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Agenda

1. Introductions & Roll Call	4:30 – 4:35 PM
2. Presentation: Specialty Managed Care Plan RFP	4:35 – 4:45 PM
3. Presentation: Implementation Plan	4:45 – 4:55 PM
4. Presentation & Discussion: Working Group Focus for 2026	4:55 – 5:20 PM
5. Wrap-up	5:20 – 5:25 PM
7. Public Comment Period	5:25 – 5:30 PM
8. Adjournment	5:30 PM

Roll Call

Representatives: *please add your name and affiliation/organization to the Teams chat to confirm your attendance! If you are joining by phone, please verbally confirm your attendance.*

Updates Since October:
Specialty Managed Care Plan Request for Proposals

Reminder: what is the Specialty Managed Care Plan?

- As part of a Settlement Agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Nevada is required to develop a **new managed care delivery system** to deliver benefits to eligible youth
- This Specialty Managed Care Plan must meet **basic requirements** outlined in the Settlement Agreement, such as:
  - Single plan that covers the full state
  - Full Medicaid benefit set, including all medical, behavioral health, pharmacy, and transportation services currently covered
  - It will also include new, targeted behavioral health benefits under development by the State

In order to launch this plan, the State needs to go through a procurement process. This begins with a **Request for Proposals (RFP)**.

What does the RFP include?

- Detail on the goals of the program and requirements for bidders (Request for Proposals)
- Scope of Work for the contract with the plan, including details on:
  - Plan responsibilities & performance standards
  - Care coordination tiers and service requirements
  - Provider network and quality expectations
  - Member support and grievance process

What is the goal of the Specialty Plan?

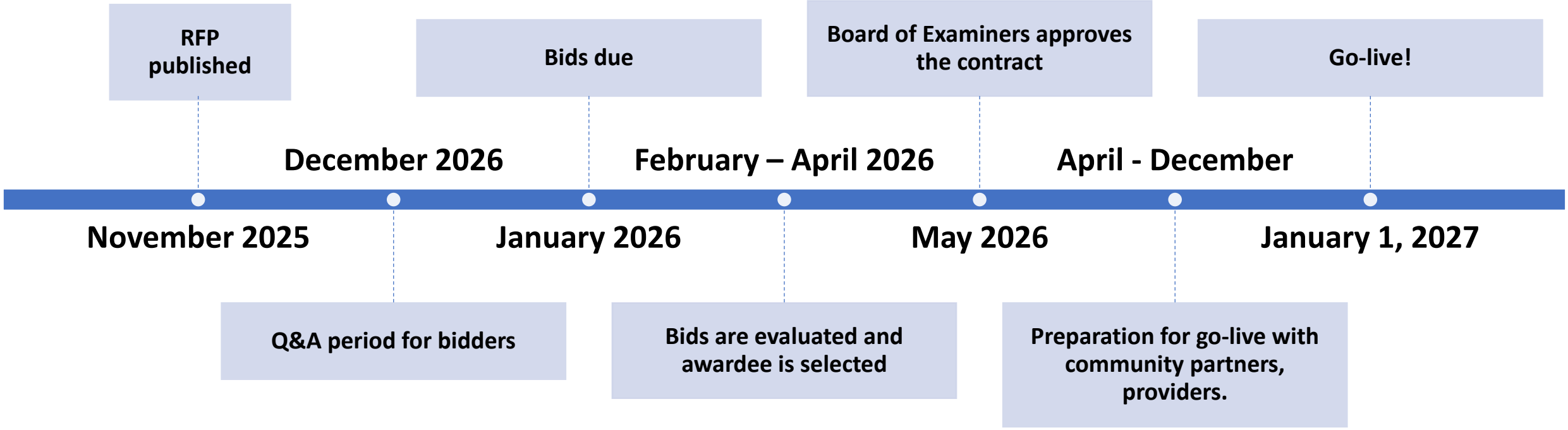
There are **three primary goals** of the specialty plan:

1. Improve overall physical and behavioral health outcomes for children and youth enrolled in the plan;
2. Support Enrollees living at home with their family or caregiver in their communities; and
3. Ensure compliance with the DOJ Settlement Agreement.

This is based on feedback provided in this Working Group, through various public forums, and through the request for Public Comment. (Results of that feedback period were summarized in our October meeting and are available now on our website!)

