



## Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2018-- 11:00 AM – 12 PM  
Legislative Services Building  
200 E. 14th Ave Denver 80203 Room B  
Denver, CO 80203

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### MEETING AGENDA:

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- 1) Convene, establish quorum, introductions (Hal)
- 2) Approval of previous meeting minutes for March 20, 2018 (Hal)
- 3) Old business (review of last meetings action items) (group discussion)
  - Additional information on the Autism Epidemic Bill?
- 4) New Business
  - a. Federal public policy update. Omnibus Bill signed 3.23.18 w increases for DD Act programs (\$3M Council increase). H.R. 620 stopped by Duckworth letter with 43 signers
  - b. State bills of note
  - c. (DD Wait List/DSP comp) not yet introduced; see bill draft
  - d. HB1065 (DHS employee discipline) hearing 4.2.18: Senate Judiciary Comm
  - e. HB 1106 (Minimum wage waiver) Pled (postponed indefinitely "killed")
  - f. HB 1192 (Application assist SSI SSDI) Pled
  - g. HB 1223 (Autism epidemic) hearing 4.19 @ 1:30, HCR 0107 HIE Comm
  - h. HB 1232 (School finance) hearing 4.2.18 - 1:30 PM - HCR 0112 Ed Comm
  - i. SB 82 (Non-compete rare disorder) passed both houses
  - j. SB 96 (Modern. term. MR) passed both chambers, awaiting governor signature
  - k. SB 145 (Empmt 1st) refer to Appropriations no hearing date (no testimony)
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- 5) Action items (group discussion)
- 6) Public Comments (group discussion)
- 7) Adjourn

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### DISCUSSION:

1. Hal called meeting to order at 10:12.
2. Quorum was not present and minutes from March 20, 2018 could not be voted on.
3. Action items from last meeting: Bob's letter - done, Kristen reached out to Autism Society completed and she emailed their letter to the committee.
4. Bob sent letters to our two Congressional senators requesting they sign on to the Senator Duckworth letter to Senate leadership pledging to oppose H.R. 620 "The ADA Education and Reform Act" should it be introduced in the Senate. Senator Bennet has signed on, Senator Gardner has not.

5. Federal Public Policy Update: The budget bill passed was signed on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and increased DD Act programs. The \$3 million increase designated for DD Councils that will be divided among the various states and territories.
6. After passing the House in February, HR620 - The ADA Education and Reform Act Duckworth letter now has 43 signers effectively ending the threat that this destructive bill would be introduced in the Senate.
7. Bob confirmed to Alliance that the Council supports the Workforce and Wait List bill (previously referred to as the Direct Support Professional-Aging Care Giver bill) but we are still standing behind the recommendation that the funding would be focused on direct caretakers and that families and people with disabilities should be actively involved with wait list management rules.
8. HB 1065 - DHS employee discipline) was heard yesterday but Bob is unsure of the outcome.
9. HB 1106 - Minimum wage waiver and HB 1192 - Application assist SSI SSDI have both been killed ("postponed indefinitely").
10. Steve mentioned that a television news report occurred last weekend on HB18-1223 – Autism Epidemic and that an individual from the Autism Society of Colorado was interviewed about the bill and an Autism artist was interviewed. It was Steve's impression that it could have been interpreted that the Autism Society supported HB 1223. Bob sent an introductory email to the new sponsor of 1223, Senator Rayher, regarding the problems we see with the bill. A hearing on 1223 is scheduled for April 19th at 1:30pm by the House Health Insurance and Environment Committee. Bob also sent Michael's letter to Representative Rayher.
11. HB 1232 (School Finance) heard yesterday but a vote was not taken. Both Republicans and Democrats have concerns on bill, which depends on funding through initiative 93. We will need to wait to see if the House Education Committee will take action on this.
12. Public Comment- Steve and Donna gave public comment.  
Steve asked that a social meeting be done in August so he can meet the committee members in person.  
Donna shared that the Autism National Society would like to share Michael's letter and share his story and she asked the committee if that was acceptable since he wrote it specifically for the committee. No one objected and all supported the idea.
13. Hal reminded the committee the next meeting is April 17<sup>th</sup> and then back to a regular meeting in May (the third Tuesday from 10:00 to noon) at which time he would like to do a legislative recap on the year. Hal also mentioned having a social meeting at a coffee shop or somewhere outside of the office or capitol to get to know one another and determine priorities and goals. Hal suggested we would then take a break from committee meetings in the summer and resume business as usual in August. Hal made the motion to adjourn at 11:59. Michael seconded.

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Motions/Actions:

1. Bob will send a letter to the reporter responsible for the television news report on HB18-1223 to provide information on CDDC opposition to the bill. To see report please go to:  
<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2018/04/02/lawmakers-autism-epidemic/>
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Council Committee Members Present: Hal Wright, Julie Schleusener, Jessica Howard

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

Guests: Donna Downing, Steve Miller, Klaus Weickman, Benu Amun-Ra

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Bob Lawhead.

Council Committee Members Absent: Sen. Irene Aguilar, Alicia Eakins, Deborah Williams, Kristen Erby

## MEETING DOCUMENTS

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1. Draft Agenda for 04.03.2018 Meeting
2. Letter from Autism Society
3. Draft Minutes for 03.20.2018 LPP Meeting
4. Michael Hoover letter on HB18-1223
5. Email to Representative Reyher

**Our next meeting will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to noon at the Legislative Services Building.**