



IDD Mill Levy Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 21, 2020
12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance: Katie Ashburner, Robin Bolduc, Miranda Fisher, Teresa Greene, Bob Lawhead, Julie Marshall, Timothy Maxwell, Dana Scritchfield, Anna Stewart

Absent: Deana Cairo, Robert Enderson.

Boulder County Employees: Rebecca Seiden, IDD Mill Levy Coordinator and Carrie Doyle, Assistant County Attorney

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Staff Liaison, Rebecca Seiden.

The purpose of the IDD Mill Levy Advisory Council and introductions of Council Members and Boulder County Staff were presented.

Council members participated in an activity to develop Container Building developed by Breñe Brown. Three questions were answered: What do you need to show up and do the work? What will get in the way of you showing up and doing the work? What does support look like? At the Advisory Council's previous retreat developing ground rules for discussions and interactions with each other during the Council process was discussed. This activity delved deeper into developing these ground rules. Each council member answered the questions. This will be further discussed at our next meeting.

Process for operationalizing values activity was completed next. Boulder County has seven values: inclusion, stewardship, service, engagement, sustainability, innovation, and excellence. A hand out of behaviors developed by Breñe Brown was handed out and each council member placed at least one behavior that would display each value on the appropriate poster. Splitting up in twos each value was discussed further in order to process the behaviors and develop behavior statements. The purpose of both activities done in the meeting is to lead towards writing a vision statement and a mission statement for the Advisory Council.

Council members with Staff Liaison and Assistant County Attorney read and proposed edits to the draft bylaws. Rebecca and Carrie will address the comments/proposed revisions in a revised draft to be discussed at the next meeting. The following comments/proposals were made:

1. Under Purpose, second sentence: ". . .community consistent with the goals established in the Boulder County Needs Assessment. . .": changed to ". . . community consistent with the

priorities. . .”. Comment was made that the Needs Assessment had not captured the demographic diversity of Boulder County and the stats were 90% white. Council member expressed the desire of the Needs Assessment to be fluid. Council agreed that the Needs Assessment was able to identify areas and that needs of all groups could be addressed within these areas.

2. Section 1. Size Section 2 letter b change to “All members shall be appointed and reappointed to each term by the Board of County Commissioners.”
3. Article III Section 2 letter g. Much discussion occurred that this was either too narrow or should be of narrower scope. Specifically, diversity of culture and racial diversity were discussed.
4. Article III Section 2 letter h. Reasonable accommodation was discussed. A council member expressed that this is limiting in scope and stated that respite and child care should be reimbursed. Needs assessment addresses barriers to participation as a concern. Several views were expressed including not taking expense to cover respite and child care out of Mill Levy, Advisory Council is a voluntary position, and cost of addressing barriers should be Boulder County responsibility.
5. Article III Section 3. Due to staggering of Council there are some members that have one-year terms. Preference would be to have those Council Members have a priority to be able to stay in position. Carrie Doyle will be researching this and coming up with additional language.
6. Article III Section 5. Letter c. Absences was discussed. It will be changed to members having three (3) consecutive absences from regularly scheduled meetings or 4 absences within a 12-month period may be terminated. A meeting with Council member after the 4th absence was discussed. Co-chairpersons will be changed to Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.
7. Article III Section 6 letter b. The word “of” will be added after “acceptance” and before “any gift”.
8. Article IV Section 1 letter b. “Council” will replace “AAC” before the word “members shall be . . .”
9. Council members discussed duties of Chair and Vice-Chair and it was decided that those duties could be decided later after the Council is up and running as there is a certain degree of unknown presently.
10. Article IV Section 7 letter a. Phone or Video will be added as alternatives to being present in person for meetings.
11. Public Comment-It was discussed and decided that Public Comment would be split between the beginning and end of meetings to allow the public to speak without having to sit through entire meeting. This would be an accommodation for those that could not be at the entire meeting. This will not need to go into the bylaws.
12. Article IV Section 11. Further discussion with Carrie Doyle and BCDHHS about the position of Secretary being added to Bylaws or should secretarial responsibilities go under Vice-Chairperson responsibilities.
13. Article IV Section 12 letter a. Add “for the” before BOCC and “to” before “make final funding decisions”.
14. Article IV Section 12 letter b. Change to “Liaise with Community Partners to ensure coordination and avoid unintentional duplication.”

Discussion with Council Members present to decide on selection process for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Rebecca Seiden stated that she has had 3 members that have stated their interest in the

two positions. It was proposed and decided that the members would email Rebecca with their interest. With their interest they would present a short-written statement that would contain what they can bring to the position and why they are interested. Rebecca Seiden will send these out prior to next meeting. At next meeting nominations will be taken from floor and each candidate will get a short time to answer questions. Rebecca Seiden will prepare ballot and voting will take place at next meeting. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will take office at the end of next meeting. Anyone needing accommodations for the written statement will contact Rebecca Seiden for assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Submitted by Rebecca J. Seiden

Approved on March 13, 2020 by IDD Advisory Council



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Absent: Bob Lawhead

Boulder County Employees: Rebecca Seiden, IDD Mill Levy Coordinator and Carrie Doyle, Assistant County Attorney

Meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Staff Liaison, Rebecca Seiden. Due to County policy on open meetings during Coronavirus outbreak this meeting was held by GoTo Meeting. Link was sent out to Members as well as posted publicly.

