



Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2018 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Chancery Conference Room Second Floor
Denver, CO 80203

MEETING AGENDA:

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| 1) Convene, establish quorum, introductions | (Hal) |
| 2) Approval of May meeting minutes | (Group) |
| 3) New Business: Questions from the Chair: | (Group) |
| a. Orientation to Legislative Advocacy | (Hal and Irene) |
| b. (11:00) LPPC procedure in taking positions to support or oppose legislation | |
| c. Member authority and restrictions on communicating CDDC positions on bills | |
| d. Procedure for becoming a community member of the LPPC | |
| e. General Public participation in LPPC meetings | |
| f. Re-establishing the day and time of LPPC meetings | |
| 4) Action items | (group discussion) |
| 5) Public Comments | (group discussion) |
| 6) Adjourn | |

Next Meeting: September 2018

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DISCUSSION:

1. Hal called meeting to order at 10:05 am.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Michael made motion to approve May minutes. Kristen seconded. Committee unanimously approved May minutes.
4. Hal stated today will be an orientation for members with Senator Irene Aguilar. Hal shared the following documents with the committee to help with the upcoming legislative session and policy:
 1. Capitol Map- The legislative library is in the basement)
 2. Sample of a bill- Bill number, bill sponsor, committee assignment, title, bill summary, CRS revised text
 3. Colorado Legislative Directory- A trifold booklet
 4. How a Bill Becomes a Law- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading
 5. Deadline schedule in the 2019 General Assembly- 120 days
 6. House and Senate committee schedules
 7. Testifying before a committee- House and Senate
 8. Alicia Eakins email- Regarding the Tabor amendment
 9. Budget in brief pamphlet- Joint Budget Committee publications
 10. Budget report- Joint Budget Committee publications
 11. Bill abstract used by lobbyists
 12. Colorado Legislators Handbook
5. Senator Irene Aguilar shared that when testifying about a bill the general rule is three minutes. If there is a policy you would like to see enacted you need to reach out to your legislator in the fall. Be proactive to introduce some type of legislation, no later than September.
6. Disability issues are generally bipartisan. Lois Landgraf and Susan Lontine in the house and Bob Gardner and Nancy Todd in the Senate are great allies. Colorado Cross Disability Coalition and AARP tend to be allies for the DD Council.
7. When a committee hearing is held, for the most part the bill sponsor more than likely will know if they have the votes or not. It is bad etiquette to change a vote after hearing testimony.
8. The Senators do not have full time staff and it is really hard to reach individuals during the legislative session. Email is typically the best way to get in touch with legislators. Mention if you are a constituent. During the session the legislative aides are available and you can walk in to schedule an appointment.
9. Senator Irene Aguilar suggested the Supported Decision Making (SDM) document and discussion within the Council can be geared more towards the political side and what legal limitations are involved and what we can do to ensure the laws are changed.
10. Hal shared top five ways to stay on top of legislation:
 1. Stay on top of the Legislator website. The dates of committee meetings with details will be posted. State legislator website. <http://leg.colorado.gov/>
 2. Colorado Capitol Watch. Bob subscribed and can share the sign in information with Council members. <https://coloradocapitolwatch.com/>
 3. Public Policy Institutes: Colorado Center of Law and Policy (CCLP) <http://cclponline.org/>
 4. Colorado Fiscal Institute <https://www.coloradofiscal.org/>
 5. Familiarize yourself with public policy and subscribe to the Colorado Politics
11. Hal reminded committee members not to take a stand on a bill on behalf of the Council unless the Council and committee has approved and supported the bill.

12. There is a procedure for becoming a community member of a Council committee in the Council bylaws. The procedure is to inform the committee chair of a possible community member and the chair will take the recommendation back to the executive community for final approval/denial. Community members serve at the pleasure of the committee.
13. General public rules- Bob and Hal would like to enforce members of the general public to speak during the allotted public comment time frame. Bruce did mention that the bylaws state invited guests are welcome to attend and speak in the moment as opposed to the allotted public comment time frame.
14. Committee chair elections- Joe Morrone nominated Hal Wright as committee chair. Kristen seconded. Committee unanimously voted Hal as their chair.
15. Public Comment: Steve Miller shared via GoToMeeting that he would like the Committee to remember earlier commitment to discuss housing choice this year.
16. Joe made the motion to adjourn meeting at 11:39. Kristen seconded.

Motions/Actions:

1. Vanessa will create a Doodle poll for committee to pick a monthly committee date and time.
 2. Discuss housing choices and options this year per the request of Steve Miller.
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Council Committee Members Present: Senator Irene Aguilar, Hal Wright, Kristen Erby, Julie Schleusener, Jessica Howard, Deborah Marks Williams, Joseph Morrone,

Council Member Guests: Bruce Cline, Alicia Eakins

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), Mira Mears, Steve Miller

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Joelle Brouner

Council Committee Members Absent: Millie Segura

MEETING DOCUMENTS

Meeting Agenda

May Meeting Minutes

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