What is the timeline for the Specialty Plan?

All dates for the RFP are tentative and subject to change. Please refer to the procurement documents and materials made available in NEVADAePro for official communications regarding procurement dates and deadlines.



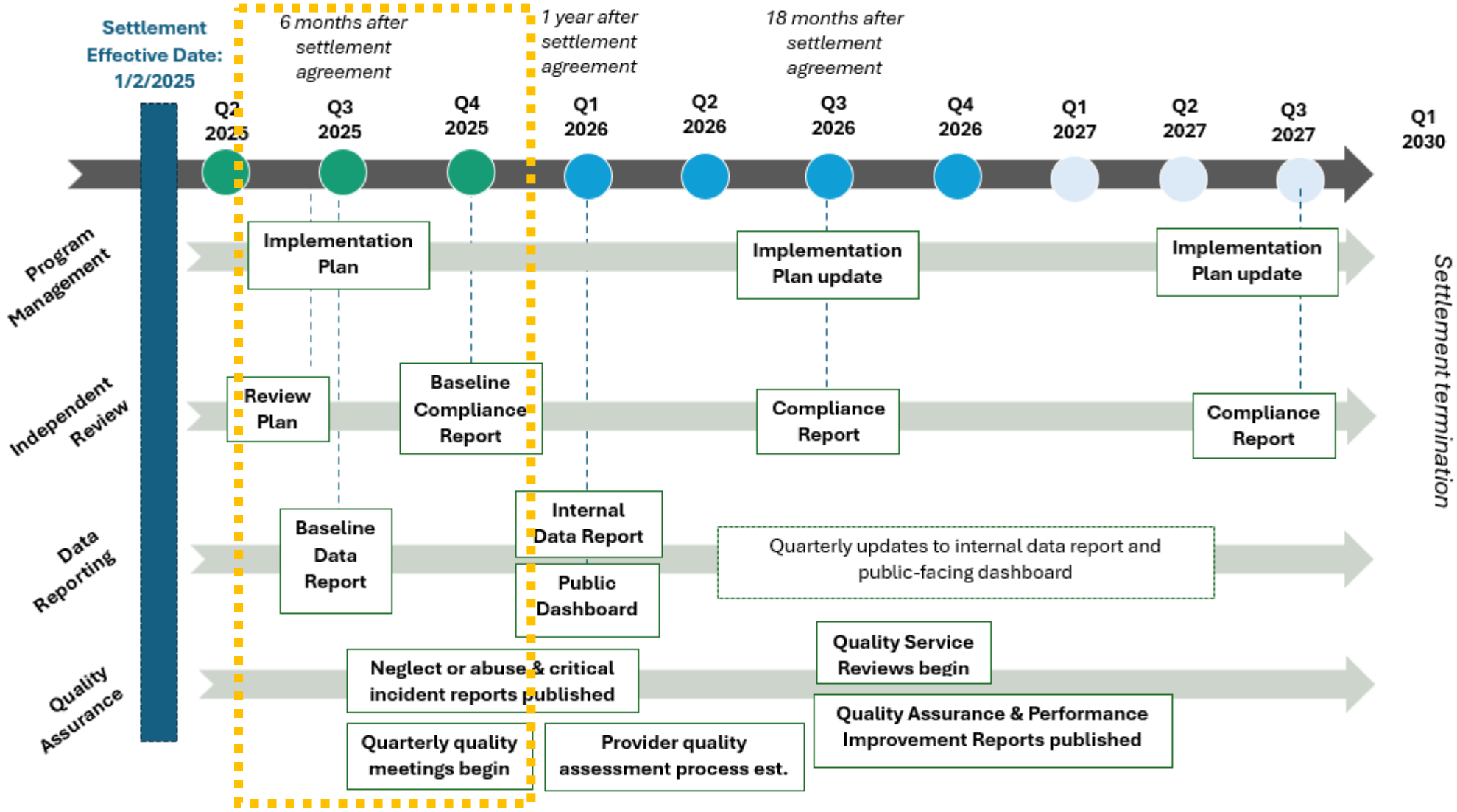
Questions?

Questions related to the **specialty plan or procurement** should be sent to the Purchasing Division: hmoon@admin.nv.gov

For general information and opportunities to provide feedback, please check out our website: Kids Behavioral Health.