Approval of minutes: Only change was spelling of Anna Stewart last name. Motion by Tim Maxwell to approve minutes, second by Katie Ashburner. Motion passes. Minutes were approved and will be posted on web site.

Rebecca Seiden read candidate statements from Julie Marshall and Anna Stewart to run for Chairperson. It was agreed on that Council Members will email Rebecca after meeting to place their individual vote for either Julie or Anna as Chairperson. The person receiving the most votes would be elected as Chairperson. The other candidate would be elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Legacy Lafayette was discussed. Legacy Lafayette is the process which the City of Lafayette is going through presently to develop their comprehensive plan. There had been a suggestion that the Advisory Council send a statement to the City of Lafayette. Rebecca Seiden explained that IMPACT had decided to write a draft statement concerning this. Rebecca Seiden read current draft statement. The hope is to get approval from Housing and Human Services and the Board of Commissioners to make this statement. With the recent emergency that the County is preparing for this is not a high priority currently. Council members brought up the following ideas during discussion:

- We are a new Council that needs to research and solidify processes.
- Is this within the parameters of what the Council can do?
- Need clarification about the tasks that the Advisory Council can take on.
- Making sure we are compliant to Boulder County procedures and policies.
- Possibility of endorsing the statement as a Council.

- Legacy Lafayette has aligned with the Needs Assessment and the priorities have purposely been aligned. Perhaps look at stronger language in statement.
- Add transportation needs in the statement.
- It is important for Council to participate in policy changes.

Carrie Doyle is in contact with the Board of Commissioners Office to research policies that relate to statements by Advisory Councils.

The Bylaws and changes made were presented by Carrie Doyle. Some changes such as terms of Council Members were directly taken from other County documents to guarantee consistency. Please see Bylaws for complete copy of approved copy. Concerns about participation of Community Centered Board on the Council were discussed. Members felt this would be a conflict due to funding. Rebecca expressed that originally it was advertised that a CCB Member would be a non-voting member of the Council. Rebecca discussed that this relationship is successful for the Denver IDD Advisory Council. The Board of County Commissioners had made the decision this year to add additional family members to the Council instead of a CCB member. Carrie stated that the Board of County Commissioners will be taking recommendations from the Staff Liaison as well as the Advisory Council. An additional concern was discussed in regard to limiting conversation by Council Members who have the floor to be added to Bylaws. Discussion ensued that this was discussed during our retreat and we had agreed as a Council to be respectful of others and limit our individual statements. Should this become a concern in the future the Bylaws can be revisited.

A motion by Tim Maxwell and second by Katie Ashburner to approve Bylaws as presented. Yea-9 Nay-0, Abstain-1. Bylaws were approved as presented and will be forwarded to Board of County Commissioners for approval.

Motion for adjournment made by Tim Maxwell and seconded by Katie Ashburner. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Submitted by Rebecca J. Seiden

Approved by IDD Advisory Council on Friday, April 10, 2020



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Mill Levy Advisory Council, BCHHS

IDD Advisory Council Meeting

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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



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Mill Levy Advisory Council, BCHHS

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Fri, May 15, 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 12:08 p.m. by Chairperson Julie Marshall. Meeting was held by Global GoToMeeting due to shelter in place order by Governor Jared Polis.

April Meeting minutes were read by Rebecca Seiden. Timothy Maxwell made a motion to approve minutes as read. Julie Marshall seconded the motion. Motion to approve minutes was unanimously approved by Advisory Council.

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

Rebecca Novinger, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Imagine!, participated in the meeting to answer some of the questions the Advisory Council had. Novinger was able to meet with the Advisory Council until 12:45 pm and will be attending the June meeting as well to answer additional questions that the Advisory Council did not have time to review during the May meeting.

1. What is your vision of Imagine!'s role with the development of housing in Boulder County for persons with IDD?

Novinger stated that the critical need is for accessible, affordable housing and that Imagine! is working on their strategic plan this year, where they will be asking the community for feedback and using that information to determine where the organization should put their resources

specific to housing. Novinger added that she wants to be sure that housing options are personalized to the individuals' needs.

2. **Are Imagine! case managers checking in with individuals on their caseload at more frequent intervals during the “stay at home “and “safer at home” orders?**

Novinger explained that case managers are assessing their case loads to identify who are high risk to ensure that there are more frequent check ins with those individuals. Novinger added that regional area agencies are responsible for providing medical care to individuals while they are sheltering in place.

3. **Is Imagine! monitoring service agencies providing residential services to understand what processes/procedures agency HHPs are engaging in to reduce exposure to the virus?**

Novinger stated that all providers are expected to adhere to the Health Care Policy and Financing guidelines on how to limit the exposure to the virus and that if an agency is not in compliance, they should be reported to the state.

4. **Has Imagine! provided expectations to agencies for in-home infection control, required use of PPE, limiting travel away from home or is Imagine leaving that up to the judgement of individual provider agencies and their individual staff and contractors?**

Novinger noted that Health Care Policy and Financing and the Department of Public Health and Environment provide this oversight and that Imagine! follows those agencies guidelines for incident reporting.

5. **Do you have a view or commitment to integrated vs. congregate housing?**

Novinger explained that she does not anticipate that Imagine! will build another group home and that while group homes may be successful for some, there needs to be more housing options and environments where people will be successful.

6. **Housing initiatives seem to work within silos. For example, Thistle worked on wheelchair accessible housing several years ago. Center for People with Disabilities had housing units in the past. Will Imagine! be partnering with other groups to address housing issues?**

Novinger stated that she thinks that it is important to collaborate with other organizations in order to be able to provide the best services to individuals within Boulder County.

7. **Not all people with IDD receive services through Imagine!. How will you reach out to them when doing your strategic planning?**

Novinger stated that Imagine! still needs to work through the process for how they will solicit feedback from all stakeholders but shared that media channels would be used to communicate that Imagine! is seeking feedback from the community.

8. **Do you think Imagine! will change their minds with regards to holding the summer programs that were recently canceled like Out and About?**

Novinger explained that she does not anticipate that Imagine! will change their minds about the summer programs, mainly because adhering to the social distancing and public health requirements are too challenging and would impact the organizations ability to provide services in the safest way possible.

Rebecca Seiden reviewed the mill levy ballot language that was approved by the voters. Sarah Boylan explained that the whole ballot is for \$1.5 million and that \$1 million is for IDD, autism, and TBI and that the other \$.5 million is for mental health services. It was noted by the Advisory Council that the language in the mill levy is dated and that there have been a lot of changes to services since the ballot language was adopted.

The council reviewed the Boulder County Needs Assessment, specifically focusing on the priority needs identified by stakeholders and the recommendations made for each priority area identified (pages 13 – 30 of the assessment). Concerns and comments presented during this time included:

Housing:

- Finding agencies to complete evaluations is challenging, noting that Imagine! will pay for the evaluations but that they will typically differ to Medicaid to complete, which can take time.
- More training is needed to recognize who may have IDD.
- Need to stop waiting until an individual is in crisis mode before services are provided.
- Need a better understanding of what the host home regulations and guidelines are. Teresa Greene shared this link with the council regarding host homes:
<https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=6509&fileName=10%20CCR%202505-10%208.500>
- Need to focus more on life sharing/companion housing models.
- Boulder County has assisted 3-4 families with IDD with rental assistance during COVID-19. Families can call or visit the website for more information about their housing assistance programs.
 - Housing Assistance Line: 303-441-1206
 - Website: <https://www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/covid-19/covid-19-resources/#housing>

Systems Navigation, Case Management and Advocacy

- Workforce issues is a concern. Timothy Maxwell shared that the state passed a 6% increase in March 2019 that is a passthrough to direct support providers and that during COVID-19, there is a temporary 8% increase for direct care employees.
- There is a need to better understand how agencies train their case managers and employees.
- The compliant process needs to be reviewed on an individual case-by-case basis.

Mental Health:

- Need to better understand cross over services between mental health and IDD providers.

Self-Advocacy, Community Engagement and Social Connectedness

- There needs to be more opportunities for self-advocacy, education and awareness.

Community Education & IDD Awareness

- Theresa Greene stated that she is working on programming for educating law enforcement on IDD.

Ongoing Monitoring and Evaluation: *No noted comments or concerns.*

Rebecca Seiden tasked the Advisory Council with completing the following prior to the next meeting:

- Identify specific questions the Advisory Council wants answered about the programming and how the mill levy is used at Imagine!
- Determine how the Advisory Council should prioritize addressing the needs assessment, identifying both long-term and short-term goals, and whether subcommittees should be developed.

Timothy Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:31pm. Bob Lawhead seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved by Advisory Council.

Submitted by Miranda Fisher



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IDD Advisory Council Meeting

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Absent: Katie Ashburner and Dana Scritchfield

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

Meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. by Chairperson Julie Marshall. Meeting was held by Global GoToMeeting due to shelter in place order by Governor Jared Polis.

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

Rebecca Novinger, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Imagine! provided a presentation to the Advisory Council on Imagine!'s services. Following the presentation, the Advisory Council asked the following questions:

- **Can the Advisory Council see the outside contractor report outlining the recommendations for improving case management?** The report has personnel information in it so it cannot be shared in its entirety but Novinger will prepare an executive report for the Advisory Council based on the recommendations provided.
- **Are community funds being used for unfunded needs such as hearing aids, enhanced dental services, technology, etc.?** Historically unfunded needs are met through the emergency funds process but Imagine! is seeking to expand the idea of crisis management to be more proactive than reactive.

- **Does Imagine! have mental health services and behavioral health services for youth?** Novinger was unsure about mental health services for youth and stated that she would check into that. Behavioral supports are a part of all direct services provided.
- **What impact is conflict free case management going to have on Imagine!?** The concern is that conflict free case management will change how services are delivered because there will not be a single-entry point. One agency will provide services while the other provides case management. Novinger explained that she is concerned that conflict free case management will water down the services provided or create waitlists. Novinger added that the other concerns are how it will be paid for and that this plan is different than what agencies have been working towards for the last three years.

Timothy Maxwell made a motion to approve minutes as read. Julie Marshall seconded the motion. Motion to approve minutes was unanimously approved by Advisory Council.

Each member shared their Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-Bound (SMART) goals with the committee:

Deana Cairo

Priority Need: Access to Mental Health Services

To better understand existing Boulder County Mental Health resources available to adults and children with IDD and to work to enhancing an existing resource by creating resources to add new providers or to create a new County resource. *This priority is critical as resources for mental health services are often scarce for people with IDD (many existing providers do not serve this population) and they are often needed, as IDD is often accompanied by co-morbid psychiatric and mental health issues. To accomplish this goal, we need input and information from existing mental health providers to the IDD population and to look at the legal and economic obstacles to expansion of services.*

Robert Enderson

Priority Need: Housing

Miranda Fisher

Priority Need: Monitoring and Evaluation

Develop a reporting requirement for all funding programs.

Sarah Bolan shared that Boulder County is already addressing the reporting with agencies and that that is something Boulder County will continue to do.

Bob Lawhead

Priority Need: System Navigation, Case Management and Advocacy

Increase equitable access to systems through a combination of designated navigators (both through individuals and online), broader advocacy services and wider knowledge and skills of case managers to ensure all people with IDD can improve their quality of life.

Julie Marshall

Priority Need: Housing

To create multiple pathways toward cost-effective, innovative, sustainable and safe housing options. My top goal is for Boulder County to provide, as well as to partner with housing builders, developers, nonprofits, agencies, private individuals, to ease the creation of consistently growing housing choices for those with IDD and their families.

Anna Stewart

Priority Need: System Navigation, Case Management and Advocacy

Increase equitable access to systems through a combination of designated navigators (both through individuals and online), broader advocacy services and wider knowledge and skills of case managers to ensure all people with IDD can improve their quality of life.

Tim Maxwell

Priority Need: Housing

Robin Bolduc

Priority Need: Housing

Interested in created a Boulder-based voucher programs.

Teresa Greene

Priority Need: Access to Mental Health Services

The mental health field needs the most support and funding right now.

The Advisory Council agreed to publicly notice all meetings, to seek community involvement, and to break into the following subcommittees:

Housing: Robin Bolduc, Robert Enderson, Bob Lawhead, Julie Marshall, Timothy Maxwell

Access to Mental Health Services: Deana Cairo, Teresa Greene, Timothy Maxwell

Systems Navigation: Miranda Fisher, Anna Stewart

Rebecca Seiden will participate in all the subcommittees and will reach out to schedule dates/times for the meetings. Anna Stewart added that with the community members on the subcommittee, she'd like to see more diversity.

Julie Marshall shared that the Lafayette comprehensive plan is back on track and they are looking for community feedback. Julie Marshall made a motion to approve Rebecca Seiden to send an email to Lafayette linking them to the Needs Assessment. Robin Bolduc seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

Rebecca Seiden shared that Boulder County set aside \$200,00 for rental assistance for persons who meet the definition. To date, \$53,649 has been spent and 48 families helped, which amounts to 118 household members. The average payment made per household was \$1,100.

Seiden also explained that the interagency release is completed and the money disbursed for people in need will go through the financial review committee. Seiden explained that 4-5 families have been connected with IDD services and that they will continue to do outreach about the program.

Robin Bolduc shared concerns about the traditional services system and how people with IDD often end up in the criminal justice system. This topic regarding IDD and the criminal system will be a topic of discussion at an upcoming Advisory Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

Submitted by Miranda Fisher

Approved July 10, 2020 by IDD Advisory Council unanimous vote



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

Boulder County Employees: Rebecca Seiden, IDD Mill Levy Coordinator

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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



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Miranda Fisher made a motion to move the minutes to the end of the meeting. Anna Stewart seconded the motion. Motion to move the minutes was unanimously approved by advisory council.

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

High Fidelity Wraparound Presentation and Questions

***Marya Washburn, High Fidelity Wraparound Care Coordination Supervisor, High Fidelity Bilingual Trainer and Coach
Jessica Steenson, High Fidelity Wraparound Care Coordinator, High Fidelity Coach and Support Partner Supervisor***

Washburn reviewed the COACT Colorado brochure with the advisory council. Steenson reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the advisory council on a case study of a youth with IDD (DJ) who graduated from the High-Fidelity program.

Rebecca Seiden asked what stakeholders were involved in DJ's team. Steenson stated that his therapist, parents, maternal grandmother, and special education coordinator were involved. Seiden asked if Imagine! participated. Steenson explained that they are still working on identifying what waivers DJ is eligible for and what his independent living will look like.

Bob Lawhead asked if there was an age limit for the program. Washburn stated that the top age is 24 years old.

Seiden asked how they envision High Fidelity working for adults. Steenson stated that it would be similar with regards to involving all professionals and natural supports in identifying and prioritizing needs and to continue the planning process. Washburn added that age is not as big of a factor in the supports process and that they focus more on strengths, culture, and needs.

Lawhead asked how the council could find out more about the CANs evaluation. Steenson explained that CANs focuses on evaluating the needs and strengths across life domains. Sara Boylan added that they look at parents and caregivers' strengths and needs as well. Washburn stated that there is some information in the brochure about CANs.

Rebecca Novinger, Imagine! Executive Director asked about the relationship with Imagine! services. Steenson stated that there is a relationship with Imagine! but they are looking to strengthen and build that relationship.

Anna Stewart asked what type of training the facilitators receive. Steenson explained that there is an extensive credentialing process through the state and that facilitators are required to demonstrate that they can meet rubric requirements for every document and can lead the different meeting types. Steenson explained that the facilitators are recertified bi-annually and receive feedback every three-six months. Steenson added that currently there are six facilitators who carry caseloads of 10-12 individuals. Washburn shared that she is a statewide trainer.

Boylan spoke to the amazing results the program has seen and how cost effective it is, adding that many organizations use the term wraparound services, but that this is the only program that really does that. Lawhead asked what distinguishes this program from others. Boylan explained that they follow an evidence-based structure which includes the deep dive into the family/client culture and wants. Washburn added that it has taken years to develop the infrastructure to support this program. Lawhead asked if the program can go statewide. Washburn explained that there are states that have implemented the High-Fidelity program statewide but that oftentimes they do so in a response to a lawsuit.

Julie Marshall asked how High Fidelity's program fits into the work of the advisory council. Seiden explained that these services are specifically outlined in the needs assessment under mental health.

Seiden asked how the program is currently being funded. Washburn explained that they are receiving funds through a COACT grant through SNAH. Washburn shared though that that funding is being sunsetted, so they are looking for funding through Medicaid and CHIRP waiver.

Washburn and Steenson shared the following links with the advisory council

<https://www.nwic.org/>

<https://nwi.pdx.edu/>

<https://praedfoundation.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFAvwZ0arDk>

The Association for Community Living Presentation

Alisa Wonnacott, Executive Director

Alisa Wonnacott reviewed a PowerPoint presentation about the services The Association for Community Living (ACL) provides with the advisory council. Wonnacott also reviewed the history of the contracts ACL has had.

Seiden asked Wonnacott to explain the Latinx program more. Wonnacott shared that ACL hired a bi-cultural, bi-lingual advocate who started a program for people whose first language is not English and that this program has been in place

since 2012. Wonnacott explained that meetings are held during the daytime in smaller groups in localized area, however under COVID, they are now remote. Anna Stewart shared that she runs parent groups throughout the month which is focused on system navigation and advocacy training. Steward added that connectivity and technological access is a huge issue that needs to be addressed.

Julie Marshall asked what ACL's 20-year vision is. Wonnacott stated that ACLs role would be to assist people to arrive at a vision and that could be unique and individualized and help people have the conversation that they wish to have around housing, mental health, school and community.

Seiden asked about getting PPE for agencies. Wonnacott explained that all the PPE they have are homemade items but that they do have some plastic face shields which could be provided to families and agencies that require face-to-face interaction.

Bob Lawhead asked about how to get more people involved in self-advocacy efforts. Wonnacott stated that the challenge today is that a lot of younger people are more concerned about things like women's rights and environment concerns then disability advocacy and recommended the council investigate creation of an independent ombudsman program.

Marshall asked Wonnacott for her recommendations on how to build a community and pull together additional agencies. Wonnacott stated that it starts with a conversation and that just because something is hard, doesn't mean it is not achievable.

Meeting Minutes

Tim Maxwell made a motion to approve the July 2020 meeting minutes. Bob Lawhead seconded the motion. Motion to approve minutes was unanimously approved by Advisory Council.

Updates

Rebecca J. Seiden, Staff Liaison

Seiden shared that Dana Scritchfield has not been able to attend any council meetings but that she is in contact with her and will keep the council updated on her attendance. Seiden added that Robin Bolduc resigned, adding that the vacancy has been posted but the council will have to wait until December to fill it. Seiden explained that she emailed past applicants to see if they were interested in participating in some of the sub-committees and council meetings. Seiden shared that three people responded and one participated in the housing sub-committee.

Seiden stated that Boulder County has many advisory councils and that the liaisons for the councils have decided to meet to discuss shared issues such as transportation.

Subcommittee Updates

Mental Health

- Wanted to have High Fidelity come to a council meeting.
- Reached out to Denver advisory council to get information on current mental health services for IDD.
- Continuing to develop questions for a survey that will be distributed to mental health agencies and the public.
- Invited Mental Health Partners to participate in a committee meeting.

Systems Navigation/Case Management/Advocacy

- Looking at elements that would need to be in place for system navigation to be person centered, which includes data collection and understanding definitions.

- Seeking to understand how Imagine! onboards and trains their case managers and how that compares to state requirements.
- Looking at what the skills and duties should be of an advocate vs. a case manager.

Housing

- Discussion about individual philosophies about Housing from sub-committee members.
- Develop survey that will be not only quantitative but qualitative.
- Is it possible to get raw data for Boulder Trends for Housing?
- Invite Housing Authority to Sub Committee
- Look into Section 8/Housing Vouchers specifically to IDD/TBI/Autism
- Send out Doodle Poll to schedule regular meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



IDD Mill Levy Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Mill Levy Advisory Council, BCHHS
IDD Advisory Council Meeting
Fri, September 18, 2020 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MDT)
Microsoft Teams

Advisory Council Members in Attendance: Robert Enderson, Teresa Greene, Timothy Maxwell, Bob Lawhead, Katie Ashburner, and Anna Stewart

Absent: Dana Scritchfield, Miranda Fisher, Deana Cairo, Teresa Greene

Boulder County Employees: Rebecca Seiden, Sara Boylan

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

Timothy Maxwell made a motion to approve minutes as read. Anna Stewart seconded the motion. Motion to approve minutes was unanimously approved by Advisory Council.

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

Center for People with Disabilities Presentation

Maria Stepanyan, Executive Director of CPWD presented an overview CPWDs mission is to provide resources, information and advocacy to assist people with disabilities in overcoming barriers to independent living.

- CPWD has been overcoming barriers to independent living since 1977
- 1960's-Disability Rights movement started in tandem with Civil Rights Movement.
- 1972-First independent living center was established in Berkeley, CA by Ed Roberts.
- 1975-Atlantis Community was founded in Denver as alternative to nursing homes for individuals with disabilities. Atlantis was the first Center for Independent Living (CIL) in Colorado
- 1977-CPWD was found by Judy Dixon and Homer Page.
- 2020-There are 9 CILs in Colorado and 400= in the United States.

Independent Living Philosophy

Independent living means having control over your own life and being able to make decisions about life, work and play in the same ways that people without disabilities do.

- Shift away from the Medical Model
 - Important decisions must be made by the individual, not the professional
- Consumer Control
 - Every person MUST have control over his life and all decision-making
 - Staff provide support and empowerment
 - More than 50% of staff and board of directors at CILs are individuals with disabilities

- Peer Support
- Advocacy
 - Knowing how to get support from other to do what you and/or need to do

What are requirements of becoming a customer?

- Self identify as an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA
- Have an Independent Living Goal-goals are often disguised as problems
- Specific program or services may have additional requirements

Misconceptions of CPWD

They are not:

- A Case Management Provider
- Emergency Human Services
- A Housing Provider

Core Services and Programs

Core Services:

- Independent Living Skills Training, Information and Referral, Individual and Systems Advocacy, Peer Support, and Transitions

Programs

- Home Health
- Veterans Independence Program (VIP)
- Employment and Benefits Counseling
- Nursing Home Transition Services
- Youth Transition Services
- Beyond Vision
- Independent Living Advisors (ILA)

Systems Advocacy

- Public Information and Education
 - Disability Etiquette
 - Low Vision Simulation
- Transportation Councils
- Testimony for Bills
- Building/Public Space accessibility
- Consumer Engagement
 - Peer Group Advocacy

Community Transition Services-Institution to Independence

- Works with individuals on the Boulder County CTS waitlist
- 32 people on the wait list
 - 6 consumers in the past 12 months
- 2 biggest barriers=affordable accessible housing + limited home health providers

Employment

5 Key Services

1. Walk ins
2. DVR
3. Ticket to Work
4. Benefits Counseling
5. Technical Assistance to Employers

Services during COVID

- All programs and services are continuing

- Services are available over the phone and video conferencing
- In person services have resumed by appointment only and adhering to social distancing
- Creative solutions to meet the needs of our consumers

Top 3 Virtual Services

- Daily Peer Support Groups hosted on Google Meets
 - Facilitated by CPWD staff every day
 - Wednesday is Chair Yoga
 - 3 times/week youth groups
 - Weekly low-vision groups
- Skill Training
 - Assistive Technology-zoom, google, iPhone, Android, smart home, etc.
 - Application Assistance- benefits, housing, and employment
- General Information and Referral

Contact information

303-442-8662 or email info@cpwd.org

Technology Solutions for Community Engagement

Presentation by Shea Tanis, Co-Director of Policy and Advocacy at Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities

The following is taken from the Media Presentation

Mission of Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities is to catalyze and integrate advances in technology to promote a meaningful quality of life for people with cognitive disabilities and their families.

- The Rights of People with Cognitive Disabilities to Technology and Information Access
- Technology as a Basic Utility
- Community is No Longer a Physical Location but an Experience That Includes Digital World
- Department of Justice has expanded its Olmstead work to look beyond just where people live to examine how people live and spend their days.
- Technology Solutions Provide Opportunities to Achieve High Quality Community Living
- Lack of Access to the Digital Community is Lack of Access to Community Living
- Digital and Technology Gaps are Widening
- Barriers to Technology include:
 - Lack of universal design
 - Digital literacy and technical skills
 - Equal opportunity – gatekeepers
 - Knowledge translation
 - Social context
 - Systemic Barriers
 - Failure to address “use worthiness” alongside usability
 - Economic Barriers
- Colorado Emergency Response Desktop
 - Cognitively accessible software that leverages evidence-based tools to address the immediate needs of social connection, accessible information, and advance digital skills for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
 - Developed by AbleLink, Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities, Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council
- What does it do?
 - Accessible email with pictures and audio

- Cognitively accessible information on COVID
- Immediate access to state emergency response information
- Interactive activities for Health and wellness
- Tutorials for daily living tasks
- Weekly interaction and feedback
- Equipment needed includes Desktop computer and Windows 10
- The Arc of Colorado through the Calabrese Life Opportunities Fund has resources to support computers
- Persons who can participate person with an intellectual or developmental disability, person who has been displaced by COVID-19, person living on their own in their own home/apartment, person living at home with their family, member of Colorado Speaking for Ourselves
- Process to get it includes completing the engagement form, get email download from Coleman Institute, download software on your computer, get started
- There are weekly webinars and technical assistance if people need help
- Software addresses barriers
- Other states are implementing this software
- The software is an outcomes-based investment

Shea discussed how this software aligns with the IDD Advisory Council Priorities through System Navigation, Case Management and Advocacy, Self-Advocacy, Engagement, and Social Connectedness, Mental Health, and Ongoing Monitoring and Evaluation. She further explained that Boulder could invest in hardware/broadband access – loan programs, invest in gatekeeper awareness and technical assistance trainings -family members and service providers, invest in peer-t-peer technology supports and advocacy, and invest in 24/hour response team for technical support. States are investing in Technology First which is a “framework for systems change where technology is considered first in the discussion of support options available to individuals and families through person-centered approaches to promote meaningful participation, social inclusion, self-determination and quality of life.” Tanis, 2019. States are investing in Technology First because it soles the most pressing challenges in our field today which are: 1. Promote autonomy, self-direction and community integration 2. Address the direct care workforce shortages and 3. Drives more efficient and effective practices – cost efficiencies. Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities at the University of Colorado is convening the Colorado Technology First Advisory Council on October 27, 2020.

Rebecca Seiden asked if Boulder County would be able to purchase licenses. Shea stated yes. Rebecca Seiden asked if Autistic and TBI population could be included as defined in Mill Levy language and Shea stated that this is an excellent software for anyone with cognitive disabilities.

Updates

COUNTY NEWS

Boulder County is still on safer at home level 2. Website is

<https://www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/covid-19/state-dial-framework/>

ST VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOLS NUTRITION SERVICES

Nutrition Services Department will continue curbside meal program at the following sites:

Lyons High School
Hygiene Elementary School
Timberline PK-8
Centennial Elementary School
Soaring Heights PK-8
Thunder Valley K-8
Northridge Elementary School
Sunset Middle School
Mead Middle School
Frederick High School
Altona Middle School
Erie Middle School
Alpine Elementary
Longmont Estates Elementary
Mountain View Elementary
Niwot High School
Burlington Elementary
River Valley Community
Eagle Crest Community

BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUTRITION SERVICES

Student meals will be served from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and a sack lunch and breakfast will be offered daily. Meals are offered at no charge for any child 1-18.

Serving free meals to any family with a child 18 years and younger; as young as an infant. No student enrollment will be verified, or ID required from you or person picking up on your behalf. They are providing 14 meals (7 breakfasts and 7 lunches) for each child, and children do not need to be present for pick up.

Pick up is every Monday from 9-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. If school district is closed on Monday then the program is shifted to Tuesdays.

Pick up locations:

Columbine Elementary School
Crestview Elementary School
Manhattan Middle School
Emerald Elementary School
Sanchez Elementary School
Louisville Middle School
Nederland Middle High School (this site has only morning 9-11 a.m. pick up)

IDD EFRT

Referral from was used. We are presently assisting one family with emergency lodging. \$850.85 has been spent so far. During this process we have been working with the case manager to make referrals for stabilization and long-term assistance

HOUSING HELP LINE

We have approved \$288,928 in rental assistance for families impacted by COVID-19 with IDD. We had budgeted for \$300k. The County is planning to use CARES funding to cover these expenses, so we will not need to use IDD funds. Currently **\$112,481** of the \$289k has already been re-coded to CARES (from IDD). The remainder will be direct coded to CARES quarterly and won't even hit the IDD books.

IDD Rental Assistance Budget	\$300,000
Approved through 9/17/20	\$288,928
Remaining Budget	\$11,072
Re-Coded to CARES as of 9/17/20 (Remainder to be coded quarterly)	\$112,481

Rebecca is attempting to schedule Sub-Committee meetings and is waiting for more responses to Poll sent out.

