



Legislative & Public Policy (LPP) Committee Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2019 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CDDC Conference Room

Denver, CO 80203

MEETING AGENDA:

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| 1) Convene, establish quorum, introductions | Bob |
| 2) Introductions of LPPC members and members of the public | LPPC members |
| 3) Review today's proposed agenda | LPPC members |

Old Business:

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| a. Review, modify and approve May 13, 2019 meeting minutes | LPPC members |
| b. LPP Committee Chair for 2019-20: | Bob |
| 1) Open nominations | |
| 2) Confirm present nominations: Kristen Erby, Chair; Joe Marrone, Vice-Chair | |
| 3) Conduct election for Chair position(s) | |
| c. Review of 2018-19 CDDC legislative priorities | Chair(s) & Bob |
| 1) Appropriation to reduce the HCBS-DD wait list | |
| 2) Reintroduction of HB 17-1210 "School Discipline for Preschool through 2nd Grade" | |
| 3) Sub-minimum wage elimination bill – Support for 2020 session. | |
| 4) HRC bill – Oppose as currently drafted. | |
| 5) Appropriation on Employment First (Priority R-16) – Strongly support. | |

New Business:

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| a. Confirm 2019-20 LPPC meeting schedule | |
| b. Current CDDC 2020 legislative activities | |
| 1) Supported Decision Making language within the rewrite of SB19-072, Bill of Rights Protected Persons under Guardianship | |
| 2) Sub-minimum wage for elimination | |
| 3) Employment First Advisory Partnership (EFAP) reauthorization | |
| c. Federal legislative updates (time permitting) | |
| Decision Items | |
| 4) Public Comment | LPPC members |

DISCUSSION:

1. Bob called the meeting to order at 10:05.
 - a. This is the first Legislative & Public Policy Committee (LPPC) meeting for the season, post summer vacation (we typically do not meet in June and July).
 - b. We will start to work on legislation to be considered during the Colorado legislative session that starts January 2020.
2. Quorum was established.
3. Proposed agenda was reviewed. No changes were suggested.
4. May 13, 2019 meeting minutes:

Joe made motion to approve minutes. Cami seconded. The Committee approved meeting minutes.

5. Legislative Public Policy chair for 2019-2020:
 - a. Open nominations: None given; nominations closed.
 - b. Nominations previously put forth: Kristen Erby as Chair and Joe Morrone as Vice Chair.
 - Cami made motion to accept the current nominations and Lisa seconded. Committee approved our 2019-20 LPPC officers.
6. Kristen: Reported working with Joe on a committee previously. Has learned a lot from Hal and Bob and enjoys this work. Feels working with Joe would make for a successful year. Sits on the Council as a parent but also as a self-advocate.
7. Joe: Goal is to support Kristen and team up with her to help the committee. As a self-advocate he feels that he has a good grasp and also worked with individuals with disabilities professionally. One goal is to improve relationship and communication between the Committee and the Council. Happy to answer any questions people may have. Some Council members believe this committee has too much power and wants to ensure Committee work aligns with Council mission, vision & values. Committee does more in-depth legislative analysis and wants to make sure that information is passed on to the Council accurately and in a timely fashion.
8. Review of 2018/2019 CDDC Legislative priorities:
 - a. Appropriation to reduce the HCBS-DD wait list
 - b. Reintroduction of HB 17-1210 "School Discipline for Preschool through 2nd Grade"-Did get reintroduction of a similar bill last legislative session. Passed.
 - c. Sub-minimum wage elimination bill – Support for 2020 session. There has been a workgroup working on this. 400-800 people within Colorado who are subject to sub minimum wage. Majority are people with IDD.
 - d. HRC (Human Rights Committee) bill – Oppose as currently drafted.- Be on the lookout for a similar bill draft coming back around for consideration.
 - e. Appropriation on Employment First (EF; Priority R-16) – Strongly support. 7.2 million dollar appropriation over a three year period to: 1) Establish Employment First Office managed by the UCEDD; 2) Fund four EF positions within the CDLE to a) train division staff and educators in best practice, b) create a state government model employer initiative, c) expand benefits planning resources, d) expand IPS supported employment for people with behavioral health challenges; 3) Expand the current CDLE-DVR customized employment pilot project statewide; and 4) provide HCPF funding incentives to services agencies that provide employment outcomes to the people they serve.
9. New Business:
 - We presently have two different committee meeting schedules based on the time of year. Legislative session starts in January and goes until May. During this time the committee typically meets twice a month.
 - While not in legislative session (August- December) the committee typically meets once a month. Traditionally we take June and July off and resume meeting again in August.
 - Proposed that the Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month during the legislative session and 3rd Monday during non-legislative season.
 - Committee approved and meeting dates will remain as proposed.
10. Current 2020 legislative activities:
 - a. Last year’s legislation advocating for a bill of rights applied to those protected by guardianship was postponed indefinitely (“Pled” or “killed”). Bob has been advocating for the insertion of Supported Decision Making (SDM) language within the rewrite of this legislation (SB19-072). Trying to identify SDM as an alternative to guardianship.
 - b. Employment First reauthorization is another goal. The current bill, SB 16-077, sunsets effective September 1, 2021.

- c. Subminimum wage elimination in Colorado legislation is being crafted by a work group convened by the Arc of Colorado, Disability Law Colorado and Alliance (the statewide association of service providers for people with IDD).
11. Federal legislative updates:
 - a. Bob emailed federal policy updates earlier this morning. This is typically left to the end of the agenda in case we run out of time.
 12. CDDC Bylaws Work Group:
 - a. The bylaws work group asked the LPP committee to submit written documentation on their purpose. Does not need to be specific but a general idea. Will be able to include in new CDDC bylaws. Would like discussion and approval during our September Meeting.
 - Add to September agenda
 13. Public Comment:
 - Steve Miller: Commented on the introductory comments from Joelle on sub minimum wage elimination and inclusion. Steve understands that the Council's purpose may be to strictly promote the inclusion and integration of people with disabilities. He believes there needs to be a variety of viewpoints brought to the attention of the Committee and the Council. He would like to rebut the view that subminimum wage practices should be eliminated. His daughter with a disability currently works and the size of her paycheck at the end of the week is the least of her concerns. She likes the purpose of her job and the resulting community. The income associated with employment is not just about the amount of the pay check.
 14. Discussion Items:
 - Formal motion and votes for chair and vice chair.
 - Agreement on committee meeting schedule for 2019-20.
 15. Joe made motion to adjourn. Michael seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:03.

Motions Made:

1. Joe made motion to approve minutes. Cami seconded. Committee approved meeting minutes.
2. LPP Committee Chair and Vice Chair: Cami made motion to accept the current nominations and Lisa seconded. Motion passed.

Actions Items:

1. The bylaws work group asked the LPP committee to submit written documentation on their purpose . This does not need to be specific but a general idea. Discussion and approval recommended for the September CDDC LPPC meeting.

Council Committee Members Present: Kristen Erby, Joseph Morrone, Lisa Franklin, Cami Renfro

Council Visiting Members Present: Ali Thompson, Christine Owen

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Deborah Marks Williams, Millie Segura, Benu Amun-Ra

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead, Joelle Brouner

MEETING DOCUMENTS

Meeting Agenda

May 2019 Meeting Minutes

Federal Policy Update 8.19.19