



Full Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 20, 2019

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Community First Foundation

5855 Wadsworth Bypass Unit A

Arvada, CO 80003

- Present:** Alicia Eakins, Alison (Ali) Thompson, Angela Moss, Cami Renfrow, Christine Owen, Joe Morrone, Joseph Shippley, Katie Oliver, Kristen Erby, Mily Segura, Paulette Steinhoff, Tara Entwistle
- Absent:** Deborah Marks-Williams, Lisa Franklin, Mariah Gillaspie, Nicolette Anderson, Patricia Henke, Peggy Spaulding, Sandra Friedman, Willie Wade, Mackenzie Helton
- Guests:** David Monroe (not officially a Council member at this time), Christiano Sosa, Mindy Gates (Department of Human Services Deputy Director), Josh Wrinkler
- Staff:** Joelle Brouner, Bob Lawhead, Susan Fager, Vanessa Hernandez, Tina Trammer

1. Alicia called the meeting to order at 12:13.
2. Introductions made by all members and staff.
3. Alicia started the meeting with, standard information, members and quorum requirements.
 - Gave thanks for serving the community at large and being present.
 - Members are fighting a hard battle, be kind to one another. As a community can remember that we all are here to collaborate and work toward working together
4. Consent agenda:
 - Documents and meeting minutes went out late. Alicia asked if members voted -Membership comfortable to vote. August 25, 2019 and October 11, 2019 meeting minutes.
 - Joe Morrone made motion to approve the minutes. Ali seconded. Membership approved minutes.
5. Bob: Colorado's Economic Forecast, the OCL Budget Request & the DD Waitlist:
 - Colorado employment is under employment and wages are above the national average. Growth will continue but at lower rates.
 - Treasury Yield Curve: The yield turns negative when near-term. Treasuries yield more than their long term counterparts.
 - Colorado budget outlook: Governor's Budget, which includes

- Department annualizing the waitlist resources. Over 500 resources.
- Asking for 398 enrollments in FY 2020-2021 and 396 enrollments in FY 2021-22.
- "End the Wait" legislation: Continues to grow and today totals about 3,000 Coloradans and the waitlist for people with IDD for HCBS-DD (Comprehensive).
- Many of these individuals have been waiting more than a decade for critical supports they need to fully participate.
- ARC of Colorado and Disability Law of Colorado have signed on but are only two advocacy organizations as of now.
- The LPP committee voted on Monday November 18, 2019 to bring this to the full Council for a vote today. Funding has been available but cannot get services available for the existing funding.
 - Concern is unable to find agencies to serve for the current amount paid. 35% of the people seeking services could not find agencies to serve them.
 - On DD Waivers there is not the option for consumer self-direction. Only 33% of all RFPs resulted in an actual service placement with a provider. Community Centered Boards coordinate the RFP process
 - Not the same as HB 18-407 where there was a guarantee that the service providers would receive the total compensation increase. That was in the bill last year but not part of this piece this year.
 - Christine made motion to join the proposed coalition headed by Alliance. Joe Morrone seconded. Membership approved.

6. Josh Wrinkler:

- Three big bills CCDC is working on this year that CDDC membership should be aware of:
 1. Medicaid buyin
 2. Uber/Lyft not having wheelchair accessible vehicles in Colorado
 3. Optional Marker on Your State ID to indicate you have a disability Invisible Disability Association want their symbol on the license but no fiscal note on this so police, DMV, etc. would not know what it means since education on this would not be provided.

7. Christiano Sosa: ARC of Colorado

- 2020 Public Policy Agenda- Does not change drastically yearly but does direct the lobbyists work but with the pre K initiative that the governor has this year it will be tough. Two big pieces of the bill this year.
 1. Phasing out the practices of subminimum wage here in Colorado. Bring in supports for families and people who are transitioning out of a five year sub minimum wage. The DD Comp waiver does not have the Medicaid buy-in. (Buy-in makes it possible for people to work and still pay for Medicaid based on income guidelines). Important for people to understand what is at risk and what people are eligible for.
 2. Community First Choice- increase of Medicaid max of 6%. This will have a fiscal note. Behind ending the waitlist. In Colorado the CCDs and service providers do not have the ability to cost share their salaries. Colorado is 100% Medicaid funded where other states do not. Work happening with waiver redesign. Goal is that waivers are simplified. Want to flatten out long term and combine simplified waivers. Goal is to have people trained in both IDD and Mental health crisis. There was an audit back in 2000 and the issues were the same as they are not with dual diagnosis.
 3. Transportation: No title and in initial conversation. Big issues and missing link. Working to try to address this and look to see if there is a way for transportation to bill Medicaid and tie rate to the IRS mileage rate.
- Christiano requested that members sign up to receive action alerts from the ARC.

8. Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Experience Interview with three Alumni members:

- Leo is part of the Colorado Youth Leadership (YLF Alumni from the first year of 2018). This experience changed his life and opened his eyes to more of the disability world and gave lot of kids the opportunity to become independent and the ability to travel. He has also gained the confidence to get on a train and go out of state.

- Evan is an alumni. Was confused on which direction to go in life and then Colorado Youth Leadership was presented to him. Given opportunities to travel and expand knowledge and started to shine light on the direction he wants to take in life. Has been an amazing experience in his life.
- Katie, the third alumni presenter, now works for DVR where she helps people with disabilities get employment and absolutely loves her work. This opportunity has also allowed her to travel and given her confidence. Has changed her life.
- All presenters learned how to be more independent and use resources All have been to both the CSU YLF conference and the second year held at the University of Denver. Each year they learned something different and came back as an alumnus. Great feeling being in a leadership role and get respect from elders from people they look up to already. The level of community is a level playing field and everyone encompasses one another. Very gratifying. Bonding with others in the leadership roles with similar stories. Opened to share stories because that is how they learned; from stories others shared through YLF.

9. State Plan Areas of Emphasis Exercise:

- Paulette lead the Council member activity- Asked membership to rate each area of emphasis on a scale of 1-10 and hand in to Sue. This will help with planning the Five Year Plan.
- Survey Monkey Questions- Review and if Council members have any suggestions or questions, send to Sue. The next meeting is December 9th at the Council office.

10. ITACC report following the last Council meeting. Within this report received a range of recommendations. Talk about the bylaws: Chart provided of what was recommended. No proxy voting for members. Discussing quorum: As of now as the bylaws are written, quorum is established at any time during the meeting. ITACC asked if this is a good idea. Most of the official recommendations from ITACC have already been discussed by the bylaws committee.

11. Zoom meeting. Vanessa provided a high level overview.

12. Bylaws Revision: Council officers: Currently as chair, vice chair, at large members. Currently term for each position is one year. Alicia suggests a two year term. If a member resigns during a term the person appointed to take over for the remainder of the term does not start counting their term until the initial term ends.

Do we have anything for when a chair is not doing a good job? Do not believe so.

Need to provide accessibility to members. Mindy Gates could check with folks at CDHS to see if there are models other Councils are using to help with term limit information.

13. Committees- Will need clear language that members of the community who are not appointed members hold a leadership role in.

14. Meeting adjourned at 3:57 P.M.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: January 22, 2020 from 9:30 A.M. until 3:30 P.M.

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Motions Made:

1. Consent agenda approved for August and October 2019 meeting minutes.
2. Christine made motion to join the proposed coalition headed by Alliance. Joe Morrone seconded. Membership approved.

Action Items:

1. Map out what it would look like for a two year term.

2. Gather info and strategize with self-advocates.

3. How do we build into our guidelines