



Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council
Council Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2017



ISSUE:

1. Welcome/ Mission Moment
2. Minutes of November 16, 2016
3. Grant Voting Items
4. ED Report
5. Planning & Grants Report
6. Legislative & Public Policy Update
7. Adjournment

DISCUSSION:

1. Council convened at 12:10 pm by Shannon Secrest.
2. Opening video: Diversity. Discussion from **Melissa Mannix** about including similar exercises at the next Council retreat in Sept.-Oct. 2017.
3. Quorum present: Motion to approve the minutes of January 2017 meeting. 2nd motion received from Anuska Ullal. Minutes approved by voice vote. Unanimous approval vote.
4. ED Report presented by Marcia Tewell. Introduction of Robert Lawhead as new Policy Advisor for the Council. Attendance by Council members at the 2017 Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. was discussed and Council expressed optimism about getting good information about potential changes to Medicare and Medicaid funding and programs. Special presenter, Elizabeth Steed, will be presenting information on Pyramid model and Cultural Competence/Sensitivity at the April 17, 2017 Legislative & Public Policy Committee meeting.
5. **Lisa Franklin** discussed the Association on Positive Behavior Supports. No write up or handouts from conference were provided.
6. Video: Stuart Hall: Representation & the Media.
7. Grant Voting Items

Grant	Motion	2 nd	Vote	Special Info
JFK LEND	Anuska Ullal	Robert Buzogany	Unanimous Approval	
Emergency Preparedness	Deon Gillespie	Hal Wright	Unanimous Approval	
Access & Ability Leadership	Lisa Franklin	Melissa Mannix	Unanimous Approval	
Sewell Family Leadership	Lisa Franklin	Patricia Henke	Unanimous Approval	
SRO-CIT	Willie Wade	Claire Dickson	Unanimous Approval	
Sibling Tree	Sarrita Reddy	Robert Buzogany	Unanimous Approval	Anuska Ullal recused from voting item

8. Presentation by Robert Lawhead about present proposals in Congress about changes to Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA). Comments by Council Members: **Hal Wright** suggested that

Council members and other Council supporters and contacts make efforts to repeatedly contact Representatives and Senators about the Council's dislike and opposition to proposals, including contacting Representatives from other districts and placing pressure on elected officials. Marcia Tewell instructed Council members how to bypass zipcode system filters at elected officials offices.

9. Adjournment at 4:03 PM.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: May 24, 2017;
Daniels Fund 101 Monroe St Denver, CO 80206**

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Those in attendance: Peggy Spaulding, Lisa Franklin, Melissa Mannix, Anuska Ullal, Willie Wade, Shannon Secrest, Sarita Reddy, Claire Dickson, Harold Wright, Rob Buzogany, Patricia Henke, Deon Gillespie

Those absent: Senator Irene Aguilar, Mellisa Umphenour, Jessica Howard, Ed George, Sarah Metsch, , Abraham de Herrera, Barb Ramsey, Sandra Friedman, Jeanie Benfield, Jeanette Cordova (LOA), Gina Herrera, Corey Mineo

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