



Full Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 22, 2019

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Community First Foundation

5855 Wadsworth Bypass

Arvada, Colorado 80003

- Present:** Alicia Eakins, Deon Gillespie, Patrick Hackney, Bruce Cline, Paulette Steinhoff, Mily Segura, Lisa Franklin, Joe Maronne, Katie Oliver, Peggy Spaulding, Deborah Marks-Williams, Jennifer Martinez, Julie Voltarie Schleusener
- Absent:** Senator Irene Aguilar, Lisa Potter, Sandra Friedman, Willie Wade, Patricia Henke, Kristen Erby, Jessica Howard
- Guests:** Tara Entwistle (attending on behalf of CDPHE), Bonnie Silva (HCPF Team), Dina Johnson (attending on behalf of JFK Partners), Dan Krug (HCPF Team), Colin Laughlin (HCPF Team)
- Staff:** Mackenzie Helton, Bob Lawhead, Joelle Brouner

1. Alicia called the meeting to order at 12:06.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Consent agenda:
 - No removals/ additions made.
 - Consent agenda approved by Council.
4. Office of Community Living Update on DD Council
 - Community living plan developed.
 - More than 30 pieces of major legislation that have impacted the office.
5. Some wins from the legislative session are:
 - Invested in Person-Centered Thinking Trainings.
 - Eliminated the waiting list for CES and SLS Waivers.
 - Increased enrollment in programs for individuals with developmental disabilities.
 - Regional Center Task Force.
 - CHRP Waiver Expansion.
 - Family Caregiver Options.
 - Consumer Directed Options.
 - Medicaid Buy-In.
 - Money Follows the Person Sustainability (CO Choice Transitions).
 - Colorado has one of the highest waivers.
6. Office of Community Living Update to DD Council:
 - Improve Access and Case Management:
 - Found that Coloradans want change. HCPF is working on implementing federal laws.

- HCPF had to build brand new IT system.
- Federal grant for no wrong door pilot to look at supports available to people.
- Dedicated staff member will start this summer to work with DHS and federal to ensure needs are met.

7. Waiver Redesign:

- HCPF looks forward to Council input and hopeful there will be some really good results.
- Aging strategy has been put together to help bring support to different settings to ensure supports are given to individuals.
- Employment First.
- End goal to understand much more clearly what people's needs are and the different ways people receive services and how do we ensure health and safety is provided to individuals. How do we make sure we are not putting people at risk for being flexible.
- Electronic Verification becomes Insurance.
- HCBS Settings Rules have the rights protected and informed consent.

8. Question Session with HCPF:

- Why is there so much waiting when rules are in process?
 - Part is staff resource- a lot of work to expand the delivery option.
- There was not enough time for questions so Council members asked to email Joelle and Alicia with questions and they will compile and send to HCPF for discussion.

9. Bylaws:

- Council members did the Gallery Walk activity for input on bylaws

10. Recruitment Update:

- Council staff was forwarded a group of ten candidates who applied for membership through the governor's office.
- Six positions were open competitive for parents and/or caregivers. Two positions were narrow- the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Section, which would be Tara Entwistle and Senator Aguilar.
- By Friday of this week an analysis is due to the board and commissions so appointments can be selected by July 1st.
- Governors application is very dry so we created a survey sent to the candidates and help with the selection process.
- Concerned that 100% of individuals who applied have one or two children with one developmental disability. Also concerned we do not have enough representation of families of color. Great news is an over representation of candidates from Northern Colorado.

11. Alicia's proposal: If there are obvious holes in membership, write a letter to the governor's office to ask to postpone the appointees. Paulette made motion to send written proposal to the governor Lisa seconded. Council approved.

12. Staff and Council member celebrations:

- Legislative Wrap Up, group has made progress on three of five policies. Huge win for the Council.
- Council members are thankful for the work of the bylaws group.
- ADRC Aging and Disability Resource for Centers conference- Newly trained from Access and ability came to the ADC conference. There were 12 self-advocates and all spoke. Conference attendees were very impressed and asked many questions. Everyone could relate. The youngest was 12 and the oldest was graduating from high school. One issue is that we need to do something like a two generation where younger individuals and older adults go to learn the self-advocacy training together.

13. New Executive Director training:

- Joelle shared what she learned at the new Executive Director training in April.
- Shared ideas with the Council that will be beneficial to future growth.

14. Council Nominations: Asked for votes from the floor. None given.

- Council Chair: Alicia Eakins unanimously elected chair
- Council Vice Chair: Joe Morrone unanimously elected Vice Chair
- Executive Committee at large member: Bruce Cline unanimously elected as a parent of a child with an I/DD
- Executive Committee at large member: Peggy Spaulding unanimously elected as this position would be an agency Representative.

15. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 P.M.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: July 24, 2019

LOCATION: Colorado Talking Book Library

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Motions Made:

1. Consent agenda approved.
2. Paulette made motion to send written proposal to the governor Lisa seconded.
3. Positions of Council Chair, Council Vice Chair, and two Executive Committee at large members were unanimously approved.

Actions Items:

1. Bylaws committee will continue work on updates and take back what members shared today about potential updates.
2. Joelle and Lisa will write letter to governors asking to postpone appointments so more diverse individuals can be recruited.
3. Alicia will email a list of questions to the HCPF team.

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