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The Resource Exchange (TRE), in close collaboration with Rocky Mountain Options for Long Term Care (RMOLTC) and the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), is in the final stages of developing a transition strategy to assume single entry point responsibilities from RMOLTC on July 1, 2019. Services currently provided by RMOLTC will be provided by TRE starting on that date. TRE and RMOLTC began discussions with the state of Colorado in late Fall 2018 to combine services, to allow for a more streamlined process for the clients and families both organizations serve.

TRE and RMOLTC are both Colorado nonprofits, located in Colorado Springs, designated by the state to coordinate Medicaid-funded services to children and adults. TRE serves individuals across the lifespan with intellectual and developmental disabilities. RMOLTC serves individuals across the lifespan who require long-term care services in order to maintain as independent a life as possible, with a focus on those who live with a physical disability, live with a mental illness or have sustained a traumatic brain injury (TBI). RMOLTC has 55 employees who serve over 3,400 families in El Paso, Teller and Park counties.

RMOLTC provides supports to Coloradoans enrolled in Medicaid Waiver programs. These programs, in addition to the waiver programs already supported by TRE, can be found by clicking this link or copying it into your browser.

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/long-term-services-and-supports-programs>

Combining the single entry point and Community Centered Board in our region will simplify the process families go through to receive support. Instead of needing to figure out which organization to contact for which services, or have to contact both organizations to see which of Colorado's 11 Medicaid waivers may best serve their needs, there will be just one entry point—The Resource Exchange—and a much simpler path to getting the support individuals and families need.

“Our organizations have been working together for many years and we often find ourselves partnering to serve the same individuals. TRE assuming both contracts with the state means that the consolidation of case management services will create efficiencies for our clients,

without overlap and duplication of services.” said Carrie Schillinger, Executive Director of RMOLTC.

“Both of our teams know each other well and have been working toward this partnership for some time. We’re confident this will be a smooth transition that will create a simpler, more elegant experience for the people we both serve,” added interim TRE CEO Colleen Head Batchelor. “We’ll also be better positioned to reach more families who need our support. The partnership gives us the opportunity to learn best practices from each other, which will improve the quality of life for the people we work with.”

The Resource Exchange (TRE) is a non-profit that partners with people who have intellectual or developmental disabilities or delays to help them achieve the life they want to live. TRE walks alongside individuals throughout the course of their lives. TRE’s over 350 employees work with 5,000 families in El Paso, Pueblo, Park and Teller counties. Intellectual and developmental disabilities include autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy, among many others.

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