



# OeHI

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# The SHIE Bulletin

Working Together Towards  
Whole Person Health

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## New Year, Same Commitment to SHIE

Happy New Year! As we begin 2024, we want to share some social health information exchange (SHIE) implementation updates with you all. Our contract was officially executed in November 2023, and since then, we have been hard at work building the SHIE statewide unifying architecture. This edition of the newsletter will showcase where we have been so far and where we are going, along with updates about an upcoming opportunity for our community partners!

## The SHIE Vision

As a reminder, the Social Health Information Exchange, or SHIE, is a system we are building to **securely exchange social determinants of health data** among providers involved in whole person care. The goal of SHIE is to **make it easier for health care providers to use technology to connect people to the services they need**, such as food, transportation, and safe housing.

For more information on our SHIE approach, architecture components, and more, view our SHIE Overview Slides:

[Click here to view our SHIE Overview Slides!](#)

# Project Updates

## Project Streams:

### SHIE Architecture - On Track

- Discovery and use case development.
- If you are interested in participating in a SHIE discovery session, [please fill out this form!](#)

### SHIE Community-Driven Infrastructure RFA - On Track

- Drafting with an anticipated launch in late spring 2024.

### Consent Management - On Track

- Discovery and use case development.

### Provider Directory and Community Resource Inventory - On Track

- Discovery.

## Current Priority Populations:

- Individuals experiencing housing insecurity and/or homelessness
- Individuals exiting the criminal justice system and reentering the community
- Individuals experiencing substance use disorder
- Individuals who are enrolled in or eligible for a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver

## January Updates:

- Resultant visited OeHI for two very productive days of in-person working sessions
- Two initial use cases have been developed and are in active discovery (see below)

## Upcoming Activities:

- Continued use case refinement
- Technical discovery for integrations with priority data sources
- Technology Solution Roadmap development

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## Our First SHIE Use Cases

### HCBS Use Case

Transition Coordination is a benefit for Health First Colorado members who qualify for a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver. This service helps members who are in institutional settings, like nursing facilities, decide if moving back into the

### Housing Use Case

There are various support programs in Colorado for individuals who are experiencing homelessness, including programs specifically for Health First Colorado members.

Our goal is to automate the

community is right for them and helps them transition into the community.

Our goal is to digitize the manual parts of this process so that organizations involved can better communicate and work together to support members' transitions back into their communities.

currently manual workflow so that the organizations supporting individuals with accessing housing resources can more effectively identify individuals who are eligible for both housing and Medicaid benefits.

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## Coming Soon: Request for Applications for Community-Driven Infrastructure



We are excited to share that a SHIE funding opportunity is coming soon! We will be launching a Request for Applications (RFA) in late Spring 2024 for community organizations seeking to share data through the SHIE Architecture to improve the delivery of coordinated care.

More information will be shared via this newsletter and on the OeHI website and social media platforms.

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As always, if you have questions about SHIE, please email [gov\\_ask\\_oehi@state.co.us](mailto:gov_ask_oehi@state.co.us)!

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