Updates since October: **Implementation Plan**

Where are we in our Settlement timeline?



Implementation Plan: Feedback Needed!

Nevada's Implementation Plan provides a high-level timeline and summary, as well as details on the steps that the state will take to **achieve compliance with each of the Settlement requirements**, the timing of when that will happen, and how it will be measured.

Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Implementation Plan

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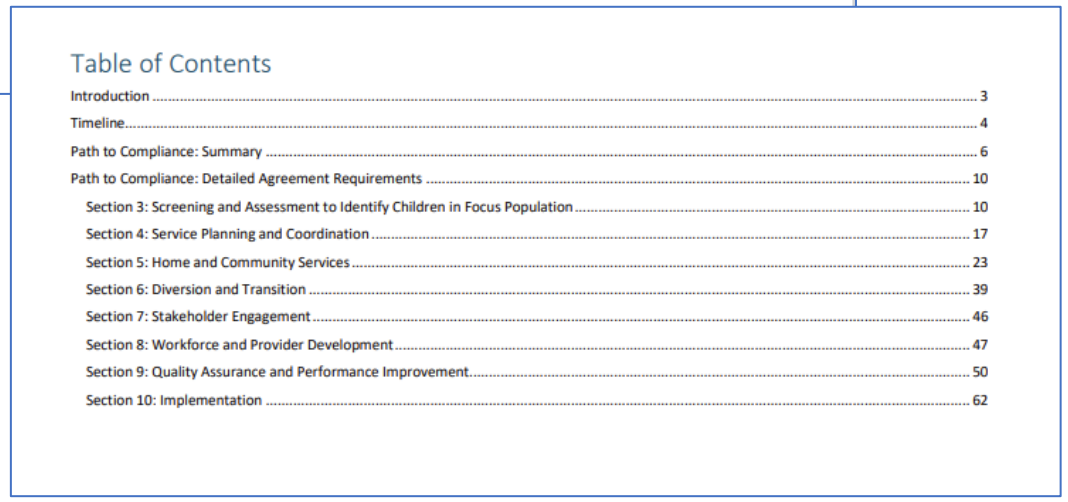

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Ask: We're looking for your feedback by December 11! Please share via email at ChildrensBH@nvha.nv.gov

Discussion:
Working Group Wins in 2025 and Focus for 2026

Since October 2024, the Working Group has met **10 times** to guide key Transformation topics.

Topics covered to date:

- October 2024: **Introduction & overview of CBHT**
- December 2024: **Medicaid benefits overview**
- January 2025: **Settlement Agreement overview**
- March 2025: **Family Peer Support Services**
- April 2025: **PRTF Quality Incentive Payments & policy updates**
- May 2025: **Youth Peer Support Services**
- June 2025: **Medicaid Screening and Assessment System**
- July 2025: **Baseline Data overview & Respite Care discussion**
- August 2025: **Care Coordination overview & discussion**
- October 2025: **Youth & Family feedback on Care Coordination**

Key Accomplishments: **Community Engagement**

Launched monthly CBHT Medicaid Benefits Working Group with youth, family, and provider representation.

Hosted Youth & Family Deep Dive on Care Coordination to elevate lived experience in system design.

Strengthened county, tribal, and community partnerships through targeted outreach and participation.

Key Accomplishments: **Benefits**

Strengthened the behavioral health benefits that Medicaid covers through direct youth, family, and provider feedback

- ✓ Secured Federal approval for Medicaid coverage of **Family and Youth Peer Support Services**.
- ✓ Pending Federal approval for **comprehensive rate increases for outpatient behavioral health services**.
- ✓ Pending Federal approval for **rate reform for PRTF and Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital services** to improve quality and access to these crucial services.
- ✓ Advanced **Respite Care benefit design** under 1915(i) authority.
- ✓ Developed **Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) and Wraparound service frameworks** within the Specialty Plan
- ✓ Improved consistency of **provider rates and supervision standards** across behavioral health benefit types.

