



Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Only (no in-person meeting)

MEETING AGENDA:

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| 1. Convene, establish quorum, introductions of LPPC members and public | Ali |
| 2. Review/modify today's proposed agenda | LPPC members |
| 3. Old Business: | |
| Review/approve October 19th meeting minutes | Ali |
| Update on CDDC legislative and public policy priorities | 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. | |
| HCBS Day Service COVID-19 recommendation update | Bob |
| Sub-minimum wage bill update | Bob |
| 4. New Business: | |
| Governor Polis budget presentation | Bob |
| https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Xc1qk3rLMVqzKmjNm5-jyWB9YeYhNMX2/view | |
| Update on State Service Coordination Transition Team for Students with Disabilities | Bob |
| Orientation to Colorado Capitol Watch | Bob |
| Additional items? | LPPC members |
| 5. Confirm date for next meeting: December 21, 2020 | LPPC members |
| 6. Confirm Decision Items | Vanessa |
| 7. Public Comment | Public |
| 8. Adjourn | All |

Next Meeting: December 21st 10 am until 12 pm via Zoom

Discussion:

1. Ali called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.
2. Agenda: Approved with no changes.
3. Meeting Minutes: Christine made a motion to approve. Cami seconded. Cami, Christine, Dawn and Mily approved meeting minutes for the October 19th meeting.
4. New Business:
 - Governor budget presentation is attached to this week's meeting agenda. Budget did not cut Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). This is the funding source for the states four IDD service programs for adults and children (HCBS-DD, -SLS, -CES & -CHRP).
 - Sub minimum wage bill: Looking to reintroduce HB20-1263. Waiting on new fiscal note and hoping will come out looking better, which would help make the bill a lot more likely to be passed in the 2021 legislative session constrained by reduced state revenue due to the pandemic.
 - Supported Decision Making: ARC of Colorado invited Council to work on a bill adding language to CRS 15-14, the guardianship section of the probate statute. Bob should have more information to share for the December LPP meeting.
 - Ombudsman office: HCPF has expressed willingness to talk with Bob the possibility of moving this forward].
 - Employment First Advisory Partnership (EFAP): This bill is on track and Colorado Department Labor Employment is still sponsoring it. The sunset report on SB16-077 recommends continuing the EFAP, which is positive. Bob has suggested the bill not specify another five year sunset period and instead allow EFAP to continue indefinitely.
 - High Fidelity Wraparound: SB19-195 provided for an appropriation to retain children and youth with significant disabilities in their family homes through the use of wrap around services. Funding was taken away this summer due to HB20-1384 because of the pandemic-related state budget crisis. We need to keep an eye on how we might re-institute the funding but this may need to wait.
 - Legislation that establishes the Council: Looking at legislation that better defines how the Council can advocate for people with IDD within state government and Council independence consistent with the DD Act.
5. New Business:
 - State Revenue Forecasting: We need to keep an eye on regular revenue projections. The next one is scheduled for December 18th at 9:00 AM. This could impact HCBS services if the forecast were to predict even lower state revenues for 2021.
 - School Transition Services - This effort is largely being organized by Katie Oliver. Looking at the sequence of services for students as they move from age 14 up to age 26 and talking about how CDE and agency partners will structure services to help students transition from school to adult life. This is directly related to the Council's Five Year Plan goal number 2.
 - Colorado Capitol Watch training by Bob.
 - Manage Bills- Can change the year and can add a bill to the Council profile to monitor- just let Bob and Ali know beforehand. If you go into previous legislative years, please do not add or delete bills as Bob uses for historical analysis.
6. Additional bills to discuss with committee: None at this time
7. Next meeting is scheduled the week of Christmas, December 21st.
8. Public Comment: None at this time.
9. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Motions:

1. October Meeting Minutes: Christine made a motion to approve. Cami seconded. Cami, Christine, Dawn and Mily approved meeting minutes.

Actions:

1. Add federal bill updates at every meeting.

Attendance:

Council Committee Members Present: Ali Thompson, Cami Renfrow, Christine Owen, Dawn Russell

Council Committee Members Absent: Bonnie Silva, Joseph Morrone (excused), Lisa Franklin (excused), Lucinda Rowe

Community Committee Members Present: Michael Hoover (disability rights representative and past Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council member)

Committee Members Absent: Gerrie Frohne (excused), Benu Amun-Ra

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

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead