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Children's Behavioral Health Transformation: Medicaid Benefits Working Group

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Kickoff Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions (15min) 4:00-4:15pm
 - NV Medicaid team
 - Representatives
2. Operational items (5min) 4:15-4:20pm
3. Transformation overview & discussion (20min) 4:20-4:40pm
 - *Public comment period after Representative discussion*
4. Rebrand brainstorming (10min) 4:40-4:50pm
 - *Public comment period after Representative discussion*
5. Wrap up 4:50-4:55pm
6. Public comment period 4:55-5:00pm



Introductions & Welcome: NV Medicaid Team

- Stacie Weeks, Administrator
- Dr. Malinda Southard, Deputy Administrator
- Theresa Carsten, Deputy Administrator
- Dr. Roshanda Clemons, Medicaid Medical Officer
- Sarah Dearborn, Medicaid Benefits Chief III
- Ann Jensen, Innovations Officer
- Matt Burdick, Behavioral Health Policy Expert

Sister agency support team to be announced by December.





Purpose of the Working Group

1. Offer specific advice, expert opinions and suggestions to state team regarding the transformation project for children's behavioral health
2. Provide clinical and programmatic input or lived experience feedback on key components of new and enhanced services covered by Medicaid
3. Review policy development and changes for new benefits and services
4. Provide critical technical feedback regarding initial implementation activities and operations for delivery system reforms

MEMBERS SELECTED FOR THE WORKING GROUP REPRESENT:



Youth and Families with Lived Experience

Associations & Service Providers

Diverse range of expertise and experience

State and Local System Partners

Rural and Urban Representation



Introductions: Working Group Representatives

Youth, Family, and Disability Self-Advocate representatives:

Representative Seat	Representative	Affiliated Org
Family representative (1)	Matt Lehman, BCBA	Foster parent, ABA Group
Family representative (2)	Leah Skinner	Parent
Family representative (3)	LaNesha Battle	Foster parent, Washoe County School District
Family representative (4)	JayDee Porras-Grant	Foster parent
Youth representative (1)	Devin Daniels	Black Youth Mental Health Project
Youth representative (2)	Analicia Cruz	Black Youth Mental Health Project
Disability self-advocate representative	Luke Dumarán	Autism Treatment Assistance Program



Introductions: Working Group Representatives

Behavioral Health Provider representatives:

Representative Seat	Representative	Affiliated Org
Certified Community Behavioral Health Center	Alana Rogne, DNP, PMHNP-BC	Rural Nevada Counseling
Current specialized foster care (1915i) provider	Dave Doyle	Eagle Quest & Family Focused Treatment Association
Home & Community-based provider (1)	Megan McGrew, PhD, BCBA, LBA	Impact ABA Services
Home & community-based provider (2)	Megan Freeman, PhD	Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada
Psychiatrist or psychologist (MD/DO)	Takesha Cooper, MD, MS, FAPA	UNR Med and Renown
Social worker	Glenda Cruz Juarez, LCSW	Veridian Wellness
Therapist	Natalie Sanchez, LMFT	Health Psychology Associates
Psychiatric Regional Treatment Facility	Stephanie Brown	Reno Behavioral Health
In-patient Behavioral Health Services	Janelle Hoover, MSN, RN	Carson Tahoe Health



Introductions: Working Group Representatives

Community Partner representatives:

Representative Seat	Representative	Affiliated Org
Tribal Health representative (Urban Health Center)	Angie Wilson	Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center
Tribal Health representative (Rural Health Center)	Nikky Redpath, LPC-S	Shoshone-Paiute Tribe
Juvenile Justice system representative	Gwynneth Smith, PhD, JD	Clark County District Attorney Juvenile Division
Washoe County representative	Jessica Goicoechea-Parise, MFT	Washoe County Human Services Agency, Children's Mobile Crisis Response Team
Clark County representative	Meambi Newbern-Johnson, LCSW, PLLC	Clark County Family Services
Rural County representative	Shayla Holmes, MA	Lyon County (Human Services)



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Community Partner representatives:

