



**Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2018
Planning and Grants (P&G) Committee**

1:00 – 1:05 PM	Welcome, Introductions and What We Need to Get Done Today	Melissa Mannix
1:05 – 1:15 PM	Review and Approve Minutes	Everyone
1:15 – 1:25 PM	Budget and Procurement Updates	Mackenzie Helton
1:25 – 1:55 PM	Grant Update	Melissa and Sue Fager
1:55 – 2:50 PM	Five Year Plan- Employment First bill update	Bob Lawhead
2:50 – 3:00 PM	New Business	Everyone

NEXT MEETING: March 5, 2018– 1:00 – 3:00 PM

DISCUSSION:

1. Melissa Mannix called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Quorum present and voted to approve amended January minutes with grammatical changes. Paulette motioned for the approval and Peggy seconded. January minutes approved.
3. Budget and Procurement Updates: Mackenzie reviewed the *Summary of Current Grants*. Grantees ensured their funds will be spent. Will need to work with the three newest grants, Sewell Child Development, Access Colorado (ACCO), and Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), on their spend down. We are waiting on a statement of work from Access Colorado (ACCO). Will also be getting bills from AT Partners soon. The total grant funding amount of \$350,825.48 needs to be spent by September 30, 2018.
4. Grant Update: Melissa provided Grant updates to the committee. The newest grantees are doing a focus on behavioral support for parents. Also the Youth Leadership Forum will occur June 24- 29th at Colorado State University. Sue invited the committee to a face to face meeting with the YLF in Boulder February 27th.
5. Employment First bill update: House Sponsorship Senate Bill 18-145- Employment First presented by Bob. This is an employment first recommendation to improve employment outcomes for people with

disabilities. Bob focused on page seven line 14 in the bill documentation . The intent is to raise expectations for individuals with disabilities. Goal is for employers to understand employment is for everyone regardless of disabilities. Colorado Department of Labor and Employment is putting in up to \$10,000 a year in hopes of outside agencies matching funds and to show that this is important enough that private agencies would want to distribute money. Would be administered by a governor appointed state council. Hearing with the Senate committee will be heard Wednesday February 14th at 2 pm Senate committee room 354. Bob is looking for individuals who are willing to give their testimonies at that time. Anyone interested can ask Bob for additional information. He listed the next steps if this bill is passed would be to find outside matching dollars and formalize funding. He would like to present back to the planning and grants committee if the bill passes with additional details and discuss possible grant funding.

6. Deon mentioned that the committee and public can listen to this testimony online if they cannot make it in person. Go online to Colorado Gov and click on the specific room, 354.
7. If this bill is passed Katherine Carol and Bob will co-head a committee to help implement. Goal is to have a series of meetings that might be half a day or five hours where family members, educators, and employers get in a room together to discuss what best practice is and work towards the common goals.
8. Deon moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 pm.

ACTION/MOTION/CONSENSUS:

1. Paulette would like to attend the Crisis Intervention training in April. Sue will send the training date once she knows.
2. Peggy would like to attend the Leadership Development meeting on April 30, 2018.
3. Sue will find out when the April training is for Crisis Interventions and will report back to the committee.
4. Sue will forward the Youth Leadership Forum documents she received from Bill to the committee.

Present: Deon Gillespie, Peggy Spaulding, Melissa Mannix, Paulette Jean Steinhoff, Jeanette Cordova, Rowdy LeMasters

Absent: Gina Herrera, Jennifer Munthali, Deborah Marks Williams, Sandra Friedman

Staff: Susan Fager, Marcia Tewell, Mackenzie Helton, Vanessa Hernandez, Robert Lawhead

Guests: N/A