



Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2020 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Zoom Only (no in-person meeting)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Franklin, Council Member, Gerrie Frohne, Community Member, Michael Hoover, Community Member, Cami Renfrow, Council Member, Ali Thompson, Council Member

GUESTS PRESENT: Donna Downing, Klaus Weickman

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Lawhead

1. Convene, establish quorum, introductions of LPPC members

and members of the public - The Committee Chair and Committee Vice Chair were unable to attend. Ali Thompson volunteered to serve as Chair for this meeting. Quorum was not established.

2. Review/modify today's proposed agenda – Ali proposed and Committee members agreed to suspend consideration of the current list of bills the CDDC Legislative and Public Policy Committee is following. With the Colorado General Assembly currently in extended recess due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this approach was seen as prudent. The agenda was modified accordingly.

3. Old Business:

a. Review/approve February 3rd & March 2nd meeting minutes – The past meeting minutes were not voted on due to lack of quorum.

AGENDA ITEM SUSPENDED: b. Bills we are presently following including present status and CCDC/Arc-CO/CDDC positions:

(CONSIDER POSITIONS ON 1012, 001, 014, 151, 182???)

HB20-1006 Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants (Christine) – Status: House Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services Refer Amended to Appropriations (01/24/2020). CCDC position: Amend. Arc-CO position: Monitor. CDDC position: Monitor.

HB20-1012 Child Welfare Program Children Developmental Disabilities (Gerrie) – Status: House Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services Refer Amended to Appropriations (01/29/2020). CCDC position: Support. Arc-CO position: Support. CDDC position: Monitor.

HB20-1058 Behavior Analysts in Public Schools (Lisa) – Status: Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Education (03/10/2020). CCDC position: Monitor. CDDC position: Monitor.

HB20-1128 Educator Education Requirements, Special Education (Bob) – Status: Sent to the Governor (03/23/2020). CCDC position: Monitor. CDDC position: Monitor.

HB20-1263 Eliminate Sub-minimum Wage Employment (Bob) – Status: House Committee on Business Affairs & Labor Refer Amended to Appropriations (02/26/2020). CCDC position: Monitor (verbal assurance: Support). CDDC position: Support.

HB20-1302 (NEW) CAPS Check Program Changes – Status: Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Health & Human Services (03/13/2020), CCDC position: Amend (no details). CDDC position: Monitor.

HB20-1314 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Training – Status: House Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services Refer Amended to Appropriations (03/13/2020), CCDC position: Support. CDDC position: Support.

SB20-001 Expand Behavioral Health Training for K-12 Educators – Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations Refer Amended to Senate Committee of the Whole (03/13/2020). CCDC position: Support. CDDC position: Monitor.

SB20-014 Excused Absences in Public Schools for Behavioral Health (Ali) – Status: Signed by the Speaker of the House (03/17/2020). CCDC position: Strongly support. CDDC position: Monitor.

SB20-033 Allow Medicaid Buy-in Program After Age 65 (Gerrie) – Status: Introduced In House - Assigned to Public Health Care & Human Services (03/11/2020). CCDC position: Strongly support. CDDC position: Support.

SB20-151 Administration of the RTD (Michael) – Status: Senate Committee on Transportation & Energy Refer Amended to Judiciary (03/03/2020). CCDC position: Strongly support. CDDC position: Monitor.

SB20-163 School Entry Immunization – Status: Introduced In House - Assigned to Health & Insurance (03/02/2020), CCDC position: Support. CDDC position: Monitor.

SB20-165 Honoring Carrie Ann Lucas – Status: Introduced In House - Assigned to Public Health Care & Human Services (03/11/2020). CCDC position: Strongly support. CDDC position: Support.

SB20-182 (NEW) Supporting Wandering Persons Recovery Programs – Status: Senate Committee on Health & Human Services Refer Un-amended to Appropriations (02/27/2020). CCDC position: Support. CDDC position: Monitor.

4. New Business:

a. **New bills to follow?** - Bob brought it to the attention of the Committee that two new bills had been added to the list of bills the Committee considers following once the General Assembly session resumes:

HB20-1302 CAPS Check Program Changes - Under current law, when an employer is going to hire a person to work in a position in which the person has contact with at-risk adults, the employer must perform a check of the system that contains substantiated claims of mistreatment against an at-risk adult (CAPS check). The bill makes various clarifying changes to the adult protection statutes related to the CAPS check program. This bill has been identified as being controversial as it has been perceived to allow Adult Protective Services investigators to invade the privacy of families caring for their sons or daughters without prior notice.

SB20-182 Supporting Wandering Persons Recovery Programs - The bill expands the grant program administered by the Colorado bureau of investigation (CBI) that assists counties in implementing lifesaver programs. A wanderer recovery program, currently known as a lifesaver program, is a program under which a participant has a device that may be used to assist in attempting to electronically locate the participant. The bill also requires the CBI to establish a website that lists those local governments and local government designees that have a wanderer recovery program, describes how to contact those local governments and local government designees, lists resources for caretakers of persons with medical conditions that cause wandering, provides procedures to follow when a wanderer recovery program participant is determined to be missing, describes how the wanderer recovery program technology used by the various local governments and local government designees works, and provides any other information the CBI may conclude is necessary to better explain and publicize wanderer recovery programs.

b. **Colorado Supreme Court decision** – The Court ruled on April 1st that the 120 days requirement for the annual session of the Colorado General Assembly need not be consecutive. This will allow the 2020 legislative session to resume once it is felt to be safe to do so.

c. **Governor's order** – On March 25th Governor Polis issued a statewide stay-at-home order for Colorado citizens through at least April 11th.

5. Federal policy & legislative updates

Bob

a. **CARES Act** – The CARES Act was passed on March 27th. Committee members received a document explaining the highlights of the bill from a disability perspective as well as important disability-related issues left out of the legislation. Highlights include the fact that SSDI and SSI recipients will receive Economic Impact Payments of \$1,200 which will not count against means tested programs like Medicaid. Other highlights include the extension of funding for the Money Follows the Person program through November, 2020 and allowing direct

support professionals funded through the HCBS Medicaid waiver programs to accompany individuals who are admitted to hospitals.

b. SSI & SSDI recipient access to economic impact payments – On April 1st the federal government announced that SSI and SSDI recipients would not be required to file a modified tax return as had been reported in late March (please see the document distributed to the Committee). This has been a moving target. For the latest on this issue please see: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/supplemental-security-income-recipients-will-receive-automatic-economic-impact-payments-step-follows-work-between-treasury-irs-social-security-administration>

6. **Decision items** – No decision items were identified as quorum was not attained.
7. **Public Comment** – Klaus indicated that he appreciated being able to listen in and obtain public policy information from these meetings.
8. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 PM.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2020 10:00AM – Noon (Zoom only)