



IDD Mill Levy Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Mill Levy Advisory Council, BCHHS

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Fri, Apr 10, 2020 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MDT)

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Council Members in Attendance: Katie Ashburner, Robin Bolduc, Deana Cairo, Robert Enderson, Miranda Fisher, Teresa Greene, Bob Lawhead, Julie Marshall, Timothy Maxwell, Anna Stewart

Absent: Dana Scritchfield

Boulder County Employees: Rebecca Seiden, IDD Mill Levy Coordinator and Sara Boylan, IMPACT Major Contracts Manager

Meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chairperson Julie Marshall. Meeting was held by Global GoToMeeting due to shelter in place order by Governor Jared Polis.

March Meeting minutes were read by Rebecca Seiden. Julie Marshall made a motion to approve minutes as read and Bob Lawhead seconded that motion. Motion to approve minutes was unanimously approved by Advisory Council.

There were no community members on the call for public comment.

Julie Marshall, Chairperson made a comment that everyone should be respectful during any discussion and that there were no wrong answers just like "No wrong art". She emphasized listening to others' ideas during the meeting.

"What is Going On In Your World"-Time was spent by each Council Member to update the rest of the Council on what was currently going on for them during this crisis. Highlights expressed included: difficulties working from home, continued virtual help groups, parents homeschooling, decrease in home health aide, work schedule decreased, cloth masks needed, how amazing direct care staff is during this time, compromised individuals have reduced assistance, discovery of how difficult it is to be a PARA.

Discussion about emerging needs during this pandemic. Council members added additional concerns not listed in presentation. They included: increase in behavioral outburst which places families and individuals in danger, social isolation, need of additional respite and mentorship hours, Providers have counted on Day Programs and the time at home is becoming taxing, those living independently making sure they can apply for unemployment, paying rents, social isolation, internet difficulties, shared staff, reliance on volunteers, outreach that agencies should apply for small business administration grants and payroll protection, ARC thrift stores closed so no ER funds, PPE only going to agencies and not for home health functions carried out by family.

History of Mill Levy Budget and Expenditures-Rebecca Seiden presented Power Point addressing information on Total Mill Levy Revenue and Expected or Actual Expenditures. Specific expenditures included years 2016 to 2019. 2020 expected expenditures were presented. Contracts looked at included: Imagine!, ACL, TLC Learning Center, PLAY Foundation, CPWD, Child Care Assistance Program, Keystone Center, OMNI, and Personnel Expenses. Concerns and comments presented during this time included:

1. What portion of expenses from Imagine! were funded by Medicaid. Would like to see break down of all funding sources.
2. More transparency on where Mill Levy funding was allocated. What was Mill Levy paying for above and beyond Medicaid funding.
3. Little oversight.
4. Little data collection.
5. Hoping to make changes so funding is not business as usual.
6. Mill Levy should not be supplanting Medicaid.
7. Mill Levy was supposed to support clients not on comprehensive waiver. Where is that data?
8. Incentive payments-what were deliverables for receiving this?
9. Imagine! PASA received Mill Levy monies. What is separation? Were other PASAs and agencies receiving opportunities to receive Mill Levy monies?
10. Quantitative data will be hard to describe.
11. Has Imagine! disbursed any monies to other agencies other than Pay for Performance?
12. Where is ACMI in the funding?
13. Comparison of Mill Levy in agency's budget versus other waivers?
14. Clarity on how Advisory Council weighs in on the current contracts and any changes?

Possible Solutions were presented and discussed. Two solutions were recommended to be pursued by BCHHS. Housing Assistance funds set up with \$200,000 to \$300,000 being set aside for persons with IDD from the Mill Levy fund balance. Exploration of flexible funds that will allow for increased funds for emergency needs. This would include exploring different options to disburse emergency funds that will be a systemic group collaboration. This was a unanimous recommendation from the IDD Advisory Council Members.

Submitted by Rebecca J. Seiden

Approved unanimously by Advisory Council on May 15, 2020