Representative Seat	Representative	Affiliated Org
School system representative	Bre Taylor, MSN	Humboldt County School District
Advocacy representative (1)	Karen Taycher	NV Pep
Advocacy representative (2)	Robin Reedy	NAMI NV
Legal Service Provider representative	Jonathan Norman, Esq	NV Coalition of Legal Service Providers (Legal Aid Center of Southern NV, NNLA, SLP, VARN)
Provider Organization representatives	Santosh Veeramachaneni	American Academy of Pediatrics, Nevada Chapter



Working Group Operational Items

- Open Meeting Law will apply to this forum. All meetings are open to the public and will be posted to the DHC FP Meetings Page.
 - There will be opportunity for public comment after each discussion item, prior to any action items, and at the conclusion of every meeting.
 - Meetings will be recorded and posted on the DHC FP Meetings page.
- The goal is to make this forum as discussion-based as possible. Representatives are encouraged to raise their hand at any point with questions or input.
 - All representatives are asked to join with their camera on, technology permitting.
- *Reminder:* Representatives, please submit [your availability form](#) by the end of this week!



Transformation Overview



Background

- U.S. Department of Justice & Americans with Disabilities Act
- Children with behavioral health needs (disabilities)
- Lack of community options for care except for hospital inpatient care
- Many sent to residential treatment; often out of state
- Settlement Agreement (still confidential negotiations)



The Vision for Transformation

Nevada children have access to the behavioral health services they need to live and thrive with their families and in their communities.

Values:

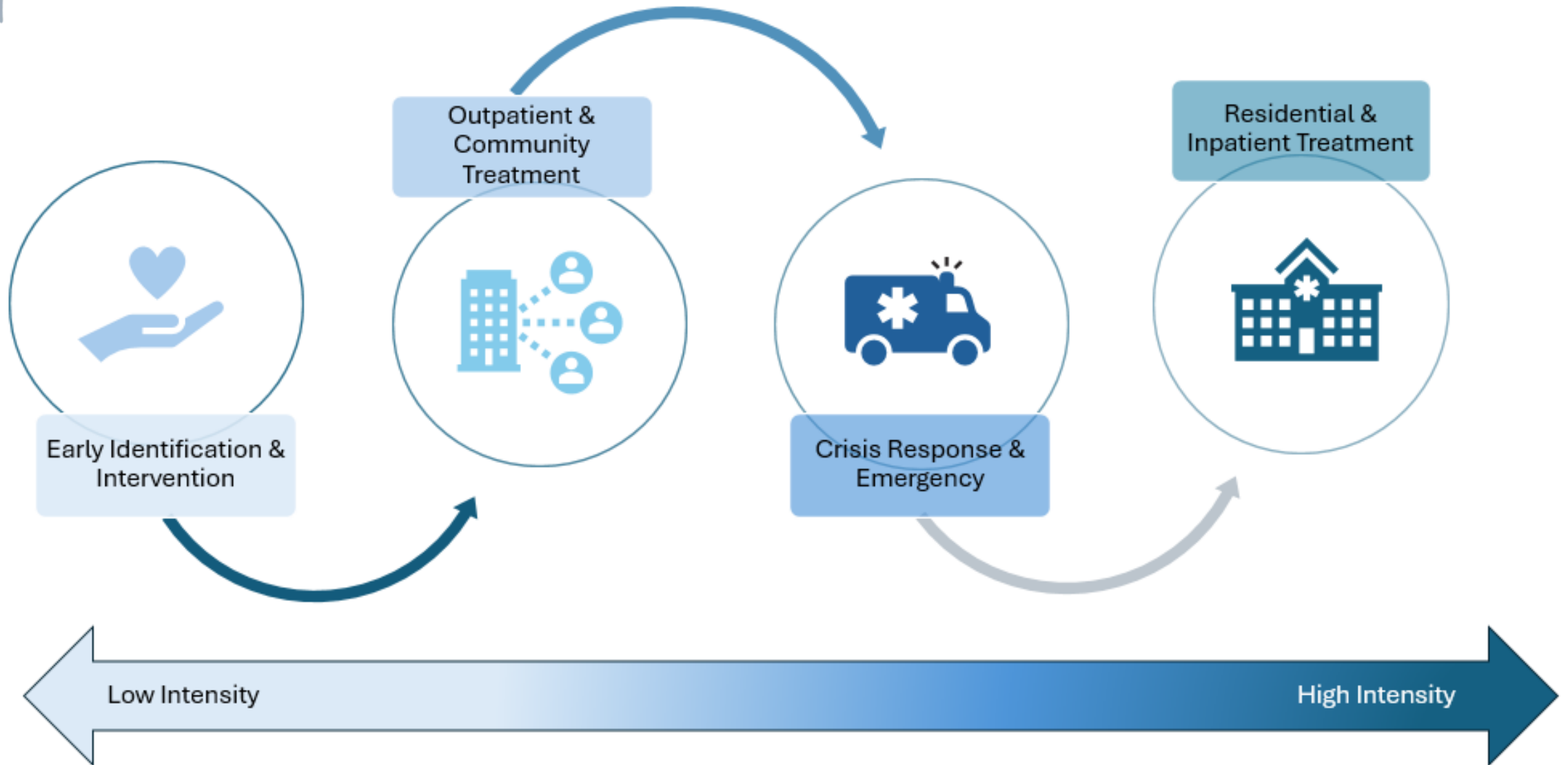
- Child-Centered
- Family-Focused
- Community-Based
- Accountable System of Care
- Coordinated Response



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The Behavioral Health Care Continuum



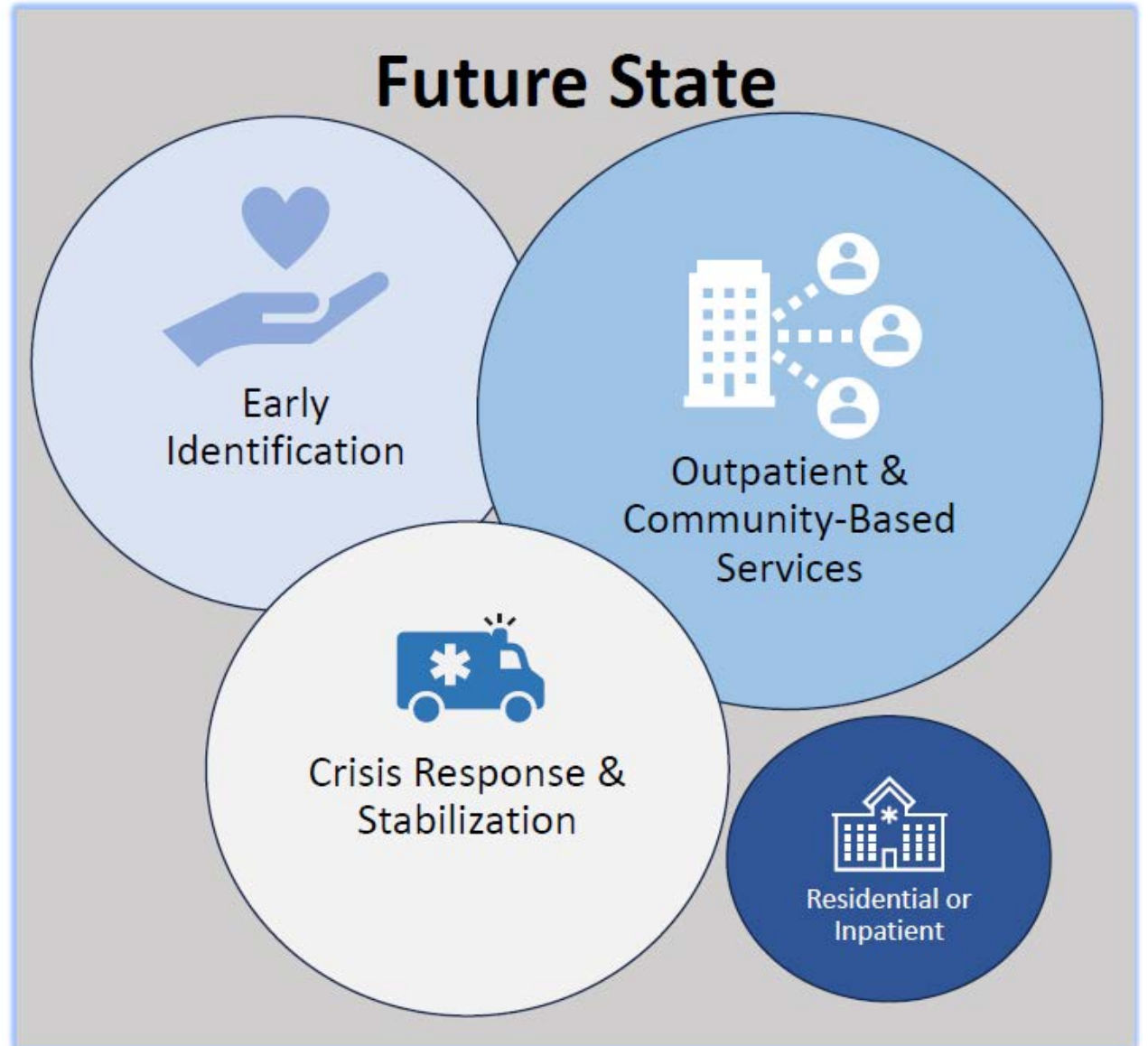


The Need to Build Service Capacity to Shift Care

Current State

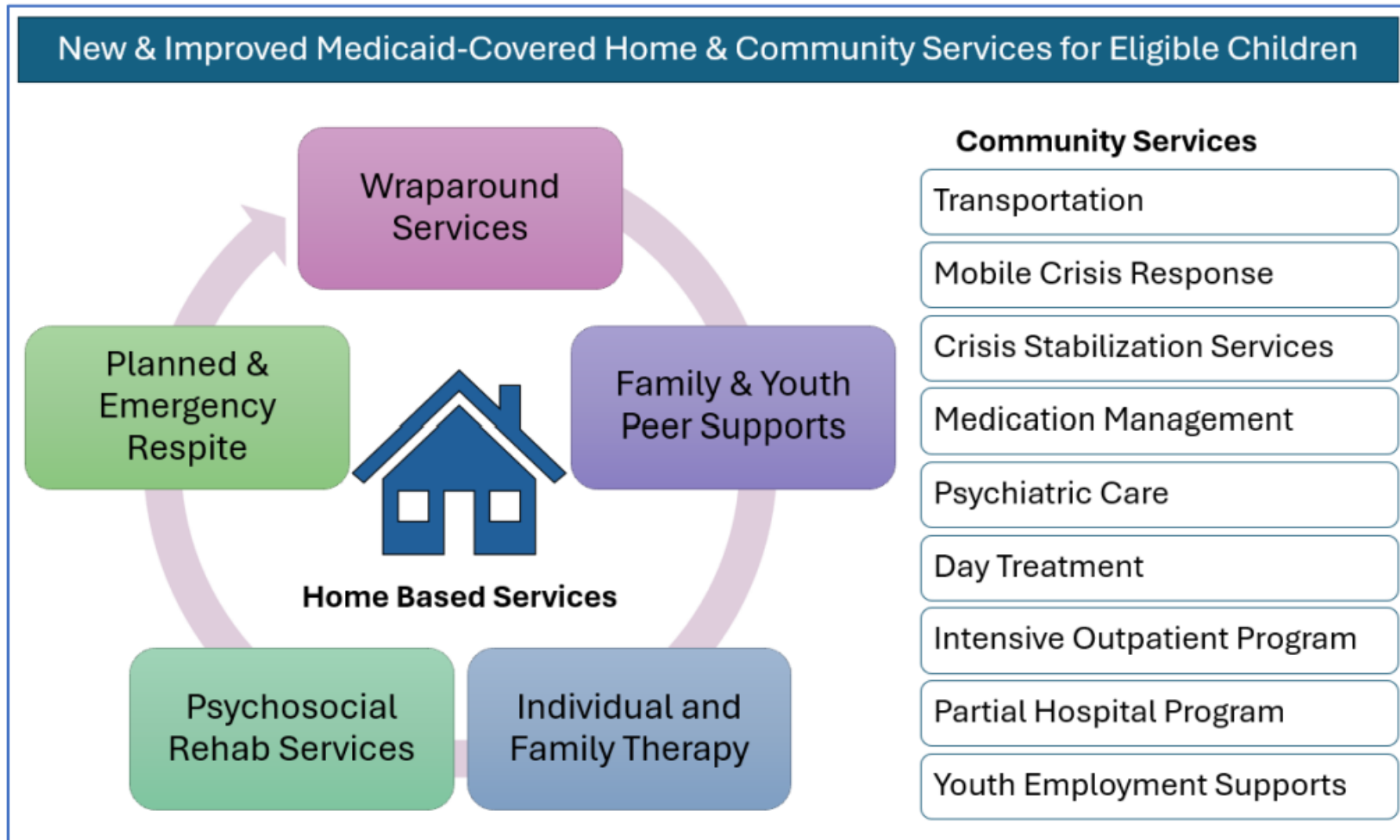


Future State





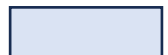
Medicaid Benefits Summary





Detailed Continuum of Care with Benefit Changes

Screening & Early Intervention Services	Outpatient & Community Services	Crisis Response & Stabilization	Inpatient Hospital & Residential Treatment
Wraparound Services (Intensive Care Management & Care Coordination)			
Peer Supports and Services (youth and family)			Residential Treatment
	Respite Care (Planned & Emergency)		QRTP-Like Model
	Intensive Targeted Case & Care Management Services		
	Intensive In-Home Supports		Inpatient Hospital
	Psychosocial Rehab Services		
Individual & Family Therapy Services			
Screening & Assessment Services			
School Screenings	Day Treatment	Mobile Crisis Response	
Child Check Up Services	Medication Management		
	Intensive Outpatient	Partial Hospitalization	
	Crisis Intervention	Crisis Stabilization	
		988 Hotline & Referrals	



New or Expanded Covered Service



Rate Increase



Existing Covered Services



New “Managed Care” Delivery System



MEDICAL SERVICES

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

INTENSIVE CASE/CARE MANAGEMENT

Provider Network Adequacy & Access Requirements

Value Add Services (Employment & Housing Supports & Meals)

Collaboration Agreements with Schools, Child Welfare, Courts, etc.

