION MODEL'S (SIM) INTEGRATION OF PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CMHCs)**

Denver, Colorado – May 24, 2019 – In 2015, The Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC) was awarded funding from the Colorado's SIM Office to facilitate the selection of four CMHC sites to participate in a four-year program to integrate primary care and prevention services into the community behavioral health setting (bi-directional integration).

There are four bi-directional health homes that were selected through a highly competitive bid process to participate in SIM. They are: Community Reach Center's Commerce City Clinic in Commerce City, Mental Health Partner's Boulder Integrated Health Home in Boulder, Jefferson Center for Mental Health's Jefferson Plaza Family Health Home in Lakewood, and Southeast Health Group, which has four SIM-funded health homes in La Junta, Rocky Ford, Las Animas, and Lamar.

Early on, the work began to have an impact on individuals in our Colorado communities. Last year, the Colorado SIM Office featured a story of an individual who had struggled with homelessness, physical and mental health challenges, and a substance use disorder. After years of significant instability, the individual's primary care physician encouraged them to schedule an appointment at the newly opened integrated health home. Through Mental Health Partner's Boulder Integrated Health Home, this patient was able to find help for all of their health needs under one roof. This even led to finding housing after years of homelessness. Read the full story [here](#).

These health homes continue to build upon a rich history of collaboration and innovation within Colorado's community behavioral health network. Now, in its final year, the SIM programs created within the community mental health centers (CMHCs) are thriving. This brief [video](#) focuses on the achievements not only of the health homes within the CMHCs, but also on the SIM initiative across the entire state.

The goal of Colorado's SIM initiative is to improve the health of Coloradans by increasing access to integrated physical and behavioral health care services in coordinated systems, with value-based payment structures, for 80% of Colorado residents by 2019.

**ABOUT CBHC**

The Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC) envisions a state where all people have the opportunity to lead healthy, purposeful lives. Our 27-member organizations represent a statewide network of integrated care providers and care management organizations, including all of Colorado's 17 Community Mental Health Centers, 4 Managed Services Organizations, 4 Crisis Services Organizations as well as 2 specialty health clinics. Together, we strengthen Colorado communities by ensuring innovative care supporting the health, wellbeing, and safety of all Coloradans.

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