



Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2018 -- 10:00 AM – 11:45 PM

DD Council Office

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 706

Denver, CO 80203

MEETING AGENDA:

- 1) Convene, establish quorum, introductions (Hal)
- 2) Approval of December 19, 2017 minutes (Hal)
- 3) Old business (review of last meetings action items) (group discussion)
- 4) New Business
 - a. The schedule of Joint Budget Committee (JBC) meetings through March 23rd
 - b. The schedule of oversight committee meetings for healthcare and human services
 - c. Identifying important bills that have cleared first reading
- 5) Policy Advisor's Report (Bob)
- 6) Action items (group discussion)
- 7) Public Comments (group discussion)
- 8) Adjourn

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Next Meeting: February 6, 2018

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DISCUSSION:

1. Meeting called to order at 10:16 am by Hal Wright.
2. The December 19, 2017 meeting minutes were approved with the following amendments:
 - a. Remove the following Council members from the committee attendance as they are no longer active or have never attended a meeting.
 - i. Deborah Marks Williams, Lisa Franklin, Sarah Metsch, Claire Dickson, and Shannon Secret.
 - b. There should be a total of nine committee members, which is beneficial for quorum.

3. Hal gave an overview of the bills the committee and Council might be interested in and explained the process.
4. 155 bills have been introduced and 83 are in the Senate. By the end of this week there will be close to 300 bills.
5. Important bills the committee should review are:
 - a. Senate bill 18-074 Designate Prader-Willi Syndrome Developmental Disability. This bill regards adding individuals with Prader-Willi syndrome to the list of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are mandatorily eligible for services and supports.
 - b. Senate bill 18-083 Education Income Tax Credits For Nonpublic School. This bill is concerning the creation of income tax credits for nonpublic education.
6. Hal reviewed schedule and deadlines for bills. Committees are trying to get bills through in February and March; April will be too late. This schedule can be found by searching 'Deadline Schedule for 2018 Colorado General Assembly' (<https://leg.colorado.gov/agencies/house-representatives/deadline-schedule>) . Key date is March 26th with the introduction to the house.
7. Important JBC meeting dates:
 - a. Thursday January 18th Room 271 in the Capitol. Start time is 1:30. Joint Meeting between JBC and senate and house committees. They will review the waitlist for individuals with developmental disabilities.
 - b. Tuesday January 23rd at 2 pm in room 271 Consideration of Supplemental request HCBS Budget.
 - c. Tuesday February 27th at 2 pm. Consideration of recommendations of HCPF health care and public services.
 - d. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) schedule can be found at https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/schedule1_112.pdf
8. Alicia motioned to approved amended minutes with corrections to the committee roster. Kristen seconded. December amended minutes approved.
9. Legislative & Public Policy director update: Bob shared the letter that was sent to the House and Senate for awareness of the Council and what type of work the DD Council does.
10. Bob shared that CDDC has signed onto a letter which included over 200 organizations nationally that was sent to the Department of Justice expressing concern over DOJ withdrawal of guidance to the states in reducing segregation in day and employment programs.
11. CDDC has signed on in support of two Colorado legislative bills:
 - a. SSI and SSDI Application Assistance for Aid to the Needy Disabled Clients, which would help individuals with disabilities navigate the process of applying for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI).
 - b. Right to Cure, which would allow a tenant to pay overdue rent within a period of fourteen days instead of three.
12. The Employment First formal report went public last week. A bill to implement some of the report recommendations is being drafted now.
13. There is a public meeting for advisory committee that would advise HCPF on HCBS supportive living services (the Waiver Implementation Council).
14. The Joint Budget Committee will be voting on an 8.7 million dollar cut to the medical durable supplies (wheelchairs, ventilators, oxygen) tomorrow according to CCDCC.
15. Action item from December meeting regarding if the committee is able to meet twice a month during General Assembly.
16. Alicia motioned the committee meet twice a month, the additional meetings would be more informal with an hour meeting at the DD Council office, a break for lunch, and then gather

in the Capitol's cafeteria to discuss public policy issues during General Assembly. Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed for committee to meet twice a month, the first and third Tuesday during General Assembly.

17. Michael made the motion to adjourn at 12:03. Alicia seconded.

Motions/Actions:

1. Hal will bring a copy of the Open Meeting Records law for committee to review to the next meeting. This will help with the second monthly meetings the committee voted to have during General Assembly.
 2. Bob will check with Senator Aguilar regarding available rooms in Capitol for the committee additional meeting.
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Council Committee Members Present: Kristen Erby (phone), Jessica Howard (phone), Hal Wright, 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), Mary Learners (mother to an 8 year old with autism), Klaus Weickman (father to a 32 year old daughter with disabilities and interested in establishing stable housing options for people with disabilities)

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Bob Lawhead.

Council Committee Members Absent: Sen. Irene Aguilar, Julie Schleusener.

MEETING DOCUMENTS

1. Draft Agenda for 01.16.2018 Meeting
2. Draft Minutes for 12.19.2017 L&PP Meeting
3. Letter sent to Senate and House
4. House Bill Right to Cure notice
5. Support Coloradans with Disabilities document
6. Policy Advisor's Report

Our next meeting will be on February 6th from 11:00 to noon at the CDDC offices.