



Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2020 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Only (no in-person meeting)

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Convene, establish quorum, introductions of LPPC members and members of the public Ali
LPPC members
2. Review/modify today's proposed agenda
3. Old Business:
 - a. Review/approve September 21st meeting minutes Ali
 - b. Additional ideas on LPP Committee agenda items Ali
 - c. Proposition 118 presentation Lisa
4. New Business:
 - a. Passage of Council 2021 legislative and public policy priorities Ali & Bob
 - 1) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) funding stability
 - 2) Sub-minimum wage elimination.
 - 3) Expand supported Decision-Making (SDM) codification.
 - 4) Ombudsman office for people with IDD.
 - 5) EFAP reauthorization including state hiring "disability priority."
 - 6) High-fidelity wraparound services expansion
 - 7) Others?
 - b. HCPF Rights modification recommendation update Bob
 - c. HCBS Day Service COVID-19 recommendation update Bob
 - d. Sub-minimum wage bill update Bob
 - e. SDM codification expansion update Bob
 - f. Additional items? LPPC members
5. Confirm date for next meeting: November 16, 2020 LPPC members
6. Decision Items Ali & Bob
7. Public Comment Public
8. Adjourn

Next Meeting: November 16th 10 am until 12 pm via Zoom

Discussion:

1. Agenda Items:

- September meeting Minutes: Cami made a motion to approve. Michael seconded. Membership approved.

2. Proposition 118: Lisa

- Advantage is that people have job protection and financial protection if leave is needed for family care.
- Individual would receive some portion of their pay during leave.
- Lisa made a motion to send information to Council members about Proposition 118. Ron seconded. Membership approved.

3. New business:

- Looking at a 3 billion dollar cut in state funds.
- HCBS funds: Have to be careful with funding because it has the potential to be cut, potentially reducing services for the HCBS-DD, SLS, CES, and CHRP programs.
- Subminimum Wage: carryover HB20-1263 was the idea of gradually phasing out subminimum wage. Disability Law Colorado, ARC of Colorado, Alliance (the statewide CCB and service agency association) and Bob on behalf of the DD Council are writing a proposal to make this work. Also looking back to reduce the fiscal note as bills with significant fiscal notes have little chance of passing during the 2021 legislative session.
- Supported Decision Making: Bob made contact with the lead in the elder law section who has agreed to have a discussion with the committee.
- Ombudsmen possibility has been considered within rights modification meetings that have occurred. This is an issue that is important for people with IDD.
- Employment First Advisory Partnership (EFAP, established through SB16-077) - Bob has served as co-chair since 2017. Looking at the Sunset Report, which will disband the group in September 2021. Thus, we are looking at reauthorization.
- High-fidelity Wraparound Services: Idea of supporting and assisting at the family level to retain placement at the family level, instead of out-of-home placement for children and youth with high behavioral health support needs.

4. Public Comment: None at this time.

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6. Meeting adjourned at 11:53

Motions:

1. Meeting Minutes: Cami made a motion to approve. Michael seconded. Membership approved.

2. Lisa made a motion to send information to Council members about Proposition 118. Membership approved.

Actions:

1. Bob will send a follow up email with documents on HCBS (home and community based supports) and EFAP documents.

2. Lisa asked Bob to go through the Colorado Capitol Watch on how to use and follow the bills the committee will monitor and send information.

3. Bob will email the document from the Colorado Department of Education.

Attendance:

Council Committee Members Present: Ali Thompson, Bonnie Silva, Cami Renfrow, Christine Owen, Dawn Russell, Lisa Franklin, Ron Hutter

Council Committee Members Absent: Joseph Morrone, Lucinda Rowe

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

Committee Members Absent: Gerrie Frohne

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

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead