



Legislative & Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2018-- 11:00 AM – 12 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 for February 20, 2018 (Hal)
- 3) Old business (review of last meetings action items) (group discussion)
 - a. Letter on the autism epidemic legislation, HB 18-1223
 - b. Research on group promoting HB 1223 (see addendum in 2.20.18 LPP minutes)
- 4) New Business
 - a. H.R. 620 ADA Education and Reform Act passed House, next steps.
 - b. Bills of note
 - c. HB1065 (DHS employee discipline) no committee report
 - d. HB 1106 (Minimum wage waiver) PI (postponed indefinitely "killed")
 - e. HB 1192 (Application assist SSI SSDI) hearing 3.9.18 - Upon Adjournment - HCR 0107
 - f. HB 1223 (Autism epidemic) hearing 3.22.18 - 1:30 PM - HCR 0107
 - g. HB 1232 (School finance) hearing 4.2.18 - 1:30 PM - HCR 0112
 - h. SB 82 (Non-compete rare disorder) hearing 3.13.18 - Upon Adjournment - HCR 0107
 - i. SB 96 (Modern. term. MR) hearing 3.2.18 - no specified time House Chamber
 - j. SB 145 (Empmt 1st) hearing 2.28.18 – Approved 7-0, Refer to Appropriations
 - k. Other bills of note?
- 5) Action items (group discussion)
- 6) Public Comments (group discussion)
- 7) Adjourn

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DISCUSSION:

1. Hal called meeting to order at 11:15.
2. No administrative business today, such as approving minutes, since committee was locked out their meeting room and started late. Devote to legislative issues.
3. Hal stated that the Long Bill (the bill that funds state government for the state fiscal year, July 1st through June 30th) will be introduced on March 26th.
4. Bills of interest/Federal:
 - **ADA Education and Reform Act - H.R. 620** passed House but has not been introduced in the Senate yet. We must continue to fight this bill that harms the ADA right to have accessible public businesses.
 - **EMPOWER Care Act - S. 2227** funds the Money Follows the Person program which has allowed nearly 300 Coloradans with disabilities to move from institutions and nursing homes into community settings. Wednesday March 7th is national call-in day

to encourage Senators Gardner and Bennet to vote for the bill. Bob asked everyone to call. Vanessa will post the call-in information on the Council Facebook page as a resource.

5. Bills of note/State:

- **DHS Employee Discipline – HB 1065** has had some action but no committee report exists at this time. The DD Council supports this bill to terminate state employees who have been found to have mistreated or abused people with disabilities under their care.
 - **Sub-minimum Wage Allowance - HB 1106** has been postponed indefinitely (killed). We strongly opposed this bill as it had the potential to expand the use of sub-minimum wages for people with disabilities.
 - **Federal Benefits Assistance - HB 1192** would assist individuals when applying for SSI or SSDI. The committee is in support of and the hearing is Friday March 9th.
 - **Autism Epidemic - HB 1223** continues to be closely followed by the LPP Committee. Lebsock was expelled this past Saturday and we are unsure if the bill is dead because he is the only sponsor of the bill. Kristen checked online as it appears the bill was removed from the hearing schedule but we are uncertain of its future. Michael Hoover, Kristin and Bob will continue to work on this. The DD Council opposes this bill that seems to characterize disability as a disease. Kristin has reached out to the Autism Society of Colorado who also opposes the bill along with the Colorado Cross Disability Coalition.
 - **School Finance - HB 1232** is scheduled be heard 4-02-2018. This is a bill the committee voted to support at the February 6th committee meeting. Bob encourages committee members to attend the hearing.
 - **Modernize MR Terminology - SB 96** passed the Senate and is scheduled for a vote by the House today. This bill replaces references to "mental retardation" with intellectual and developmental disability.
 - **Employment First Recommendations - SB145** was approved last week by the BLT Committee with a vote of 7-0 and has been referred to Appropriations.
6. Donna and Michael will further research Colorado Coalition for Vaccine Choice. The founders live in Boulder but Bob was unable to find any contact information online. They should be contacted and asked to work with others in the autism community to develop a bill that would assure consensus between various interested parties.
7. Hal made the following suggestion for committee meetings after general assembly:
- a) Continue to meet the first and third Tuesday through April
 - b) Meet May 15th
 - c) Summer session with no committee meeting in June
 - d) Meet again in July on the third Tuesday.
8. No public comment.
9. Hal made the motion to adjourn at 12:02. Kristen seconded.

Motions/Actions:

1. Kristen will reach out to contact person on HB 1223 for more information.
 2. Donna and Mike will research and possibly be in contact with the Colorado Coalition for Vaccine Choice.
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Council Committee Members Present: Hal Wright, Kristen Erby, Jessica Howard

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, Alicia Eakins, Julie Schleusener

MEETING DOCUMENTS

1. Draft Agenda for 03.06.2018 Meeting
2. Draft Minutes for 02.20.2018 L&PP Meeting
3. Abstract of Final CASCADE Report
4. Colorado Autism Commission Ten Year Strategic Plan

Our next meeting will be on March 20th from 11:00 to noon at the Legislative Services Building.