



Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

January 06, 2020 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Council Conference Room

Denver, CO 80203

MEETING AGENDA:

- 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 November 18, 2019 meeting minutes** **LPPC members**
 - b. Update on current CDDC 2020 legislative activities** **Bob**
 - i. Sub-minimum wage elimination**
 - Review & discuss latest fact sheet/legislation (if available)
 - ii. Employment First Advisory Partnership (EFAP) reauthorization**
 - Update on CDLE's current plan
 - iii. Alliance proposal "End the Wait"**
 - Review latest fact sheet/legislation if available
 - c. Disability Policy Seminar (CDDC budget update)**
- 4. New Business:**
 - a. Medicaid Buy-In state legislation to expand cut-off age past 65** **Bob**
 - b. Community First Choice legislation fact sheet**
 - c. Federal policy & legislative updates (time allowing)** **Bob**
- 5. Discuss next meeting date for 1.13.20 or 1.27.20? (Martin Luther King Day occurs on Monday, 1.20.20)**
- 6. Decision Items** **Kristen/Joe**
- 7. Public Comment** **Public**
- 8. Adjourn**

Next Meeting: January 27, 2020

DISCUSSION:

1. Joe called the meeting to order at 10:02.
2. Introductions made.
3. Minutes: Ali made a motion to approve. Christine seconded. Lisa abstained. Committee approved.

4. Old Business:

- Update on current Council activities on pending legislation include:
 - Elimination of sub min wage legislation is still being drafted.
 - Alliance proposal for "End the Wait" legislation has been progressing. The fact sheet was provided. Formally joined by various entities supporting this. The rate increase mechanism (tied to the Denver-Boulder-Greeley Consumer Price Index) in this bill continues to be controversial.
 - Employment First- The CO Dept. of Labor and Employment is running the bill on their own (with advice from Council staff). This bill continues Employment First Advisory Partnership for another five years. There may be an add-on piece that would implement affirmative hiring points for people with disabilities who are applying for state jobs. This would be similar to that mechanism currently used by veterans. Going to the drafter and waiting to hear if this add-on fits under the EF bill. CDLE has stated that reauthorization of the bill is their priority and they will drop the add-on if need be..
- Disability Policy Seminar: Mackenzie continues to feel that the budget is tight, as is the formula for how administration and program budget is set. Lisa still strongly advocates that a member from this committee attend this conference since disability councils are sponsors. She suggests we look for other potential funding sources. For example, if you are a parent and have a child with the waiver through a local Community Centered Board (CCB) you might be eligible to request funding (this could be local mill levy funding which is typically more flexible). Also, we may be able to reach out to partners for funding. The Arc of Colorado and some local Arc chapters send people and folks could reach out to them if they are members. Joe or Lisa could run it by Council Chair Alicia Eakins to ask if she wants to reach out in search of additional resources and funding.

5. New Business:

Medicaid Buy-In state legislation to expand cut-off age past 65 years old. When people on Medicaid work and use the Medicaid Buy-In program and people hit 65, they can no longer use it. Want the option for people to access the buy-in program beyond age 65 and allow individuals to continue working well into their 70's. Bob recommends that the committee take an endorsing view on this and then take to full Council meeting this month for approval.

Lisa made motion and Michael seconded. Committee approved.

Community First Choice legislation would allow CO to access an enhanced federal match, which could save the State as much as 24 million dollars annually. Bob believes the Council should endorse and should support.

Gerri made a motion that the committee support this legislation and take to the full Council for support. Lisa seconded. Committee approved.

6. Federal policy and legislative updates: Bob emailed documents this morning

- Disability Integration Act: Should be a priority as it provides that all people have a right to live in community settings.
- IDEA Full Funding Act: This would expand the current federal match provided to the states for special education from the current 14% to 40% consistent with the amount written into the original law

7. Next Meeting Date: January 20, 2020 is Martin Luther King holiday. Discussion about moving date. The majority approved for the next meeting be on January 27th.

8. Announcements:

- Lisa: can get you on launch Public Comment

9. Public Comment:

- Klaus: With his daughter has real concern getting real employment as she works one or two hours a week so getting paid a minimum wage is a mute issue based on the hours.
- Bob, Employment First efforts in CO attempt to change how departments are providing services so that all people can work in the community no matter how significant ones disability is. Colorado's customized employment pilot is working with providers statewide to work with employers to customize employment in a regular competitive employment jobs. It does take support staff to work with employers to understand how they can benefit by negotiating duties and schedules for workers with disabilities.

10. Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Motions:

1. Minutes: Ali made a motion to approve. Christine seconded. Lisa abstained. Committee approved.

2. Medicaid Buy-In state legislation to expand cut-off age past 65 years old- Lisa made motion and asked that additional documentation and information be sent to Council before next meeting to review ahead of time. Michael seconded. Committee approved.

3. Community First Choice legislation to enhance access to community living. Gerrie made a motion that the committee support this legislation and take to the full Council for support. Lisa seconded. Committee approved.

Actions:

1. Action Items:

Gerri asked Bob to give an update on Community First Choice at next LPP meeting Bob will email link to Medicaid Buy-In article in Denver Post.

Council Committee Members Present: Kristen Erby, Joseph Morrone, Lisa Franklin, Ali Thompson, Cami Renfrow, Christine Owen

Council Committee Members Absent:

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), Klaus Whiteman (parent of a child with IDD)

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead

MEETING DOCUMENTS

Documents:

Draft LPPC meeting minutes for 11.18.19

Draft LPPC agenda for 1.6.20

Sub-minimum wage elimination legislation fact sheet

“End the Wait” legislation fact sheet

CCDC Medicaid Buy-In explanation sheet

CFC concept fact sheet

Federal Policy Update 12.20.19