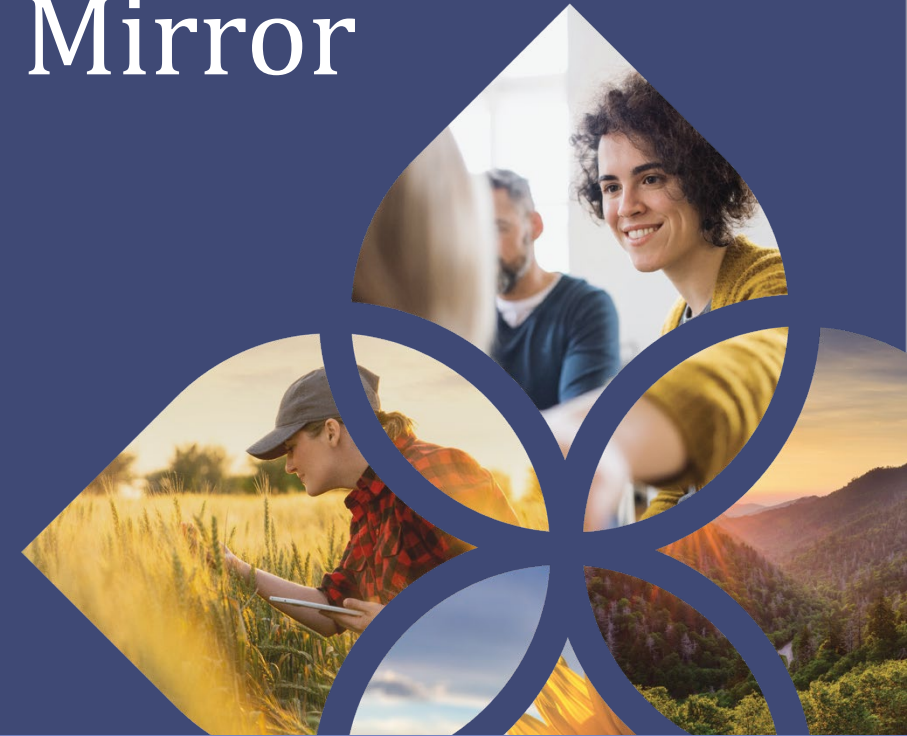


Behavioral Health Legislation: Through the Rearview Mirror and the Windshield



What we'll cover

- CBHC Team
- Rearview:
 - BH reform over last 4 years, 2023 legislative session
- Taking in the larger landscape:
 - Federal developments, national policy
- Windshield
 - Budget, CBHC policy priorities, 2024 session expectations
- Q & A

The CBHC Team



**Kara Johnson-
Hufford**

**Chief Executive
Officer**



Frank Cornelia

**Deputy Executive
Director**



Natalie Strom

**Chief Administrative
Officer**



Edie Sonn

**Senior Director of
External Affairs**



Betsy Molgano

**Program Manager &
Policy Analyst**

CBHC Advocacy Team



Gil Romero

**Principal/Attorney
Capitol Success Group**



Karen Wick

**Principal Strategist
Swift Strategies**



About CBHC

We Envision Resilient Communities and Mental Wellbeing for all Coloradans

Who we are

We are an association of providers offering mental health and substance abuse treatment in communities across Colorado.

What we do

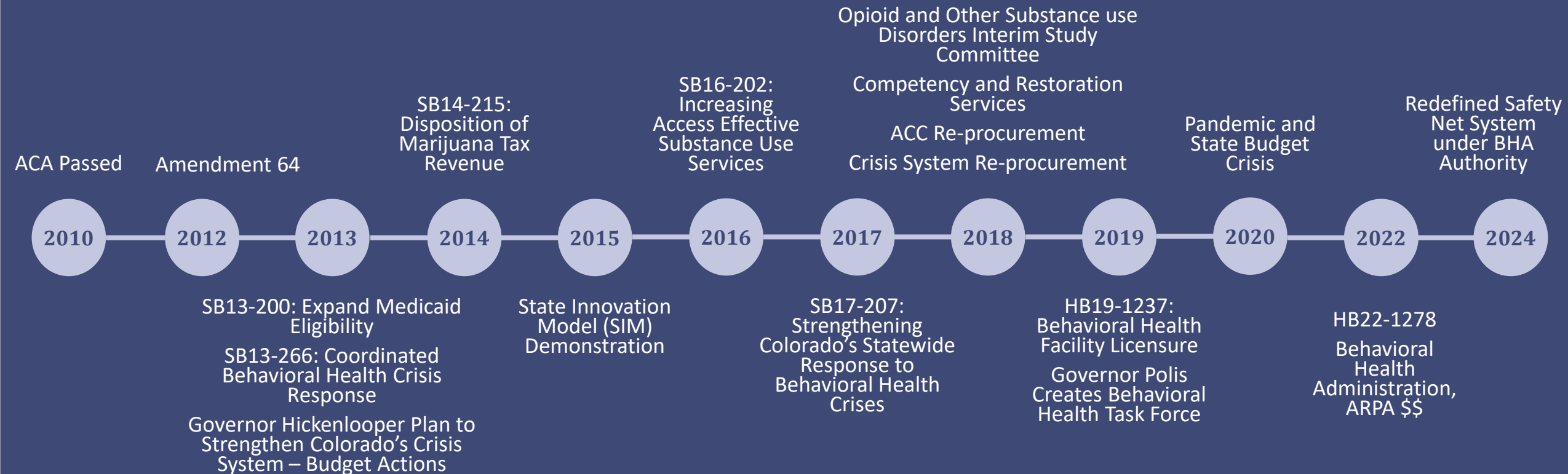
We respond to community needs with a spectrum of care – outpatient, crisis, residential, wraparound services - for our state's most vulnerable individuals.

