



## Legislative & Public Policy (LPP) Committee Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2019 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CDDC Conference Room

Denver, CO 80203

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### MEETING AGENDA:

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- 1) Convene, establish quorum, introductions (Hal)
- 2) Introductions of LPPC members and members of the public (All)
- 3) Review today's proposed agenda (All)
  
- 4) **Old Business:**
  - a. Review, modify and approve March 4, 2019 meeting minutes (LPPC members)
  - b. Result of March 5<sup>th</sup> emergency EFAP meeting on the Employment First appropriation (Bob)
  - c. March 13<sup>th</sup> JBC HCPF figure setting on the HCBS-DD waitlist and Employment First appropriation (Bob)
  
- 5) **New Business**
  - a. State bills of interest (\* indicates new bill of interest)
    - \*HB 19-1007 Employment support pilot
    - HB 19-1017 Pilot K-5 social workers
    - HB 19-1028 Medical marijuana for autism
    - HB 19-1045 Office of Public Guardianship
    - HB 19-1054 Disability trusts
    - HB 19-1062 Grand Junction Regional Center property transfer
    - HB 19-1072 Bill of rights of protected person under guardianship
    - HB 19-1085 Tax, rent, heat grants for low income seniors/people with disabilities
    - HB19-1104 Rights of those represented by the Office of the Respondent Parent's Council
    - HB 19-1194 Discipline of preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students
    - \*HB 19-1223 SSI & SSDI application support
    - SB 19-010 Behavioral health services for schools
    - SB 19-172 Creating the crime of unlawful abandonment and unlawful confinement
    - \*Increased Authority for the Oversight of IRSS (by HCPF, not yet introduced)
  - b. **Items from the Chair** (Hal)
  
- 6) **Decision items** (All)
  
- 7) **Adjourn (Next meeting April 1, 2019)**

### DISCUSSION:

1. Hal called meeting to order at 10:05.
2. Introductions were made.

3. Revisit Agenda:
  - a. Nothing changed or added at this time. However, committee members were given time to review minutes from March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting since sent late.
4. Old Business:
  - a. March 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 Minutes: Joe made motion to approve. Michael seconded. Committee voted to approve minutes.
  - b. March 5<sup>th</sup> emergency Employment First Advisory Partnership (EFAP) meeting on the CDLE Employment First appropriation.
    - CCDC and their legislative collaborative, One Strong Voice, sent a signed letter of concern that an Office of Employment First (OEF) based within the UCEDD might only focus on people with I/DD and not be cross-disability.
    - Bob suggested an emergency meeting of EFAP be convened to deal with the concern..
    - The JBC figure setting document for CDLE (of February 21<sup>st</sup>) stated the vision and mission of the OEF was specifically cross-disability.
    - The result was that collaboration occurred to not put the appropriation at risk.
  - c. March 13<sup>th</sup> JBC HCPF figure setting on the HCBS-DD waitlist and Employment First appropriation
    - DD Waitlist: HCBS DD Waitlist- 300 resources were funded by the JBC. Now working to see if can get additional resources this year to further reduce the waitlist.
      - The proposal of a collaboration of DD-related agencies/associations is to request funding for 300 resources, give the providers in the DD community the same rate of pay increase that was going to the state employees and fund a wait list study.
      - Positioned for possibly more than 300 coming off the waitlist following the next state revenue forecast.
    - Over 60% of the way though the 120 session. Fewer bills have been introduced so far and worrisome.
    - Hal would like the committee to focus on systemic denial of Medicaid eligibility, which affects the majority of our population, next year. As late summer, around August, this committee should review.
5. New Business: In the fall Hal suggested the committee determine the bills of importance and start researching to take action.
  - a. HB 19-1194 Discipline of preschool through 2nd grade students
    - Did pass through the education committee last week and is before the full house today for a second read.
    - This is a bill with four sponsors.
  - b. HB 19-1007 Employment support pilot:
    - Bill that provides funding to employment support agencies to people with low income, not disability focused but does impact them. Includes things like counseling on resumes, applications, dress for success sessions.
  - c. HB 19-1223 SSI & SSDI application support
    - Bill set forth to help people applying for SSI or SSDI. Typically you have to apply three times to be successful and that is not a guarantee. Will be heard March 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. HB19-1104 Rights of those represented by the Office of the Respondent Parent's Council
    - Was signed on March 7<sup>th</sup> by the governor.

- e. HB 19-1028 Medical marijuana for autism
  - Autism Society board discussed this but were not in favor because the wording was problematic, which could be corrected with an amendment. Bill has been passed by the House and was scheduled last Thursday to the senate.
- f. SB 19-172 Creating the crime of unlawful abandonment and unlawful confinement
  - This bill is likely to pick up opposition because of the concern for unintended for side consequence. Julie Reiskin sent some concerns to the bills sponsors that states, not considered abonnement when an at risk adult is left alone when their caregiver has to go to work and paid caregiver services are not available. Bill status: has been assigned to Health and Human Services.
- g. HB 19-1017 Pilot K-5 social workers
  - Has a fiscal note of \$16 million for five schools only.
- h. HB 19-1225 Cash bill for petty and cash bills ends abuse under offense under a misdemeanor. This not covered in the Council's present Five Year Plan but Jessica wanted to bring forward maybe to include in the next Five Year Plan.
- 6. Benu is interested in the DD Waitlist study and Employment First Initiative. Would like to collaborate with CDDC to see how she can be more involved. Bob will email Benu about Employment First.
- 7. Public Comments:
  - a. Gerrie Frohne: anytime you do a study of individuals with disabilities and their families you should consider conflict of interest of those conducting the study. PADCO has done a lot of work with families, and there is often a lack of trust with the people conducting the survey. If a study is done it should be done by a bipartisan organization.
- 8. Jessica made motion to adjourn and Kristen seconded at 12:00.

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**Motions Made:**

1. Joe made motion to approve. Michael seconded. Committee approved minutes.

**Actions Items:**

1. Bob will email Jeremy Schubach with the CO Bar Association to let him know that the Council has interest on the bill of civil rights under guardianship.
2. Bob will email Benu on how to keep her up to date on Employment First.

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Council Committee Members Present: Hal Wright, Kristen Erby, Joseph Morrone, Jessica Howard

Council Visiting Members Present: Bruce Cline

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

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Julie Schleusener, Lisa Franklin, Deborah Marks Williams

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead

## MEETING DOCUMENTS

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Meeting Agenda

March 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

Federal Policy Updates

HB 1223 Application Assistance Document