24-Hour Family Nurse Support Line

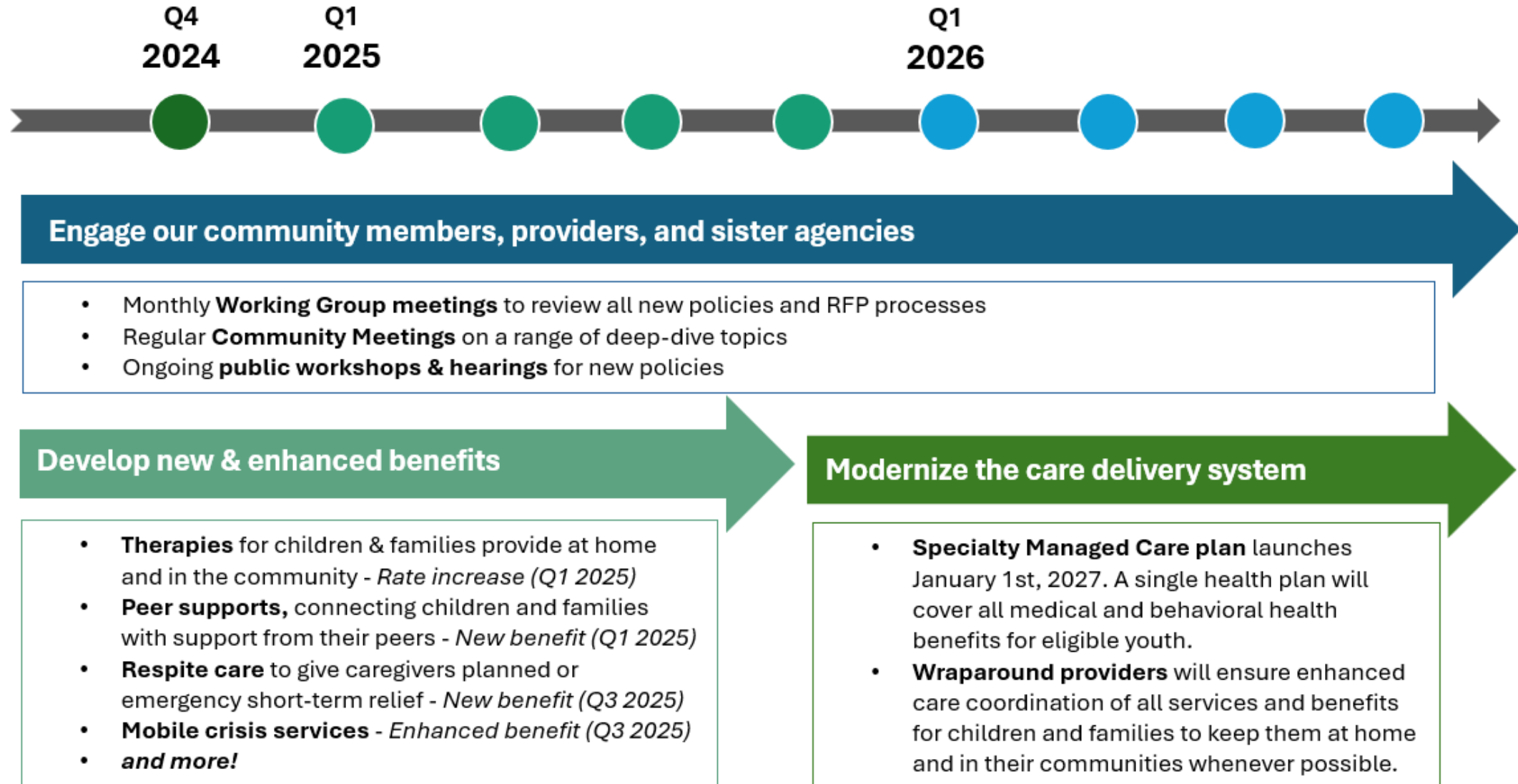
Quality Incentives & Performance Monitoring

Community Reinvestment & Workforce Development

State to release Request for Information (RFI) to collect feedback on delivery system changes from providers and potential bidders prior to developing the Request for Proposals and Scope of Work (Contract) for new plan. Go Live Date is estimated for 1-1-2027.

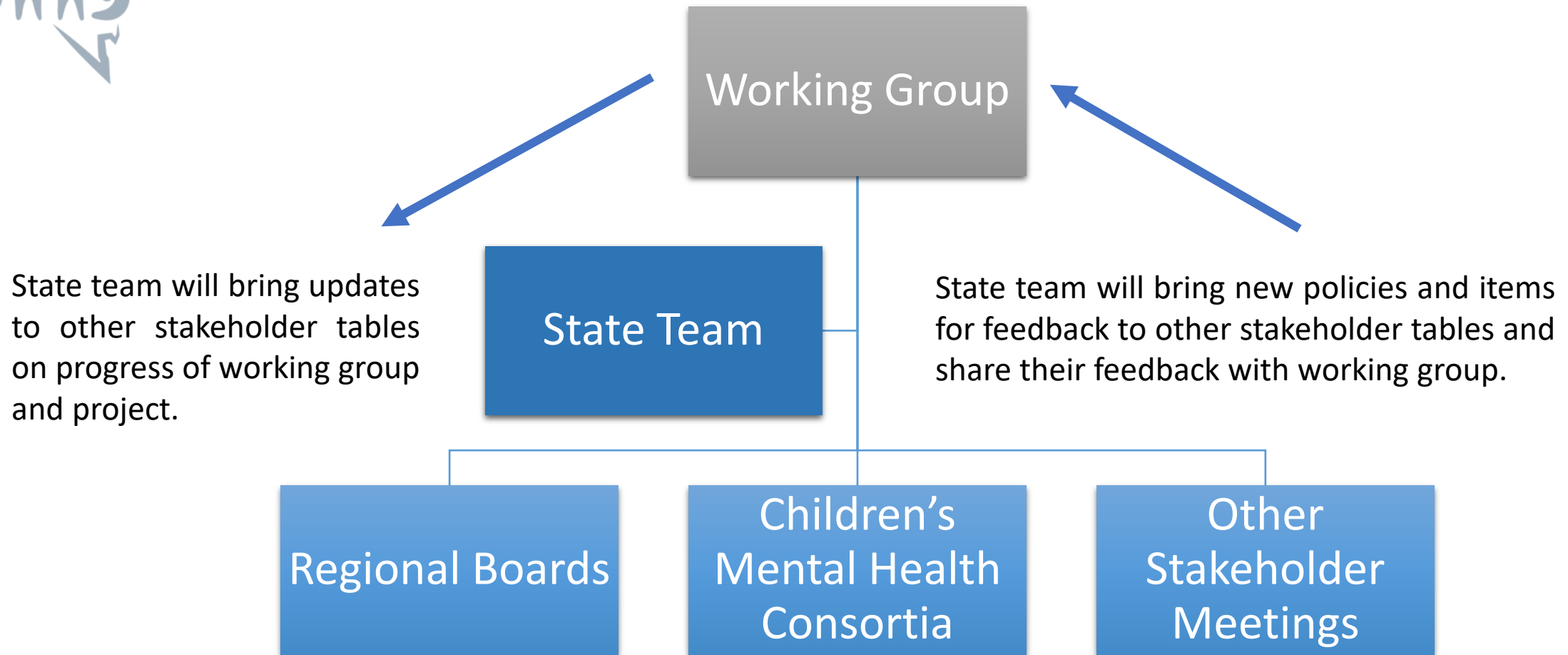


Implementation Timeline





Working Group Feedback Loop



State team will use feedback and recommendations from working group to inform the project and program design. State team will engage with multiple stakeholder tables and public comment forums and share information gathered with working group.



Upcoming Working Group Topics

November

- Statewide youth behavioral health data review
- Rebrand update and website launch

December

- Medicaid Benefits 101
- New benefit discussion: Family Peer Support

January

- Specialty Managed Care Plan: RFI feedback review
- Enhanced benefit discussion: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities

All topics subject to change pending transformation timeline.



Topics for Consideration at Future Working Groups

- *“Youth peer support and family support as a whole. We look at the whole unit that needs care, not just the child. The environment needs to be conducive to their functionality and well being into adult hood.”*
- *“The need of continuity of care amongst the different levels of mental health care.”*
- *“Services for transracial adoptions and cultural humility training for foster placements.”*
- *“How to make community resources more accessible and known to the public. This continues to be a significant challenge, as many families are unaware of the services available to them. Additionally, I believe the group should focus on ways to better inform families about providers who offer high-quality care. Ensuring that families can easily identify and connect with reputable providers in the community would greatly improve the support they receive.”*
- *“Increasing the workforce and addressing the education of the workforce.”*



Working Group Structure: **DISCUSSION**

1. What questions do you have about the working group structure?
2. What initial feedback do you have on the services or timeline, if any?
3. What background information would be helpful to your participation in future meetings on benefit design or delivery system reforms?



Next Steps

Working Group Member Action Item:

1. Submit [availability form](#) by **Friday, October 25th**

November meeting: date & time pending representative availability

- All meeting dates and times posted to the DHCFP Public Notices page
- Public Notice will be sent to the BH listserv to notify public of future meetings.
 - Please email ChildrensBH@dchcfp.nv.gov to be added to the listserv.
- Reminder: Topic will be a data review and Medicaid Policy 101



Public Comment Period

Time limit: 3 minutes



Thank you for your time!

Questions? Feedback? Please reach out to ChildrensBH@dncfp.nv.gov.