We carry out our work in partnership with policymakers and community partners to provide access to quality care throughout Colorado.

The Road We've Traveled



A Rapidly Changing System



CO Behavioral Health Policy Landscape 2023

Less transformation, still some important developments

- HB 23-1236, BHA implementation update
- HB 23-1003, mental health screenings in 6th-12th grades
- HB 23-1071, psychologist prescribing authority
- SB 23-174, access to behavioral health benefits for children/youth in Medicaid
- Funding: 3% BH provider rate increase

Broad Policy Landscape



Summer 2023 – Colorado, National Developments

Colorado

- New rules for behavioral health entity licensure

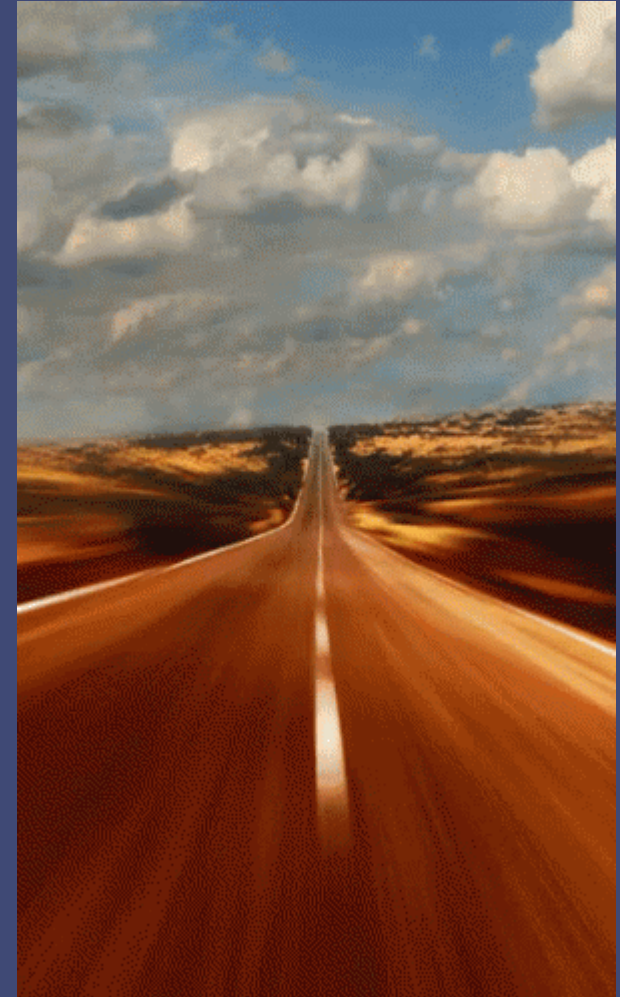
Nationally

- Sen. Bennet: Better Mental Health Care for Americans Act (parity)
- Reps. Pettersen/Neguse: Improved Access to Mental Health Care for Farmers/Ranchers (study I Matter-style free therapy for farmers, ranchers)
- Rep. Pettersen: HANDS Act (coverage for naloxone)
- Rep. Caraveo: Agricultural Crisis Hotline Act (988 offshoot for farmers, ranchers)

Ongoing Nationally

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC)
 - Colorado applied for, did not receive planning grant; working on new grant application

