



Legislative & Public Policy (LPP) Committee Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2019 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Chancery Conference Room Second Floor
Denver, CO 80203

MEETING AGENDA:

- 1) Convene, establish quorum, introductions (Hal)
- 2) Introductions of LPPC members and members of the public (All)
- 3) Revisit Agenda
- 4) Old Business:
 - a. Review, modify and approve December 2018 meeting minutes (LPPC Members)
 - b. Draft collaborative letter to Governor-Elect Polis. Please see latest draft with CDDC modifications. (Bob)
- 5) New Business
 - a. Orientation on General Assembly chambers, JBC, HHS Committee in the Senate, PHC&HS Committee in the House. (Hal)
 - b. 2019 Council legislative priorities review/update. Please see legislative priorities update document. (Bob & Hal)
 - c. 2019 HCBS-DD (comprehensive-residential) wait list reduction advocacy. Please see JBC HCPF-OCL Hearing excerpt. (Hal)
 - d. Collaboration with other disability-related entities. (Hal)
 - e. Federal policy and legislative updates. (Bob)
 - f. Orientation to CO Capitol Watch. Please see ppt presentation. (Bob)
 - g. Alternate date for next meeting now scheduled for MLK Day (group discussion)
- 6) Action items (group discussion)
- 7) Public Comments (group discussion)
- 8) Adjourn

Next Meeting: January 28, 2019

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DISCUSSION:

1. Hal called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Revisit Agenda:
 - No changes were suggested
4. Old Business:
 - December Minutes: Action items #2 to clarify the CCDC letter: Need to add a sentence to the letter to governor elect Polis.
 - Joe made motion to approve December minutes. Michael seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - Draft Letter to Governor- Elect Polis:
 - Bob went back to CCDC after the last meeting to ask for documentation regarding this letter but they did not want to provide at this time.
 - Reporting on the closure of the motion made last month.
 - The wait list is being determined by:
 1. Greatest Need
 2. Age
 3. Date that you applied for benefits (this is being used now)
 - House Bill 18-1407 Increasing Access to Services for Persons With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Proposed Rule Change webinar will be on Tuesday January 8th.
 - Webinar is intended for all stakeholders to provide input on newly proposed regulations as directed by House Bill 18-1407 regarding access to services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Specifically addressing changes to the exceptions to the waiting list protocol to include criteria pertaining to caregiver issues.
 - Hal suggested members visit <https://leg.colorado.gov/committees/public-health-care-human-services/2019-regular-session> to see all the senators and their committees. If you click on Health Care and Human Services you will see the five senators on their website. This information is also available on Capital Watch.
 - CDDC 2019 Legislative Priorities (effective 11/15/2018) with projected action/ status as of 1/03/2019:
 1. Appropriation to reduce the HCBS-DD wait list – Strongly support. The CDDC LPP. Committee will advocate for wait list funding and monitor progress. Committee members would be encouraged to provide support testimony if an appropriation is brought forward.
 2. Reintroduction of HB 17-12110 "School Discipline for Preschool through 2nd Grade" Strongly Support. CDDC LPP Committee member Jessica Howard serves on the Colorado Equity in Early Childhood Coalition, which is assisting with re-introduction of this bill and plans to provide updates on progress. Committee members would be encouraged to provide support testimony once a bill is introduced.
 3. Sub-minimum wage elimination bill – Support for 2020 session. It is not anticipated that a bill with this topic will be introduced in 2019.
 4. HRC bill – Oppose as currently drafted. Following advocacy on the part of the Council and others, this bill suggesting eliminating the oversight of local Human Rights Committees for the area of psychoactive prescriptions

was pulled back by Alliance, the bill #39 initiator, and reportedly will not be introduced in 2019.

