



## Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting

March 1, 2020 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Only (no in-person meeting)

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### MEETING MINUTES:

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Committee Members Present: Benu Amun-Ra, Michael Hoover, Joe Marrone, Cami Renfrow, Lucinda Rowe, Dawn Russell, Ali Thompson

Staff Present: Bob Lawhead

Excused: Lisa Franklin, Gerrie Frohne, Christine Owen

Public Members Present: None

1. Convene, establish quorum, introductions of LPPC members and public Ali  
Ali established quorum.
2. Review/modify today's proposed agenda LPPC members  
No changes to the agenda were proposed.
3. Old Business:
  - a. Review/approve February 1st and February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes Ali  
-Mike made a motion to approve the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes; Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed.  
-Benu made a motion to approve the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes; Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - b. Update on CDDC legislative and public policy priorities: Bob
    - 1) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) funding stability (no update)
    - 2) Eliminate Sub-minimum Wage Employment - SB21-039. Hearing scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Business Labor & Technology Committee 1:30-4:00. There was agreement that Council support of SB21-039 is appropriate as it is consistent with the current Five Year Plan.
    - 3) Supported Decision-making Agreement - SB 21-075. Hearing scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>, Judiciary Committee 1:30-4:00. There was agreement that Council support of SB21-075 is appropriate as it is consistent with the current Five Year Plan.
    - 4) Ombudsman office for people with IDD (no update)
    - 5) Sunset EFAP – SB21-095. Hopefully this bill will include state hiring “disability priority” (the amendment has not yet been finalized),
    - 6) High-fidelity wraparound services expansion funding reinstatement (no update)
  - c. Bills we are following on Colorado Capitol Watch  
The six bills we are presently following include:  
**HB21-1014 Disability Symbol Identification Document**  
Provides a discrete disability status identifier on license or ID; Provides for peace officer access to driver or passenger disability status.

**HB21-1097 Establish Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)**

Creates single state agency to lead, promote & administer BHA; Directs CDHS submit plan to create BHA.

**HB21-1122 First Responder Interactions with PWD**

Establishes commission on improving first responder interactions with persons with disabilities including recommendations for training curriculum.

**SB21-039 Elimination of Subminimum Wage Employment**

Directs CDLE to phase out the use of subminimum wage (SMW) and require transition plans for employers currently using SMW employment. Directs the Employment First Advisory Partnership to develop recommendations to address fiscal and structural barriers to SMW elimination. Directs HCPF to add employment-related services for PWIDD.

**SB21-075 Supported Decision-Making Agreement (Passed 3.**

Allows an adult with a disability to enter into a supported decision-making (SDM) agreement with a member of “the supportive community.” Under the agreement, the adult authorizes the member to provide SDM including assistance in:

- a. understanding potential options, responsibilities, and consequences,
- b. obtaining relevant information, and
- c. communicating the adult’s decision.

SDM agreement, when signed and witnessed, shall be relied upon by any person receiving it. SDM agreements may serve as alternatives to guardianship or assist with decision-making for those presently under guardianship.

**SB21-095 Sunset Employment First Advisory Partnership**

Implements the recommendation of the department of regulatory agencies in its sunset review and report on the employment first advisory partnership by continuing the partnership indefinitely.

- d. Procedure for formal Council support of legislation. The Council and Executive Committee are considering different ideas on how to gain timely Council approval of bills.

4. New Business:

a. Vaccine priority white paper developments

- 1) Bob reported that ANCOR (the national association of IDD service providers) moved Colorado’s IDD group from “included in state plan” to “unclear” after we pointed out their error. See:

[https://www.ancor.org/sites/default/files/vaccine\\_priority\\_at\\_a\\_glance\\_022221.pdf](https://www.ancor.org/sites/default/files/vaccine_priority_at_a_glance_022221.pdf)

- 2) Bob shared that the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry (AADMD) (joined by numerous other national groups) sent a letter to the CDC on February 22, 2021 demanding that people with IDD be prioritized for vaccine distribution. See:

<https://www.aadmd.org/vaccine>

b. Non-Medical Transportation bill

The fact sheet for this legislation (which has not yet been introduced) was presented to the Committee. The concern is that new transportation vehicle and driver standards for HCBS services are set to go into effect this July 1<sup>st</sup>. These standards would place unreasonable limits on service agencies, and especially family-owned service agencies, with the likely unintended consequence that access to transportation would be reduced. Committee members requested that Bob send out the HCPF Operational Memo describing this change.

c. Reminder to use Colorado Capitol Watch

Bob again demonstrated how to use Colorado Capitol Watch.

5. Confirm date for next meeting:

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2021 via Zoom.

8. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

**Next Meeting: March 15, 2021 from 10 to Noon (Zoom Only)**