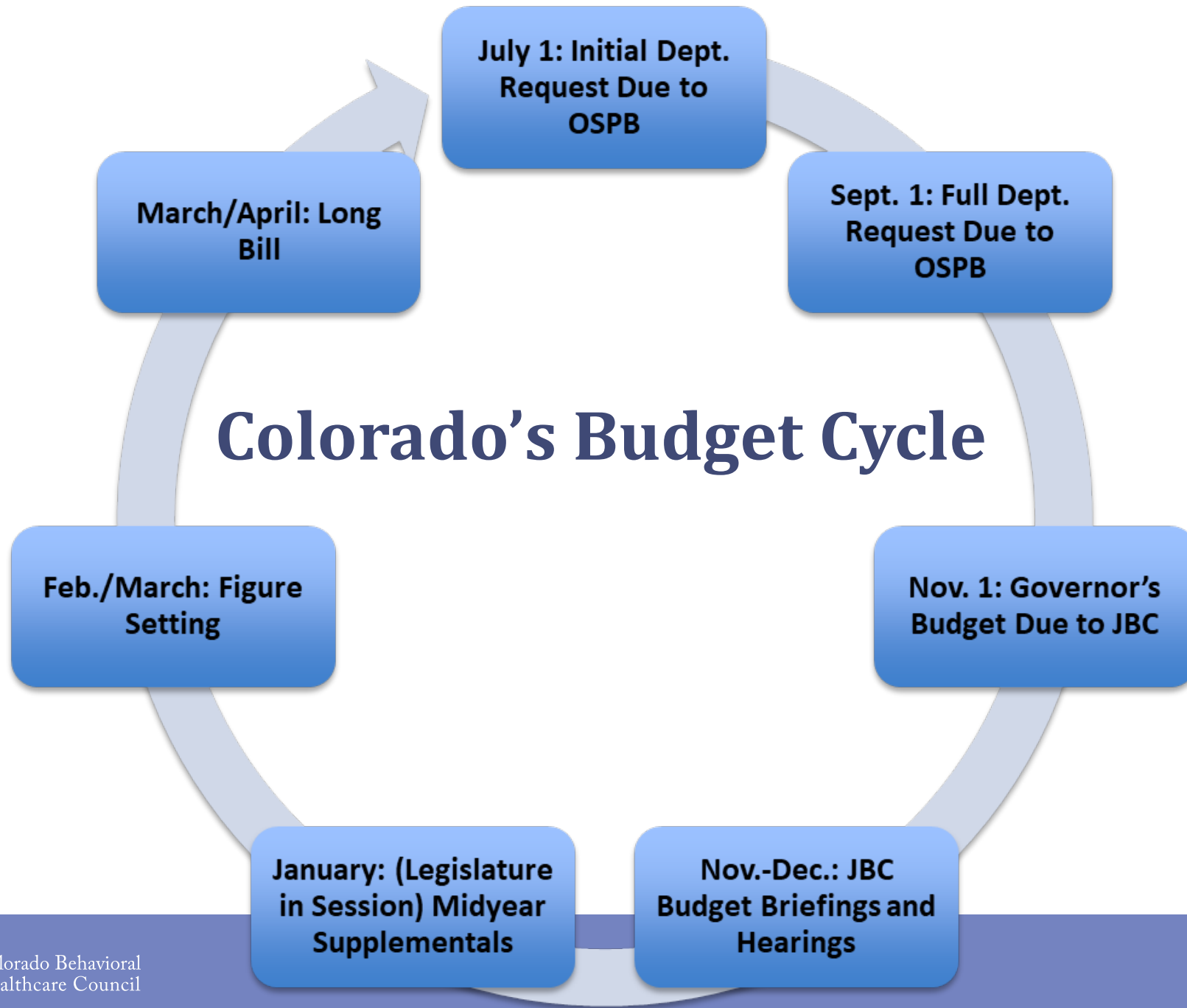
Looking Ahead



Budget



Colorado's Budget Cycle



Budget Landscape

- September Revenue Forecast
- Anticipated provider rates
- New players
 - OSPB
 - JBC staff
 - JBC membership

2024 Policy, Political Issues



CBHC

Colorado Behavioral
Healthcare Council

CBHC 2024 Policy Priorities

- Advancing the CCBHC Model in Colorado
- BHE licensure regulation
- Teen/Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Information-sharing for families of adults with SMI
- Workforce

Other Issues We're Following/Engaged On

- Workforce
- Medicaid reimbursement for inpatient MH care
- Strengthen the ombuds office, esp. re: parity enforcement
- Violence against health care workers
- Proposals from interim committees:
 - Opioid and Substance Use Disorders
 - Treatment of Individuals with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal Justice System
 - Child Welfare

Legislative Landscape

- Senate leadership changes, turnover among members
- Resulting membership/committee changes in both chambers
- Remember: D majorities in both chambers, super-majority in House; restive Rs

Jan. 10: Let the wild rumpus start!



CBHC

Colorado Behavioral
Healthcare Council

Questions?
