



## Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting

July 19, 2021 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Only (no in-person meeting)

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### MEETING MINUTES:

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#### **Attendance:**

***Council Committee Members Present:*** Ali Thompson, Christine Owen, Lucinda Rowe

***Council Committee Members Absent:*** Dawn Russell (technical issues with Zoom)

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

***Community Committee Members Absent:*** N/A

***Guests:*** Andrea Mercier, Donna Downing (past-president of the National Autism Committee)

***Staff Present:*** Vanessa Hernandez, Robert “Bob” Lawhead

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#### **Meeting Minutes:**

1. Ali called the meeting to order at 10:05.
2. Review Agenda:
  - a. No changes today.
3. Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2021:
  - a. Lucinda asked to correct her last name to Haro instead of Rowe.
  - b. Gerrie made a motion to approve. Christine seconded.
    - Approvals: Lucinda, Michael, Christina, Gerri
    - No: N/A
    - Abstain: N/A
  - c. Minutes approved.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Ali will reach out to Josh and Michelle this week and invite them to the August meeting if they are available. Bob will contact Alison Butler.
  - b. Encourage LPP members to attend other community advocacy meetings and report back to the LPP on possible activities/actions: Advocates Communication Meeting, Children's Disability Advisory Committee, Children's Services Steering Committee.

- c. Gerrie suggested LPP members might have interest in following various HCPF Office of Community Living-related stakeholder meetings. Members can email Julie Reiskin and join a CCDC-sponsored group that will provide input and feedback on Case Management Redesign including the Person-Centered Budget Algorithm (PCBA), which will change the way a people using Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) will be assigned annual resources. This new resource allocation method is projected to be piloted starting July 1, 2022, with full implementation on July 1, 2023. Focused deliberations on the PCBA will begin again soon (late summer/fall of 2021).
- d. HCPF Office of Community Living Stakeholder group emails from John Barry may be accessed by clicking on this link:  
<https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001HfxrbpGNWZ0IznPp6t3PG2s9XPNI8ZvgFdjsKvSnhly8z9JmHyp6DeoLJ3saT6x0SeqRR1ub149uoXxe1ok4jTzfMSQ0BN7S5vcLiRO7gdY%3D&id=preview>  
and choosing the long-term services and supports option.

#### 5. New Business:

- a. Better Care Better Jobs Act (BCBJ Act): Bob emailed letters to Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper because this is something the Council has been working on for years now. The BCBJ Act promises to eliminate the waitlist for the HCBS-DD (residential/comprehensive) waiver program, as well as improve program quality and increase direct support professional compensation (resulting in improved staff retention).
- b. Position of trust for at-risk adult legislation?(refer to CRS 18.6.103): Andrea indicated that the definition of at-risk adult and the inclusion of position of trust should be re-evaluated and considered for statute. The law hasn't been re-considered for 23 years. She wants to clean up the language in the current statute. Women with a disability are victimized at a rate of 12 times more than those of typical abilities.
- c. Breaking News: NACDD has been working through the Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities (CCD, the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society) to address potential threats to the \$400 billion for HCBS currently within the BCBJ Act. This funding is currently included within the larger \$3.5 trillion infrastructure bill that is expected to pass through the budget reconciliation process.

#### 6. Call for action:

- Ali indicated she would entertain a motion to bring the BCBJ Act to the full Council for their support, including support for the full \$400 billion in funding presently proposed for HCBS for their vote and support.
  - Christine made the motion. Gerrie seconded. Passed to bring the BCBJ Act to full Council for their support.

#### 7. Public Comment: None at this time.

#### 8. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

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## **Next Meeting: Monday August 16, 2021 10 AM until 12 noon via Zoom**

### **Action Items:**

1. Ali will reach out to Josh and Michelle this week and invite them to the August meeting if they are available. Bob will contact Alison Butler.
2. Dawn will be put back on the agenda for the August meeting to discuss the Disability Integration Act.

### **Motions Made:**

1. Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2021:
  - Gerrie made a motion to approve. Christine seconded.
2. Christine made a motion. Gerrie seconded. Passed to bring the Better Care Better Jobs Act to the full Council.