



Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2018 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

DD Council Office

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 706

Denver, CO 80203

MEETING AGENDA:

- 1) Convene, establish quorum, introductions (Hal)
- 2) Old business
 1. Meeting at the Capitol (Bob)
 2. Open Meetings Law (Hal)
- 3) New Business:
 1. Legislative updates (Anna Feldman, Great Ed Colorado)
 2. HB18-1223 Autism Epidemic (Kristen, Bob)
 3. HB18-145 Employment First (Bob)
 4. Waiver Implementation Council (Bob)
- 4) Action Items (Everyone)
- 5) Public Comments (group discussion)
- 6) Adjourn

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DISCUSSION:

1. Meeting called to order at 11:15 am by Hal Wright.
2. Bob sent a request to Senator Irene Aguilar for available space at the Capitol. Awaiting response.
3. Anna Feldman presented House Bill 18-1232 Concerning The Creation of a New Public School Funding, to the committee. A full description can be found at http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2018A/bills/2018a_1232_01.pdf. This is a Statewide initiative running about 178 local campaigns. Want to bring categorical formula, focused on equitable funding among students. Will go in to effect when there is extra funding. There will be a press conference at 11:30 am presented by a few superintendents

and the CEO of ARC Colorado. Ana shared charts with the committee and will share the powerpoint if she is able to do so. The initiative is to stabilize loss and their goal is to put people in abundance mode and not scarcity mode.

4. Ana asked if the Council feels this is something they can support and stand behind and if this meets the Five Year Plan. Hal stated he could be behind this initiative if the Council agrees. Alicia made a motion to support, Michael seconded. The motion passed and will be referred to the Council.
5. Bob and Kristen presented House Bill 18-1223, Declare Autism Epidemic In Colorado to the committee. This bill Characterized Autism as a public health epidemic. This bill is asking that a committee be formed to research and advise the Governor on if there is an epidemic and if so declare a disaster recovery. The Autism society does not support this bill. A parent group out of Boulder approached the Autism society and said if this bill is passed that would open funds. Michael said he opposes the bill and he will write letters to the committee opposing. Marcia asked if Mike will take the lead and write the letter and then we can out it on DD Council letterhead. Jessica motioned to oppose House Bill 18-1223, Michael seconded. Committee voted to oppose the bill.
6. Bob presented House Bill 18-145- Directly relates to individuals in intellectual and developmental disabilities. Requires to be professionally trained in a Nationally certified training program or to become certified by taking a national exam to ensure trainers are competent. Second part is to add discovery as a best practice. Discovery is used to support individuals who need supportive employment. Another part of the bill asks that HCPF collects data on how individuals are being served. Goal is \$40,000 funded. A \$10,000 allocation of funds coming from Colorado Department of Labor to be matched by outside organizations. Bob spoke to the Planning and Grants committee on Monday February 5th to inform them of this bill and since it aligns with the Five Year Plan, hopeful the Council can support. Also taking to Peak Parent Center and Alliance to raise \$30,000 in non-state funds. Michael made a motion to endorse House Bill 18-145 and Alicia seconded. Committee voted to endorse House Bill 18-145.
7. Waiver implantation Council will now be March 22nd. This is a public meeting and all can attend. Bob asked if anyone has questions to let him know and he can take them to the meeting. Jennifer Martinez advised there are two issues with this that need to be addressed. First, the DD Waiver has a waiting list and the SLS waiver does not. It is frustrating but as a state it might be worse because individuals might lose benefits inversely.
8. New Item: Hal discussed legislators term limits and suggested when your contact terms out, ask who they suggest you work with as they leave.
9. Michael motioned to adjourn. Alicia seconded. Meet again February 22nd.

Motions/Actions:

1. Marcia asked Hal to keep track of the three bills discussed today and report back to the committee.
 2. Jennifer Martinez will present The Waiver Implementation information to the Council at the March meeting.
 3. Committee will coordinate and inform each other of house bills they are participating in or following for support.
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Council Committee Members Present: Kristen Erby (phone), Jessica Howard (phone), Jennifer Martinez (phone), Hal Wright, Alicia Eakins, Julie Voltaire Schleusener,

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, Anna Feldman (Policy and Outreach Specialist with Great Education Colorado)

Staff Present: Vanessa Hernandez, Bob Lawhead.

Council Committee Members Absent: Sen. Irene Aguilar

MEETING DOCUMENTS

1. Draft Agenda for 02.06.2018 Meeting
2. Senate House Bill 18-1223 Concerning Declaring an autism epidemic
3. Senate House Bill 18-145 Concerning the Implementation of Employment First Advisory Partnership Recommendations to Advance Competitive Integrated Employment for Persons with Disabilities.
4. The Waiver Implementation Council email
5. List of House Billsa, Sponsors, Summary, and Hearing Dates
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Our next meeting will be on February 20th from 10:00 to 11:45 at the CDDC offices.