

In 2021, CBHC will work to advance these policy priorities:

❖ Protect Funding for Behavioral Health Services & Supports

- CBHC will advocate to restore funding for critical services that were cut in 2020 and argue against specific proposed cuts in the 2021 budget
- CBHC will support legislation that directs federal and state stimulus dollars to support providers that are experiencing reduced client contacts and revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic downturn
- CBHC will build upon national reforms and work with state policymakers to advance innovative payment models that support a statewide standard of community-based mental health care

❖ Advance Mental Health First Aid & Other Initiatives that Support Community Resilience

- CBHC will lead legislation to expand behavioral health training for educators and teens
- CBHC will explore legislation to support the community disaster response efforts of Colorado's Community Mental Health Centers

❖ Support Behavioral Health Workforce

- CBHC will work with regulators to identify opportunities to reduce administrative burden for frontline providers and streamline access to care for consumers
- CBHC will advocate for a provider rate increase to support salaries

❖ Increase Access to Critical Medications, Including Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Drugs

- CBHC will explore statute change to allow licensed mental health clinics and facilities with licensed SUD treatment programs to be included in the definition of "other outlet" in Board of Pharmacy statute and regulation

❖ Collaborate on Behavioral Health Blueprint for Reform Recommendations

- CBHC will track and collaborate on legislation to develop a plan to create a Behavioral Health Administration in Colorado
- CBHC will seek opportunities to advance Blueprint recommendations that support providers' ability to better serve individuals and communities in need