



## Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2019 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Council Conference Room

Denver, CO 80203

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### 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  | LPPC members            |
| 4) Old Business:   |                         |
| a) Review, modify and approve September 16, 2019 meeting minutes   | LPPC members            |
| b) Update on current CDDC 2020 legislative activities  | Bob                     |
| I. Sub-minimum wage elimination  |                         |
| • Review & discuss fact sheet and memo documents (attachments)   |                         |
| • Review CDDC as endorser of this legislation  |                         |
| II. No additional updates: Employment First Advisory Partnership (EFAP) reauthorization & Protected Person under Guardianship Bill of Rights |                         |
| III. Request by Alliance to support legislation to end the DD waitlist   |                         |
| c). Disability Policy Seminar  |                         |
| d). LPP Committee purpose draft for CDDC Bylaws  |                         |
| 5). New Business:  |                         |
| a) Federal legislative updates (time permitting)   | Bob/others              |
| 6). Decision Items   | Chair(s) & LPPC members |
| 7). Public Comment   | Public                  |

**Next Meeting: November 18, 2019**

### DISCUSSION:

1. Kristen called the meeting to order at 10:12. Quorum established.
2. Approval of September 16th meeting minutes: Ali made motion to approve. Cami seconded. Committee approved.
3. Old Business:
  - Update on current CDDC 2020 legislative activities:
    - Sub-minimum Wage Elimination Bill - Input has been provided from a variety of stakeholders. Workgroup convened by ARC of Colorado, Disability Law Colorado, and Alliance. As it stands now it is patterned after the federal Transformation to Competitive Employment Act (TCEA).
    - Components: Gradual elimination of sub minimum wage over five year time. Adult Supported Community Connections services would be funded

in the same way as the CES Community Connector services (individualized, not group). A LPP Committee member encouraged that a provision for a single oversight entity be considered when legislation is drafted. Looking at five year phase out and to set bench marks. Also would remove annual service plan limitations for Supported Employment. An additional piece is to have HCPF clarify what is and what is not billable for Supported Employment services.

- No additional update on Employment First Advisory Partnership (EFAP) reauthorization legislation.
- No update for Protected Person under Guardianship Bill of Rights.
- Request by Alliance to support legislation to end the DD waitlist. Concerns were expressed about tying rate increases to the Consumer Price Index.

#### 4. Disability Policy Seminar:

- Sheryl Matney from ITACC (Technical Assistance Center for Councils on Developmental Disabilities) came last month to visit Council staff and the CDDC Executive Committee. It was determined that we are not assigning costs correctly in the 70% towards program expenses and 30% towards administrative expenses (known as the 70-30 split). Expenses such as conferences would be considered administrative. At this point we are unsure how much money we will have to send Council members to conferences. It would be premature to give people the okay to attend the Disability Policy Seminar but we are hoping to have the full ITACC report by this week and we may or may not know more by the Council retreat on Friday.

#### 5. LPP Description:

- This description was developed by the LPP co-chairs per the request of the CDDC Bylaws Committee.
- Member comments from the draft: Include legislation, perhaps state policy and critical issues as recognized by the Council.
  - Additions: Advocacy should be included Educate, Advise, Inform, and Advocacy come directly from the federal lobbying advisory piece in the Federal law. Intent is to be specific as possible so perception of potential disallowed lobbying activities is minimized.
- Joe made a motion to approve the description. Ali seconded. Committee approved.

#### 6. New Business:

- Federal Policy Updates: Domestic programs are gaining a little bit in funding. Some intent has been exhibited by Congress to stop simply passing continuing resolutions... we'll see!
- Public Charge Rule - Anybody who has a disability and cannot support themselves will not be allowed to come into the country. Our national organization the NACDD has signed on to oppose this.
- Trying to get Money Follows the Person approved for a five year time frame, longer term basis.

#### 7. Public Comment: None at this time.

#### 8. Upcoming Dates:

- Session starts January 7th.

- Next meeting is November 18th and not November 21<sup>st</sup> as the agenda states.
9. Meeting adjourned at 11:53.

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**Motions:**

1. September 16th Meeting. Ali made motion to approve. Cami seconded. Committee approved.
2. Joe made a motion to approve the Legislative Public Policy description. Ali seconded. Committee approved.

**Actions:**

1. Discuss the disability seminar update at the November meeting based on updates from ITACC.

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

Council Committee Members Absent: Christine Owen

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), David Monroe (soon to be governor appointed Council member representative with Disability Law Colorado)

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead

**MEETING DOCUMENTS**

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Draft LPPC meeting minutes for 9.16.19

Draft LPPC agenda for 10.21.19

Sub-minimum wage fact sheet

Sub-minimum wage memorandum

Alliance wait list elimination proposal (not for public distribution)

Draft CDDC LPP Committee purpose