5. Appropriation on Employment First (Priority R-16) – Strongly support.
The Employment

5. First appropriation and a potential wait list appropriation (#1 above) will most likely be ongoing
6. top priorities for the CDDC LPP Committee during the 2019 session. This appropriation will be
7. discussed in more detail during the JBC Hearing for the Colorado Department of Labor and
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9. Appropriation on Employment First (Priority R-16) – Strongly support. The Employment First appropriation and a potential wait list appropriation (#1 above) will most likely be ongoing top priorities for the CDDC LPP Committee during the 2019 session. This appropriation will be discussed in more detail during the JBC Hearing for the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment presently scheduled for January 14th from 1:30 - 3:00 pm on the third floor of the JBC building- 14th and Sherman. This is the hearing of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.
10. Federal Policy Updates:
 - Income Support: House and Senate Pass Bipartisan Farm Bill That Protects and Preserves SNAP
 - Last week, House and Senate conferees released a bipartisan Conference Report on the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (H.R. 2; also known as the "Farm Bill", to reauthorize U.S. farm policies and programs as well as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Following the release of the conference report, the bill was passed in the Senate by a vote of 87-13 and in the House by a vote of 369-47.
 - Health Care: Federal Judge Rules that Health Care Law Is Unconstitutional. On December 14, a federal judge ruled that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is unconstitutional as a result of the provisions in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that removed the penalty for individuals who do not purchase health insurance. The ruling further argued that the entire law was invalid because the provision requiring people to purchase health insurance was unconstitutional. The decision is likely to be appealed and the law remains in place as the case makes its way through the judicial process.
 - Re-authorization of Money Follows the Person Program
 - Last week, the US House of Representatives passed the Improving Medicaid Programs and Opportunities for Eligible Beneficiaries (IMPROVE) Act (H.R. 7217), a broader piece of legislation from the House Energy & Commerce committee. This includes the three-month renewal of the Money Follows the Person Program ("MFP"). By renewing MFP for three months, the IMPROVE Act would give the MFP program a needed bridge into the new Congress in 2019, when we can advocate for a longer renewal. The bill moved to the Senate and, thanks to your advocacy, seems to have widespread support.

- Aligns with the Five Year Plan goal three around seclusion. Looking to be reintroduced Guardianship Accountability Act- hoping to see reintroduced. Also mentioned in our Five Year Plan.

11. Colorado Capitol Watch Presentation:

- Bob provided a power point to members on how to use the website.
- The Council pays for the yearly membership for Council members and Council approved committee members.
- CCW Advanced Search Tool window
 - House Bill 16-1285
 - HB 1-1284
- Has fiscal noted attached, which is important
- Check out the CCW Calendar as it changes daily
- Bob uses and suggests members subscribe to the following:
 - The weekly AUCD newsletter
 - The ARC weekly newsletter

12. Alternate date for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in January and President's Day in February: Julie made motion to move the February meeting. Joe seconds. All approved.

- Second January meeting will be Monday the 28th
- Second February meeting will be Monday the 25th

13. **Public Comment:**

- Steve: appreciates the discussion as it highlighted the fact that the disability community is broad and diverse and one size will not fit all both in terms of need and services.

14. Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Motions Made:

1. December Minutes: Joe made motion to approve December minutes. Michael seconded. Unanimously approved.

Actions:

1. Hal suggested introducing Jessica to the legislative individuals.
2. Council and approved committee members who do not have the log in information to Colorado Capitol Watch can email Bob for the information.
3. Hal suggested Bob ask committee members to follow certain bills since there will be a lot.
4. Recommendation for committee members is to attend the January 14th JBC meeting.

Council Committee Members Present: Hal Wright, Kristen Erby, Julie Schleusener, Joseph Morrone,

Council Visiting Members Present: N/A

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

Guests: Donna Downing (past-president of the National Autism Committee), Steve Miller (Blue Spruce Community), Klaus Weickmann (Blue Spruce Community)

Council Committee Members Absent: Jessica Howard, Deborah Marks Williams

Community Committee Members: Benu Amun-Ra

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead

MEETING DOCUMENTS

Meeting Agenda

December Meeting Minutes

Colorado Capital Watch (CCW) power point presentation

2019 Legislative Priorities with projected action/ status

Edited letter to Governor Polis

Federal policy update 1/04/2019

JBC HCPF-OCL Hearing document