



Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2019 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Council Conference Room

Denver, CO 80203

MEETING AGENDA:

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| 1) Convene, establish quorum (number of current members) | |
| Kristen/Joe | |
| 2) Introductions of LPPC members and members of the public | All |
| 3) Review today's proposed agenda members | LPPC |
| 4) New business to accommodate presenter: | |
| a. Disability Policy Seminar | Lisa |
| Franklin | |
| b. CDDC Legislative Public Policy Committee responsibilities | Lisa |
| 5) Old Business: | |
| a. Review, modify and approve August 19, 2019 meeting minutes members | LPPC |
| b. Update on current CDDC 2020 legislative activities | Bob |
| 1) Supported Decision Making language within the rewrite of SB19-072, Bill of Rights Protected Persons under Guardianship | |
| 2) Sub-minimum wage elimination | |
| - Review & discuss PADCO and P2P-CO input document (attachment) | |
| 3) Employment First Advisory Partnership (EFAP) reauthorization | |
| 6) Additional New Business: | |
| a. CDDC LPPC legislative priorities for 2020? | |
| Kristen/Joe | |
| b. Federal legislative updates (time permitting) | |
| Bob/others | |
| 7) Decision Items | Chair(s) & |
| LPPC members | |
| 8) Public Comment | Public |

Next Meeting: October 21, 2019

DISCUSSION:

1. Joe called the meeting to order at 10:01. Kristen is unable to be present and Joe took on the role of Chair.

2. Quorum was confirmed.
3. Introductions were made.
4. New Business:
 - a. Disability Policy Seminar
 - i. Lisa Franklin would like the committee to bring a proposal to the full Council to ask that a group of members be sent to the seminar, which takes place in Washington D.C., March 23-25 2020.
 - ii. The seminar is hosted by multiple national disability groups and has value to those interested in policy issues. Colorado historically has a large number of attendees.
 - iii. The Arc of Colorado sent a number of members last year and several representing the LEND Program (through JFK Partners) also attended.
 - iv. Lisa feels it is important for the DD Council to be represented. It is a great way to network with others and their organizations.
 - v. Session topics include education, Medicaid, Medicare, employment, policy advocacy and it's a great way to get training on policy at the federal level. The third day is an advocacy day to go to Capitol Hill to meet with Colorado senators and representatives to share our insights on what the disability community supports. Disability constituent participation is important for senators and representatives.
 - vi. Michael would like to try to attend this conference.
 - vii. Complete information can be found: Disability Policy Seminar: <https://disabilitypolicyseminar.org/>
 - b. Bylaws committee update: Lisa would appreciate the Committee to explaining the purpose of the LPP committee for inclusion in the CDDC bylaws. She is hoping the Committee could have a draft purpose by the October meeting.
 - i. Lisa: One of the purposes is to monitor and be consistent of state and federal legislative that will have an impact on people with IDD and their families.
 - ii. Joe: Part of the role is that membership needs to be advocates for people with disabilities and be advocating to legislator in ways that will benefit the community.
 - iii. Christine: We should be aware of what the community thinks we need for legislation and bring to the forefront.
 - iv. Bob: The DD Act instructs the Council to “educate, advise, and inform” public policy makers around issues of importance for people with IDD and families.
 - v. Michael: The Committee needs to inform legislators on IDD policies.
 - vi. Gerrie: Remember to include advocacy to other state departments when appropriate.

- vii. Ali: To guide the legislative process in support of the DD Community.
- 5. Old Business:
 - a. August meeting minutes:
 - i. Christine made motion to approve minutes. Michael seconded. Committee approved.
 - ii. 2. Update on current CDDC 2020 legislative activities:
 - b. No update on SB19-072 (Guardianship Bil of Rights), this is an effort being done by Colorado Bar Association
 - c. Sub-minimum wage elimination legislation is being worked on by Alliance, Disability Law Colorado and the Arc of Colorado, with support fo the Council. CDLE, HCPF, Intent is to do no harm to people who have been placed in the current sub-minimum wage jobs. A related concern is to develop the capacity for customized employment. Approximately 500 people in Colorado are participating in sub minimum wage employment. Part of the national movement around Employment First is that people should not have to be in a segregated sheltered workshop and be unfairly paid.
 - d. SB18-145 (Implement EFAP Recommendations) requires all staff doing employment work be trained in best practice that will include customized employment and systematic instruction.
 - e. Employment First Advisory Partnership (EFAP) re-authorization – It makes sense to reauthorize sooner rather than later. CDLE plans to run this bill as a departmental bill.
- 6. Additional New Business:
 - a. CDDC LPPC legislative potential priorities for 2020.
 - i. See the wait list for people with IDD reduced. -Do need to remember that the policy agenda lines up with the Five Year Plan.
 - ii. SDM within the new statue that is projected to be in a bill this upcoming session.
 - iii. Sub minimum wage elimination
 - iv. Employment First (SB16-077) reauthorization
 - b. HB19-1194 summary: Bill that Bob testified last session and this bill was a priority for the Council. It required schools to impose an out of school suspension only under specified circumstances. An additional objective that was not included in this legislation was for schools to get cultural competency and positive behavioral support training for teachers.
 - c. Ali expressed concern about crimes for at risk individuals 18 and over with a developmental disability within sub-section B??? There is no provision for a position of trust. This provision can strengthened.
 - d. Federal legislative updates:
 - i. Onboard Wheelchairs storage provided by the airlines: The federal government is looking into this and providing data. Around 85 chairs are damaged daily by the airlines. This should result in legislation requiring stronger pryoctections for airlines customers who use wheel chairs.

- ii. Raise the Wage Act: This bill, recently passed by the House, raises the minimum age to \$15 per hour and gradually eliminates the use of sub-minimum wage for people with disabilities. This has little chance of passing the Senate (please see the federal policy updates document Bob sent).
 - iii. Bob will try to send a report every two to three weeks to the committee for updates at the federal level.
7. Public Comment: None at this time. Sue was thankful for attending.
8. Christine made motion to adjourn. Ali seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Motions/Actions:

1. Joe and Kristen will send out information about the Disability Policy Seminar to LPP Committee membership.
 2. At the November meeting the committee can decide who they would like to send and consider a proposal to the full Council.
 3. Bylaws committee has made a request to document the purpose of the Committee. This should be an item for the October meeting agenda.
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Council Committee Members Present: Joseph Morrone Christine Owen, Ali Thompson, Lisa Franklin, Cami Renfrow

Council Committee Members Absent: Kristen Erby

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), Sue Myers (Blue Spruce Community),

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead

MEETING DOCUMENTS

September Meeting Agenda
August Meeting Minutes
Federal Policy Update Memo