What we heard from you:

- *Youth Peer Support:"Youth want peer support available earlier, not only after a crisis -- it's part of prevention."*
- *Family Peer Support: "Peer Support should be integrated into care teams from the start."*
- *Care Coordination:*
  - *"One child, one care coordinator -- families cannot tell their story five different times."*
  - *"Wraparound works when caseloads are manageable and family voice drives the plan."*
  - *"Coordination fails when systems don't talk -- the model must require cross-system information-sharing."*

Key Accomplishments: **Delivery System**

Focused the Specialty Managed Care system design to reflect the needs of our Nevada community

- ✓ Conducted a robust community **input process** through 2025 on this plan design
- ✓ Integrated all stakeholder feedback into **specialty plan design** and procurement materials.
- ✓ Released specialty managed care plan **RFP scope of work and service design** emphasizing integrated care, care coordination, and youth and family voice.

What we heard from you:

- *Community Reinvestment Requirements*
  - *"Any managed care plan serving these children must reinvest in community capacity -- not just pay claims."*
  - *"Rural communities expect the SMCP to help build workforce and provider capacity, not wait years."*
  - *"Reinvestment must be part of the contract, not an optional add-on."*
- *System Capacity & Equity*
  - *"Plans should be judged on outcomes and reinvestment, not utilization management alone."*
  - *"Community reinvestment should support peer networks, respite, and culturally responsive providers."*
  - *"Reinvestment should reflect local partnerships with counties and tribal entities."*

Key Accomplishments: **Compliance**

Advanced alignment with DOJ requirements and strengthened cross-system accountability

- ✓ Delivered **Baseline Data Report (July 2025)** and established framework for quarterly internal reporting and public dashboards.
- ✓ Developed **county data sharing agreements and cross-agency data validation efforts**.
- ✓ Assembled draft implementation plan for stakeholder feedback.
- ✓ Conducted ongoing **quality and compliance review meetings** with DOJ team, Independent Reviewer team, and sister agency administrators.

What we heard from you:

- *Data & Reporting Compliance: "The biggest barrier is inconsistency across counties in sharing crisis and assessment data."*
- *Transparency: "Families should not have to guess whether Nevada is meeting its timelines -- transparency is part of compliance."*

Looking ahead to 2026: Key Priorities

Community Engagement

- Continue engagement with youth, family, provider, and community partners.
- Launch new CBHT webpage sections with interactive visuals, data dashboards, and meeting archives.
- Increase youth and family co-facilitation roles across workstreams and benefit design activities.

Benefits

- Finalize benefit design and obtain federal approval for respite care, intensive care coordination and wraparound benefits.
- Once Federal approval is secured, rapidly implement rate reform initiatives for outpatient behavioral health services, mobile crisis, and PRTFs.

Delivery System

- Select and contract with specialty managed care plan vendor
- Conduct readiness and system configuration activities.
- Support provider network development, care coordination tiers, and quality measures.

We want your input! What else should be reflected in 2026 priorities?

Compliance

- Publish Quarterly Data Reports and establish a public-facing dashboard by January 2026.
- Expand data validation and reconciliation processes with state and county partners.
- Continue independent reviewer coordination on metrics, outcomes, and quality improvement plans.

Discussion: Working Group in 2026

1. What should be our top focus areas for 2026 in the categories of benefits, delivery system reform, and compliance with the Settlement Agreement?

2. What other transformation initiatives are you interested in learning more about and providing feedback on?

3. What meeting topics or formats support your participation best?

We want your feedback on the meeting format!

- **In order to best utilize your time and ensure we get your input, we are exploring opportunities to a**djust Working Group schedule for 2026.
- **Two Options:**
  1. **Monthly** (1 hour) current structure
  2. **Every other month** (1.5 hour) *and* **ad hoc (focused)** sessions
- **Action**: Representatives will vote on preferred format by Friday, November 21st.

Other ideas? More general feedback? Please send to ChildrensBH@nvha.nv.gov!

Wrap-up

Meeting Takeaways

Thank you for **all** of your hard work and input this year!

Please join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, January 8th** from 4:30-5:30 PM.

Reminders before next meeting:

1. Implementation Plan Feedback
2. Representative vote on meeting schedule

Have a restful holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

A special thanks to Melorine Mokri for her hard work in support of our Working Group for the past year. Please join us in wishing her the best for her next adventure!

Public Comment Period

Time Limit: 3 minutes

Thank you for your time!

Feedback or questions? Reach out to us at childrensbh@nvha.nv.gov.