



## Full Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 22, 2020

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

*Location: Community First Foundation*

5855 Wadsworth Bypass Unit A

Arvada, CO 80003

- Present:** Alicia Eakins, Alison (Ali) Thompson, Angela Moss, Cami Renfrow (via Zoom), Christine Owen, David Monroe (via Zoom), Joe Morrone, Joseph Shippley, Katie Oliver, Lisa Franklin, Mariah Gillaspie, Paulette Steinhoff, Peggy Spaulding, Dina Johnson, Tara Entwistle, Willie Wade
- Absent:** Bonnie Silva, Deborah Marks-Williams, Kristen Erby, Mily Segura, Nicolette Anderson, Patricia Henke
- Guests:** Mary Russel
- Staff:** Joelle Brouner, Bob Lawhead, Mackenzie Helton, Vanessa Hernandez, Tina Trammer

1. Alicia called the meeting to order at 9:35
2. Introductions made by all members and staff.
3. Consent Agenda:
  - Meeting Minutes for November and January: Katie made motion to approve. Paulette seconded. Peggy abstained. Council approved.
4. Welcome David Monroe who is representing Disability Law Colorado, Dina Johnson who is representing JFK Partners, and Bonnie Silva who is representing Health Care Public Financing as all have been officially appointed by the governor's office.
5. Spotlight On Impact- Five Year Plan Report:
  - Observations about FFY 19.
    - Colorado youngest suspension age
    - Young Latino and African American children are suspended more than their counterparts.
    - Council contributed to changing the state law around what can happen to our youngest students.
    - Had a good amount of frontier communities (6 or fewer people per square mile) and 18 rural communities.
  - Questions about the Report:
    - Ali suggests Council should be reaching out to the state organizations to invite to the training to help make systemic change.

6. Voting Items:

1. PEAK Parent Center:

- Bring parents together at conferences. Council has supported the last few years and this has been a good way to get the DD Council name out.
- Purposing amount of \$10,000 to help pay for:
  - Self-advocacy materials. Providing necessary support to reduce barriers to participation for families with limited resources.
  - Offsetting (federally allowable) expenses not covered by other funding sources.
  - Translation of course materials to languages other than English.
  - Spoken language or American Sign Language Interpretation if needed.
  - Paying for the onsite presence of a Spanish speaking parent outreach.
  - Providing reasonable accommodation.
  - Will come out of program portion of the Council budget.
- PEAK Parent Center \$10,000- Peggy made motion. Joe Morone seconded. Joe Morrone Abstained. Council approved.

2. PEAK Parent Center- PLAN Canada Work: Having friends and strong relationships is part of living a good life. When someone’s parents are gone, the hope is that the people a person has come to know over a lifetime will be real friends who care. That genuine friendship will be a resource to help the person to continue living a good life

- Lisa: Thinks relationship with PEAK Parent Center is very valuable. They are however, not one of the designated partners in the DD Act and there are many non profits in Colorado that work with families and parents. This process has not gone through the RFP process and suggests that in the future this be an open competitive option in the next Five Year Plan.
- Angela asked if PEAK Parent center gives an update and report back to the Council. Joelle said she would be able to ask for a presentation at the next meeting.
- Paulette asked for a motion with the above comments from Council membership.
- Lisa asked if there is any information about the planning process. Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network: Goal is to help individuals make lifelong friends and have healthy relationships with others. Helps deal with fear parents my have that happens after they pass and what will happen to their children. In the end, cannot depend on government assistance to help support the child after the parents pass and this would be the network.
- Christine asked if this costs parents and families. Bob confirmed there is a fee families have to pay and then an issuance you pay to help the children once parents pass.
- Joelle will ask Beth Safner to present to the Council to understand -Work with PEAK to request more information from them and a budget that explains
- Table voting on this item until more information is provided and until maybe a presenter can attend a Council meeting.
  - Ali made motion. Christine seconded. Council membership approved this item be tabled.

