



## Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2020 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Only (no in-person meeting)

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### MEETING AGENDA:

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1. Convene, establish quorum, introductions of LPPC members and members of the public Ali  
LPPC members
2. Review/modify today's proposed agenda LPPC members
3. Old Business:
  - a. Review/approve August 17th meeting minutes Ali
  - b. Update on ideas on LPP Committee future agenda items Ali & LPPC members
  - d. Status of next COVID-19 federal legislation Bob
4. New Business:
  - a. Council 2021 legislative and public policy priorities Ali & Bob
    - 1) Priority: Fight for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) funding stability and against budget cuts for FY 2021-22. Cuts would result in increased risk of institutionalization, violation of the Olmstead Ruling and eventual higher cost for segregated services compared to community-based services.
    - 2) Sub-minimum wage elimination.
    - 3) Supported Decision-Making codification for use by people with disabilities, families, the system, guardians, and as an alternative to guardianship.
    - 4) Ombudsman office for people with IDD.
    - 5) EFAP reauthorization including state hiring “disability priority.”
    - 6) High-fidelity wraparound services expansion???
  - b. SB08-004 State Employment of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Bob implementation
  - c. Introduction to the Person-Centered Budget Algorithm process Bob
  - d. HCPF Final Setting Rule Rights Modification input opportunities Bob
  - d. Additional items? LPPC members
5. Confirm date for next meeting: October 19, 2020? LPPC members
6. Decision Items Ali & Bob
7. Public Comment Public
8. Adjourn

**Next Meeting: October 19<sup>th</sup> 10 am until 12 pm via Zoom**

## Discussion:

1. Ali called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
2. Quorum established and introductions made.
3. Agenda Updates: Lisa asked to add one of the ballot initiatives, will add under section A number 7.
4. August 17th Meeting minutes: Lisa made a motion to approve. Joe seconded. Christine abstained. Membership approved.
5. Paradox with the Council:
  - Would like to have the majority of work done in committee meetings to allow for less full Council meetings. This is direction from the feds.
  - Members expressed concern that one committee will decide the fate of the Council without full Council input. Clear communication and practice needs to be consistent.
  - Ali just wanted to give committee members a heads up regarding what was discussed at the executive committee meeting.
6. Future Agenda Items:
  - Benu is looking into a collaboration between HCPF and CDPHE.
7. The Heels Act senate first attempted to put something together and it did not go well. Now March to Common Ground- HB 3.5 trillion in aid, the Skinny Bill was offered by the senate Republicans. 1.5 trillion, many democrat senators who believe 1.5 trillion is not enough. The White House is pushing for something to come out. Bob feels very unlikely that anything will pass until after the election. Action Alert will be sent to ask senators to put something together on this. Pushing for more State Aid so programs like Medicaid, will not be as much at risk for cuts.
8. Subminimum wage item:
  - Will meet again next week to discuss how might modify bill from 2020 that might allow it to pass.
9. Fight for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) funding stability and against budget cuts for FY 2021-22. Cuts would result in increased risk of institutionalization, violation of the Olmstead Ruling and eventual higher cost for segregated services compared to community-based services. Many day programs have reopened at 50% capacity and following the CDC ways of preventing the virus.
10. High Fidelity Wraparound Expansion: Focused on in 2019 and passed. Money was taken away from budget for this year was passed. For people in crises who have sons and daughters who have challenging behavior and are at risk for being institutionalized. Used to provide support necessary for a family to be able to keep their child in the home. This is being implemented right now. Bob would like the committee to make sure the funding is present.
  - Christine made a motion that the committee follow and take a stand on this. Lisa seconded.
11. Lisa: Colorado Proposition 118 around paid medical and family leave. Would create a payroll tax system to both employees and employers to access when medical issues arise and have to take time off from work. Provides additional protection beyond national legislation provides. Funding will come from increased payroll taxes, which comes out to .9 percent.
  - Cami would like to hear more about this. Lisa will reach out and ask for more educational information.
12. SB08-004 State Employment of Persons with Developmental Disabilities implementation. Passed as a result of the interim committee. This passed state statue and was supposed to be implemented by CDHS but nothing was ever done and sat on the directors desk. Possibility of people with disabilities hired for a six month temporary position and if the employer and employee feel this is a good match then full time employment would be offered. Looking into this to see if funds were actually given to DVR once this was passed.
13. Person Centered Budget Algorithm: Turning into a hot issue right now. Out of state contactor called Optimums hired. Trying to understand all of this. Very technical. Listen in and provide input October 14th from noon until 1:30. Let Bob know and he will send you information to connect. This would have a fiscal note.
14. Public Comment: None at this time.
15. Meeting adjourned at 11:53.

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Motions:

1. August 17th Meeting minutes: Lisa made a motion to approve. Joe seconded. Christine abstained. Membership approved.
2. Colorado Proposition 118: Christine made a motion that the committee follow and take a stand on the High Fidelity Wraparound Expansion. Lisa seconded.
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Actions:

1. Cami would like to hear more about this. Lisa will reach out and ask for more educational information and the committee will take to the full Council.
  2. HCBS day service for feedback session dates and connection instructions.
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Attendance:

Council Committee Members Present: Ali Thompson, Cami Renfrow, Christine Owen, Dawn Russell, Joseph Morrone, Lisa Franklin, Lucinda Rowe

Council Committee Members Absent: N/A

Community Committee Members Present: Benu Amun-Ra, Michael Hoover (disability rights representative and past Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council member)

Committee Members Absent: Gerrie Frohne

Guests: Donna Downing (past-president of the National Autism Committee)

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead