



IDD Mill Levy Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Mill Levy Advisory Council, BCHHS
IDD Advisory Council Meeting
Fri, July 10, 2020 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MDT)
Microsoft Teams

Advisory Council Members in Attendance: Deana Cairo, Robert Enderson, Miranda Fisher, Teresa Greene, Julie Marshall, Timothy Maxwell and Anna Stewart

Absent: Katie Ashburner, Robin Bolduc, Bob Lawhead, and Dana Scritchfield

Boulder County Employees: Rebecca Seiden, IDD Mill Levy Coordinator

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chairperson Julie Marshall. Meeting was held through Microsoft Teams due to shelter in place order by Governor Jared Polis.

Deana Cairo made a motion to approve minutes as read. Miranda Fisher seconded the motion. Motion to approve minutes was unanimously approved by Advisory Council.

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

Sub-Committee Updates

Rebecca Seiden reviewed the S.M.A.R.T. goals that the subcommittees came up with, including a subset of goals to be accomplished by the end of 2020.

Anna Stewart started a discussion about how to involve members of the public in the subcommittees.

- Rebecca Seiden shared that all the meetings are publicly noticed through the Daily Camera and the County Commissioners website.
- Teresa Greene recommended using social media to get the word out about council meetings, including video clips that highlight what is going on.
- Julie Marshall recommended publishing an article in the Daily Camera on behalf of the council. Seiden stated that she needed to check with the public relations team to confirm there are no issues with that. Seiden also recommended considering creating a newsletter.
- Anna Stewart stated that anything published needs to be in Spanish as well and that the council should also be mindful that many individuals with IDD may not have access the Daily Camera or that they may not be able to read and understand the materials published. Stewart shared that

with a newsletter, there are reader programs that individuals can use where the newsletter is read orally to them.

Federal, State and Local Updates

Rebecca Seiden shared the following Boulder County updates with the council:

- Financial Review Committee is working on processes for how to distribute emergency funds from the IDD Mill Levy.
- \$200k was set aside for rental assistance following the COVID-19 pandemic for families and persons with IDD, Autism and TBI. To date, \$109,527 has been spent; 69 households have been assisted which amounts to 175 individuals; average payment is \$1,587.35.

Julie Marshall attended a meeting with Legacy Lafayette following a letter sent by Seiden to the group, where she discussed the work being done by the council and the Needs Assessment.

Rebecca Seiden researched an article that was published in June about waiver waitlists. Seiden explained that the state had the option to freeze enrollments which they did not do, adding that the state is also not adding any new enrollments this year. Deana Cairo shared that she participates in the stakeholder committee for the waiver redesign, sharing that there was supposed to be a set amount of money per capita that would decrease the waitlist, but that funding was cut for that due to COVID. Cairo added that there was also legislature that would combine the SLS and DD waivers but that there is no funding available to do that this year.

Tim Maxwell spoke to the 8% increase in service and retainer payment that allowed for in-home services to continue during the pandemic. Maxwell explained that both will be ending July 17, 2020 and there is now a decrease of 1% in effect.

Rebecca Seiden shared about the phased reopening for day programs. Cairo noted that there is a continued shortage of PPE, including N95s which are important for staff to wear for their safety and the safety of the individuals they work with. Cairo asked if Mill Levy funds could be used to secure PPE. Seiden shared that any available PPE is still supposed to go to medical facilities so that creates a challenge but that she would investigate this further.

Anna Stewart shared that it would be great for the council to be involved in activities happening in Boulder County including school and police specific events/activities. Seiden stated that she would share the resources received from these external agencies with the council.

Additional Business

Deana Cairo asked what the budgetary requirements are surrounding the Mill Levy, noting that there is some confusion on if the funds need to be spent in a specific way and when they need to be spent. Miranda Fisher added that she would also like to know within the Needs Assessment, what is handled specifically by Boulder County that the council will not need to address. Rebecca Seiden will investigate these items further.

Deana Cairo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Timothy Maxwell seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

Submitted by Miranda Fisher