



Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2018 2018 -- 10:00 AM – 11:45 PM

Legislative Services Building

200 E. 14th Ave Denver 80203 Room B

Denver, CO 80203

MEETING AGENDA:

- 1) Convene, establish quorum, introductions (Hal)
- 2) Approval of previous meeting minutes (Jan. 16th & Feb. 6th) (Hal)
- 3) Old business (review of last meetings action items) (group discussion)
 - a. Michael Hoover letter on the autism epidemic legislation, HB 18-1223
 - b. Next steps on letter (sign-ons, distribution?)
- 4) New Business
 - a. Update on Employment First bill SB17-145
 - b. Families Preservation for Parents with Disabilities HB18-1104
 - c. PLEASE NOTE: HB18-1104 will be heard by the Public Health Care and Human Services Committee at 1:30 pm, HCR 0107. This is an opportunity to attend a committee hearing directly after our committee meeting!
 - d. Colorado Capitol Watch: bill position determination???
 - e. Other bills of note
- 5) Action items (group discussion)
- 6) Public Comments (group discussion)
- 7) Adjourn

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Next Meeting: March 6, 2018

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DISCUSSION:

1. Hal called meeting to order at 10:27.
2. Quorum present. Alicia made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 and February 6, 2018 meeting minutes. Michael seconded. Minutes approved.
3. Michael Hoover's letter for HB 18-1223: Committee received letter from Michael and Bob also sent the letter to the Autism Society for collaboration. Hal recommended this letter be

send to the ARC. Michael asked that other organizations sign on to this letter and Alicia agreed. Suggested maybe the committee can create a packet of various letters of support with Michael's first. Hal asked Bob to create a cover letter for the packet. These will be sent to potential groups that would want to sign on to the letter.

- a. Donna suggested CAN-DO (<https://can-do.org/>) as a potential collaboration and shared the group information with the committee since the organization put together their narrative. This bill passes the first committee and will be voted on March 15th.
 - b. Committee also suggested reaching out to CCDCC (Colorado Cross Disability Coalition (<http://www.ccdconline.org/>)).
 - c. No action was taken on HB 18-1223 today since Bob suggested additional research and then will communicate findings back to the committee.
4. Families Preservation for Parents with Disabilities HB18-1104 bill (<http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb18-1104>) will be heard today, February 20th, at 1:30. Bob encouraged any committee members to attend if able. This bill states when families are going through a divorce there should be no discrimination based on a parents disability. Will require decision making is documented. This bill is strongly supported by the Colorado Cross Disability Coalition. Bob suggested the committee support this bill because it relates to the five year plan.
 5. The DD Council purchased a yearly membership to Colorado Capitol Watch. Bob shared the log in information with the committee. This is a great tool to locate hearing dates and organize bills for a reference but committee asked to let Bob know before making changes to any bills in the account.
 6. Other bills of note: House Bill 18-174 (<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb18-174>) Service Providers For Persons With Developmental Disabilities. The bill adds the department of health care policy and financing and case management agencies to the list of entities to which a person may file for dispute resolution. Bob is concerned with this bill because of the possible fees for the permit use and this bill will change host homes in to a business and not a family setting. setting.
 7. Alicia is following House Bill 18-1232 Concerning The Creation of a New Public School Funding presented to the committee during the February 6th meeting by Anna Feldman.
 8. No public comment.
 9. Michael made the motion to adjourn at 11:57. Alicia seconded.

Motions/Actions:

1. Bob will follow up with CANDO accomplishments and share with the committee.
 2. Bob and Michael plan to meet with the group in Boulder regarding the autism epidemic bill.
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Council Committee Members Present: Julie Schleusener, 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), Steve Miller

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Bob Lawhead.

Council Committee Members Absent: Sen. Irene Aguilar, Kristen Erby, Jessica Howard

MEETING DOCUMENTS

1. Draft Agenda for 02.20.2018 Meeting
2. Draft Minutes for 01.16.2018 and 2.06.2018 L&PP Meeting
3. House Bill 18-1104 Family Preservation for Parents With Disability

Our next meeting will be on March 6th from 11:00 to noon at the Legislative Services Building.