



Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 26, 2017



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**ISSUE:**

1. Welcome/ Meaningful Roles
2. Minutes of May 24, 2016
3. ED Report and 2018 Budget Voting Item
4. Presentation: The Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Model
5. Presentation: DD Council Funded LEND Fellows
6. Planning & Grants Report
7. Legislative & Public Policy Update
8. Open/Public Comment
9. Adjournment

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**DISCUSSION:**

1. Council convened at 12:05 PM by Jeanette Cordova.
2. Opening discussion of “Meaningful Roles” for persons living with a disability; Marcia Tewell shared that “DD Day at the Capitol” was not a meaningful role; Julie Voltaire Schleusener shared her son’s journey to employment; Lisa Franklin shared an article in the *Denverite* focused on a day in the self-directed life of a young man using HCBS supports.
3. Quorum present: Review of minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Hal Wright; second received from Peggy Spaulding.
4. ED Report presented by Marcia Tewell. Marcia discussed one on one meetings with new Council members, including meaningful roles for all Council members on committees; Seth Downs, Council Admin has left and Marcia will be working on filling his position; Marcia announced the recipients of this year’s Dan B. Davidson Awards; and shared feedback from Council Member Jessica Howard on her participation in the June 2017 School to Prison Pipeline Conference, which was funded by the Council.
5. The first Voting Item of the meeting, the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018, was presented by Mackenzie Helton. Motion to approve the budget was made by Hal Wright; second received from Willie Wade. All members voted to approve the voting item.
6. The second Voting Item of the meeting, proposed dates for 2018 Council meetings, was presented by Jeanette Cordova. Motion to approve was made by Peggy Spaulding; second received from Patricia Henke. All members voted to approve the voting item. Note: the retreat dates included in the voting item for 2018 were incorrect and amended to October 25 and 26, 2018.
7. The first presentation of the meeting was introduced by Patricia Henke and led by Paul Barnett and Stacey Teegardin, with the CO Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and presented a model of Supported Employment, Individual Placement and Support (IPS), that is used regularly with 12 contracted OBH support agencies. All three believe this model would work well with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation consumers, including those who live with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The presenters shared that the next Transition Community of Practice meeting would occur on August 23, 2017 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM; there will also be a Supported Employment Education Research Forum on September 21, 2017; and an annual IPS Conference in Denver on October 24-25, 2017 that will share information on a research study

on the implementation of IPS in developmental disability communities. All of these items will be added to the Council's web-based calendar of upcoming events.

8. The first LEND presentation, *Light the Fire for Self-advocacy Project*, was from David Bahr, who with his wife, Priscilla Carlson, whose LEND leadership project was a leadership development training for self-advocates. David and Priscilla received Council funding as the LEND self-advocates.
9. The second LEND presentation, *Bridging the Gap between Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking Families with Children/Youth with Disabilities and Professionals*, was from Jeanette Cordova, who received Council funding during her leave of absence as a LEND culturally and linguistically diverse family member. Jeanette's leadership project was health literacy training to help families understand barriers and how they can adapt/advocate for themselves and also to begin a dialog with professionals on working with these families.
10. Planning and Grants Committee Report: Mackenzie Helton presented and explained the current status of Expenditures and Encumbrances through June 30, 2017. Sue Fager reviewed the 5 year plan goals and objectives.
11. Public Policy Committee Report: Hal Wright reported out on priority setting processes of the Public Policy Committee; the Committee has been busy with maintaining Medicaid dollars and supports at the Federal Level with many action alerts/letters/calls to legislators. Hal also spoke on collaboration efforts with other policy groups and his hope to increase collaboration over the next year. Bob Lawhead reported out on the Employment First recommendations that are going out to the involved state level departments to work through the approval process. The report will be completed by August 11, 2017. Bob also shared the Council-produced educational piece on federal healthcare legislation that was supported by more than 100 disability organizations across Colorado. Council members responded with suggestions for several other organizations that may sign-on in support of the document.
12. Open/Public Comments: None
13. The Council meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: September 27, 2017**

**LOCATION: Fellowship Hall, Christ Church United Methodist Church  
690 Colorado Blvd., Denver CO**

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*Action Items:* Lisa Franklin will forward the link to the *Denverite* article to Sue Fager, who will forward it and the link to *Inspiration Porn*, a Ted Talk from Stella Young, to the Council.  
<https://www.denverite.com/homeownership-isnt-impossible-profoundly-disabled-39139/>  
[https://www.ted.com/talks/stella\\_young\\_i\\_m\\_not\\_your\\_inspiration\\_thank\\_you\\_very\\_much#t-570606](https://www.ted.com/talks/stella_young_i_m_not_your_inspiration_thank_you_very_much#t-570606)

*Those in attendance:* Jeanette Cordova, Alicia Eakins, Kristen Erby, Lisa Franklin, Ed George, Deon Gillespie, Patricia Henke, Sarah Metsch, Jennifer Munthali, Julie Voltaire Schleusener, Margaret Spaulding, Julie Voltaire Schleusener, Paulette Jean Steinhoff, Anuska Ullal, Willie Wade, Hal Wright

*Those absent:* Senator Irene Aguilar, Rob Buzogany, Claire Dickson, Sandra Freidman, Gina Herrera, Jessica Howard, Melissa Mannix, Corey Minneo, Shanon Secrest, Deborah Marks Williams

*Staff Present:* Marcia Tewell, Robert Lawhead, Mackenzie Helton, Susan Fager

*Guests:* Paul Barnett – OBH; David Bahr – LEND Fellow; Paula Christina—Arc of Adams County; Jen Martinez – Division Director IDD; Tracy Price Johnson – JFK Partners; Mellie Segura—Arc of Adams County; Stacy Teegardin – OBH; Adam Tucker – HCPF