



## Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2020 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Council Conference Room

Denver, CO 80203

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### MEETING AGENDA:

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1. Convene, establish quorum, introductions of LPPC members and members of the public Kristen/Joe/All LPPC members
2. Review/modify today's proposed agenda LPPC members
3. Old Business:
  - a. Review, and approve January 27, 2020 meeting minutes LPPC members
  - b. "Advocacy" proposed as addition to Committee mission Bob
  - c. Bills reviewed at our last meeting... Comments? LPPC members
    - HB20-1006 Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants
    - HB20-1012 Child Welfare Program Children Developmental Disabilities
    - HB20-1058 Behavior Analysts In Public Schools
    - SB20-001 Expand Behavioral Health Training For K-12 Educators
    - SB20-033 Allow Medicaid Buy-in Program After Age 65
4. New Business:
  - a. CO Capitol Watch use instructions Bob
  - b. New bills to follow? AllPlease see bills being followed by CDDC here:  
<http://www.ccdconline.org/legislative/disability-legislation-house-senate-bills/>
5. Federal policy & legislative updates (time allowing) Bob
6. Decision Items Kristen/Joe
7. Public Comment Public
8. Adjourn

**Next Meeting: February 20, 2020**

### DISCUSSION:

1. Kristen called the meeting to order at 10:03.
2. January 27th Meeting Minutes:
  - Ali made motion to approve. Christine seconded. Committee approved.
3. Old Business:
  - "Advocacy" Joelle is looking for more community participation, including organizing "boycotts". Bob recommended Social Media updates come from committee as well. Lisa did not encourage committee to take on social media and suggested this be a full time

staff role of a new full time position. There was a social media committee a number of years ago with additional responsibility for the website.

- Bills reviewed at last meeting
  - Vanessa and Bob sent a document to Council and approved committee members with step by step instructions on how to review bills and other legislative information using our Colorado Capital Watch subscription.
  - Bob gave tutorial on Colorado Capital Watch.
  - Suggestion was made that when the next Five Year Plan is written legislative. Committee consensus for Bob to reach out regarding SB20-001 and contact Rhonda Fields office to see if there is any willingness to add language consistent with CDDC Five Year Plan Goal.  
**ADDENDUM:** It was felt that the bill reference regarding de-escalation addressed the concern about language to reduce seclusion and restraint. Specifically:  
“The program must include evidence-based instruction on, and prepare an attendee to teach a youth behavioral and mental health training course that includes, any of the following subjects: De-escalation of crisis situations;” This legislative session is characterized by the philosophy that the legislative process needs to become more efficient. This results from reflection upon what had occurred during the 2019 session when a large backlog of bills was present when the session ended and that those bills could not be acted on. This bill has passed out of the Education Committee unanimously and has gone to Appropriations.
  - Educator Education Requirements Special Education HB20-1128- The Committee decided that it makes sense for Bob to check in with the legislator.  
**ADDENDUM:** The legislative aid for Representative Buentello confirmed that it was too late to add the suggested language but indicated she would be willing to work with us next session. This bill has been assigned to the Education Committee but has not been scheduled.
  - Divide up bills following:
    - Bob will take SB20-001 and HB20- 1128
    - Christine: HB20-1006 Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants
    - Gerrie: HB20-1012 Child Welfare Program Children Developmental Disabilities
    - Lisa: HB20-1058 Behavior Analysts In Public Schools
    - Ali: SB20-014 Excused Absences In Public Schools For Behavioral Health
    - Kristen: SB20-151 Administration Of The RTD Regional Transportation District
- Bills recently introduced for potential consideration brought to the committee’s attention:
  - HB20-1028: Need For Juvenile Behavioral Health Treatment
  - HB20-1035: Programs To Develop Housing Support Services
  - HB20-1139: Transparent State Web Portal Search Rules
    - No interest in these bills

- Ali suggested the committee members review the “Bills of Interest” document Bob sent today using Colorado Capitol Watch and then discuss their opinions via email before the next meeting. Gerrie seconded.
  - Gerrie asked for all LPP members email addresses. This will be limited to email communications between individuals on the call today who gave permission to release their email addresses. Please copy Vanessa on all email communications per CORA.

4. Federal Update:

- Bob picked two bills that committee should be aware of. Letter submitted to Senator Gardner to ask him to cosponsor
  - 1. S. 3206: The Accessible Voting Act expands voter accessibility and requires states to provide online voter registration.
  - 2. S. 3220: The Ensuring Access to Direct Support Professionals Act allows direct service providers funded through the Home and Community Based Service program to accompany and provide support to the individual served while in the hospital.

5. Public Comments: None at this time

6. Meeting adjourned at 12:06.

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**Next Meeting: Thursday February 20, 2020**

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**Motions:**

1. Minutes: Ali made motion to approve. Christine seconded. Committee approved.
2. Ali suggested the committee members review the bill document Bob sent today using Colorado Capitol Watch and then discuss their opinions via email before the next meeting. Gerrie seconded.

**Actions:**

1. Expand Behavioral Health Training For K-12 Educators- Committee consensus for Bob to reach out regarding SB20-001 and contact Rhonda Fields office to see if there is any willingness to add language.
2. Educator Education Requirements Special Education HB20-1128- Make sense for Bob to check in with legislator. Committee approved.
3. Bill review by committee members divided.
4. Ali will email information on the adult protection bill.

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Council Committee Members Present: Kristen Erby, Ali Thompson, Christine Owen, Lisa Franklin

Council Committee Members Absent:, Cami Renfrow, Joseph Morrone

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

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

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead

## **MEETING DOCUMENTS**

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Draft LPPC meeting minutes for 01.27.2020

Draft LPPC agenda for 2.03.2020

Federal Legislation Update

Bills of Interest, CDDC list reference as of 02.03.2020

Instructions on how to long in Colorado Capital Watch