3. Speaking for Ourselves (SFO) Colorado \$30,000:

- SABE Self Advocates Becoming Empowered. They are a national group and this is the first conference in Colorado. Money would go towards:

Conference Budget Category	Amount
Reasonable Accommodations including 25 hours of ASL and CART	\$5,000
Support for transport and staffing of accessible voting machines	\$5,000
Travel and speaker’s fee for the keynote address	\$3,750
50 scholarships for Colorado Self-advocates	\$16,250 (@325)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

- Lisa requested that this voting item be amended. Requested that the Council connect with the scholarship recipients to recruit for future members.

- Alamosa chapter of Speaking For Ourselves Colorado are very active in planning the conference.
- Three SLB members are former/present Council members. The Council has had an impact on the valley and very important.
- \$30,000 for the 2020 National Conference with the amendment that Council will work with SFO to ensure contact with the fifty scholarship recipients and maybe even have a table at the conference as well to represent and promote the Council.
  - Willie made a motion to approve. Joe Morrone seconded. Council membership approved.

#### 7. CDDC Bylaws Rewrite:

- Structure, Position, Terms, - Alicia looked over fifteen other Councils and nonprofits.
  - Majority had standing committees as follows: Executive Committee, Standing Membership Engagement/Support, and Standing Policy. Also number of other committee that support the work on The Five Year Plan, Financial Advisory/ Finance, Positions: Elected: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasure, At-Large
  - Timing: Currently have elections in May and that does not allow enough time to request travel to large DD Council conference in July.
  - Executive Committee, Legislation, Public Policy, and Advocacy Grants and Project administration Membership Committee

#### 8. Lunch break

#### 9. Joe and Tara Presentation on Vision Statement work:

- Inspirational Activity Instructions given and membership broken up in groups -Council membership voted and the winner is number three.
  - ***Colorado: A state where people do not fear having a disability or parenting a child with a disability.***

#### 10. LPP Update: 2020 Legislative session just started. The committee had one meeting two days before the session opened. The committee does have a couple of voting items for the Council seeking support.

- Medicaid Buy-In Program: State legislation to expand cut-off age past 65. When people on Medicaid work and are over the income guideline, when people hit 65 can no longer use. Want the option for people to access the buy-in beyond age 65 and allow individuals to continue working well into their 70's.
  - Joe is looking for the Councils continued support. Christine made motion to approve. Ali seconded. Council membership approved.
- Community First Choice legislation to expand cut-off age past 65. Would get an enhanced federal match, which could save as much as 24 million dollars annually to state budget. In home care to choose option. Consistent with people choosing where they live and where and how they get services and supports. There was a pilot that Colorado participated in to look at how this would work and the economic outcome. Then wrote the legislation based on the pilot and state foresees Council endorse this bill.
  - Ali made motion. Christine seconded. Katie and Peggy abstained. Majority membership approved.

#### 13. Standing Committee Work: Membership broke into groups and did committee work.

#### 14. Meeting adjourned at 3:57 P.M.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: February 19, 2020 from 9:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.**

**LOCATION: Through Zoom**

#### **Motions Made:**

#### 1. Consent agenda approved for November meeting minutes.

#### 2. Voting Items:

- PEAK Parent Center \$10,000- Peggy made motion. Joe Morone seconded. Joe Morrone Absained. Council approved.
- PEAK Parent Center- PLAN Canada Work: Table voting on this item until more information is provided and until maybe a presenter can attend a Council meeting. Ali made motion. Christine seconded. Council membership approved this item be tabled.

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**Action Items:**

1. Joelle will ask Beth Safner to present to the Council to understand
2. PEAK Parent Center- PLAN Canada Work: table voting on this item until more information is provided and until maybe a presenter can attend a Council meeting.
3. Pictures and Bios are due to Vanessa by **January 31st**. Bios should be 150 words or less.
4. Alicia will look into how Councils in other states plan their committee meeting schedule.
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