



Legislative & Public Policy (LPP) Committee Meeting Minutes

February 4, 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 January 2019 meeting minutes (LPPC Members)
 - b. January 14th JBC Hearing on the Employment First appropriation (Bob)
- 5) New Business
 - a. State bills of interest (Bob)
 - i. HB 19-1017 Pilot K-5 social workers
 - ii. HB 19-1028 Medical marijuana for autism
 - iii. HB 19-1045 Office of Public Guardianship
 - iv. HB 19-1054 Disability trusts
 - v. HB 19-1062 Grand Junction Regional Center property transfer
 - vi. HB 19-1072 Bill of rights of protected person under guardianship
 - vii. HB 19-1079 Restricting state employee lobbying
 - viii. HB 19-1085 Tax, rent, heat grants for low income seniors/people with disabilities
 - ix. HB19-1104 Rights of those represented by the Office of the Respondent Parent's Council
 - x. SB 19-010 Behavioral health services for schools
 - b. Federal policy update
- 6) Action items (group discussion)
- 7) Public Comments (group discussion)
- 8) Adjourn

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DISCUSSION:

1. Hal called meeting to order at 10:07.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Revisit Agenda:
 - No changes were suggested
4. Old Business:
 - January 7, 2019 Minutes:
 - Kristen made motion to approve minutes Michael seconded. Unanimously approved
 - Joint Budget Committee:
 - Opportunity for members to express any concerns they had in the briefing.
 - Determined if there would be any benefit to people.
 - DVR did respond to the question asked that they did feel they had adequate data .
 - Appropriation involves taking \$800,000 over the next three years from HCPF cash fund and providing that with that will be matched at the federal level. Will come back to us at approximately 3.3 million dollars.
5. New Business:
 - HB 1079- Restricting state employees lobbying. Hal feels this bill would cripple the DD Council. It was written so broadly the Attorney General could not update. Luckily this bill got killed.
 - We need to watch for these bills in the future that could impact the DD Council
6. HB 19- 072: Bill of Rights of protected person under guardianship
 - Hal feels this bill is trying to strike a balance.
 - Bob feels this is a great bill because it reminds guardians of choices and support and not having a guardian take control.
 - Bob encourages everyone to read this bill and generate questions.
 - Does not talk about control of a persons religion.
 - Joelle asked if the Council does take a stand on this that verbiage be added about controlled consent.
 - This bill has bipartisan support.
 - Hal asked for a motion to support HB 19-072 with an addition comment that the committee wants assurance that the rights of a person with a disability include the right of practicing religion and consent. Committee would authorize someone to testify on their behalf. Kristen made motion that Council supports HB 19-072 with the comments that religion and the right of conscious needs to be added. Michael seconded. Unanimously approved.
7. HB 19-1045: Office of Public Guardianship
 - Was supposed to be a voice for someone at risk.
 - Committee will follow this bill. No action taken.
8. HB 19-1017: Pilot K-5 social workers
 - Dedicated social worker for each grade level that will help focus on learning disabilities and in the high poverty, ethical backgrounds, and students who are in the foster care system.

- This is designed that the social workers follows students through their schooling.
 - Relates to the Councils efforts to reduce suspension and expulsion.
 - For the first year the fiscal note is \$4 million and the following year 16 million.
 - Deborah made motion for the committee to recommend the Council supports HB 19-1017. Lisa seconded. Unanimously approved.
9. HB 19-1028: medical marijuana for autism:
- Bill adds autism spectrum to the list of medical marijuana.
 - Joelle asked that because this
 - Committee will follow this bill. No action taken.
10. HB 19-1054: Disability Trust:
- Unsure what changes.
 - Lisa suggested asking Council member Patrick Hackney with Disability Law Colorado take a look at this.
11. HB 19-1062: Grand Junction Regional Center property transfer
- CCDC supports
 - Bob recommends committee monitors.
12. HB 19-1085: Tax, rent, heat grants for low income seniors/ people with disabilities
- Bob feels this applies to the Councils Five Year Plan.
 - Grants are increased that the CCDC supports:
 - Kristen made motion to bring this to the Council for support. Michael seconded. Unanimously approved.
13. HB 19- 1104: Rights of those represented by the Office of the Respondent Parent's Council:
- Would be a resource for parents with a disability who are fights for rights in court.
 - The ARC and Autism society receives calls.
 - Parent whose rights have been terminated and filed a petition for rights if income eligibility criteria are satisfied.
 - Kristen made motion to bring to the Council for support. Michael seconded. Unanimously approved
14. SB 19-010: Behavioral health services for schools:
- Allows grant money.
 - Requires Department of Education to review applications.
 - In alignment with the Five Year Plan.
 - Changes the amount the department spends and prioritizes the way schools are approved.
 - Lisa made motion to bring this HB to the Council for support. Kristen seconded. Unanimously approved.
15. Federal Policy Update:
- President did sign Money Follows the Peron HR 259 was approved for three months.
 - Disability Introduction Act (DIA) was reintroduced on January 15th.
 - Betsy DeVoss announced initiative on seclusion.
 - President Trump has decided to bypass Medicaid and how it is implemented at the state level. No detail at this point but something we should keep an eye on.
16. Public Comments: Steve Miller: 29 million dollar rescission about money.
17. Meeting adjourned at 12:00

Motions Made:

1. January 7, 2019 Minutes: Kristen made motion to approve minutes Michael seconded. Unanimously approved
2. HB 19-072: Kristen made motion that Council supports HB 19-072 with the comments that religion and the right of conscious needs to be added. Michael seconded. Unanimously approved.
3. Deborah made motion for the committee to recommend the Council supports HB 19-1017. Lisa seconded. Unanimously approved.
4. Kristen made motion to bring HB 19-1085 to the Council for support. Michael seconded. Unanimously approved.
5. Kristen made motion to bring HB 19- 1104 the Council for support. Michael seconded. Unanimously approved.
6. Lisa made motion to bring SB 19-010 to the Council for support. Kristen seconded. Unanimously approved.

Actions Items:

1. Hal would like a discussion to be had about guardianship with Council.
2. Lisa Franklin will contact Holbert who is the supporter of HB-19-072.
3. Bob will reach out to Patrick Hackney and bill sponsor on HB 19-1054.
4. On the September Council agenda bills for the upcoming year need to be discussed and decided on to help the LPP committee choices more clear.
5. Cami will contact Lamborne.
6. Bob will send document describing the HCPF reduction of HCBS services to the committee to review.

Council Committee Members Present: Hal Wright, Kristen Erby, Julie Schleusener, Joseph Morrone, Lisa Franklin, Deborah Marks Williams,

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)

Council Committee Members Absent: Jessica Howard

Community Committee Members:

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead, Joelle Brouner

MEETING DOCUMENTS

Meeting Agenda

January Meeting Minutes