Motion to adjourn and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca J. Seiden



Mill Levy Advisory Council, BCHHS

Friday, October 9, 2020

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Teams Meeting

<https://boco.org/IDDAdvisoryCouncil10/9/20>

+1 720-400-7859 United States, Denver (Toll)

Conference ID: 926 956 961#

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members in Attendance: Katie Ashburner, Deana Cairo, Robert Enderson, Miranda Fisher, Teresa Greene, Bob Lawhead, Julie Marshall, and Anna Stewart

Absent: Timothy Maxwell

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

Community Members: Kimberly DeGraff, Suzan Meyers, Andy Minden, Rebecca Novinger

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

Bob Lawhead made a motion to move the minutes to the end of the meeting. Katie Ashburner seconded the motion. Motion to move the minutes was unanimously approved by advisory council.

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

Updates from Rebecca Seiden

Fund Balance

- To date, \$288,928.00 has been spent towards emergency housing assistance related to COVID. \$11,072.00 is remaining in this fund.
- Quarterly, Boulder County will be assessing if there are funds that can be recorded to CARES. Currently, \$12,481.00 has been recoded.

IDD EFRT

- IDD EFRT is offering assistance to individuals with IDD during emergent times. To date, \$14,013.00 has been spent on securing emergency housing for a family experiencing homeless. Anticipate an additional \$14,000.00 will be spent to help this family stabilize.
- \$184.00 has also been spent to help a family get a bed set up.

Email update to Schools

- Sent an email asking for clarification on what types of technologies are needed for children with IDD who are returning to school to see if there is an area where mill levy funds could be used. Waiting for response on this.

Email to partners about Emergency Desktop Response

- Sent an email hoping to get an indication of the number of people who might use the emergency desktop response. Waiting for response on this.

Email to partners about Unmet Needs

- Identified unmet needs from partners:
 - Rental assistance.
 - Increase in request for household supplies.
 - PPE (Imagine! has been giving out masks).
 - Concern about agencies being able to maintain viability.
 - Mental health, behavioral, and health care needs.
 - IDD system navigation supports.
 - Lost of employment for people with IDD.
 - Minden shared that Ramble on Pearl has no waitlist for their employment training program at this time.
- Advisory council discussed additional unmet needs:
 - Access to physical technology and the support needed to understand how to use the devices.
 - Access for transportation; affordable transportation.
 - Family members who support individuals with IDD losing employment.
 - Clients who are unable to wear masks for medical or behavioral reasons being unable to receive services.
 - Concerns with sending individuals back to day programs or group activities; lack of alternative programming for individuals who do not attend in-person programs.
 - Isolation, especially amongst young adults; having more space to people can gather in a socially distant manner.
 - Getting into the community for social/stimulating activities; many are struggling with all of the online formats for support groups (virtual meeting fatigue).
 - Play Foundation is running in-person, outdoor groups on Monday's and a kickball group on Wednesday's. Also started a movement mentor program where groups (no more than three) participate in activities of interest to the individuals such as yoga. Website: www.bprexpand.org
 - Not enough testing or PPE.

General Council Discussion

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Presentation

- Seiden asked if the advisory council was in support of having a training on TBI. Advisory council agreed that a training would be beneficial and that they wanted to hold a training with just the council first and then might opt to do a community wide training afterwards.
 - Anna Stewart made a motion to bring TBI training to a future council meeting. Teresa Greene seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.
- Stewart shared a resource with the council regarding educator best practices for working with students with TBI: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/sd-tbi>

Committee Participation

- Seiden invited the community members on the call to participate in the committee meetings and asked that they send an email to her if interested in joining.

- Seiden also spoke to challenges related to securing a date/time for each committee to meet. Now that dates/times have been set, she is requested active participation/attendance especially now that the regular meetings are only an hour and a half.

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)

- Seiden asked if the advisory council wanted to see if someone from HCPF could present to the council. Seiden noted that it is challenging to secure someone from HCPF to attend meetings. Recommendation was to see if someone from HCPF could attend a committee meeting rather than the regular council meeting.

Housing

- Marshall recommended inviting individuals from the Housing Authority to a future housing committee meeting.
- Seiden stated that she emailed the advisory council members some upcoming housing webinars.

Online Learning

- Greene stated that because of online learning, IEP goals are not being met and the reasons being given is that the schools don't have the ability to focus on the IEP goals right now. Lawhead noted that this is a statewide issue.
- Marshall and Greene discussed that this issue may be disproportionately impacting minorities and low-income families.
- Seiden recommended having a call with the school district to discuss what the unmet needs are for supporting individuals with IDD. The council was in support of Seiden pursuing this.

Gallagher Amendment Presentation

William Kugel, Boulder County Housing and Human Services representatives, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of the Gallagher Amendment with the advisory council.

The advisory council asked Kugel the following questions:

- Lawhead asked about the decreases in property tax and if that was entirely due to Gallagher or a reduction in property evaluation in Boulder County. Kugel stated that they are solely due to the change in residential assessment rate, adding that the values are heavily tied to the price of oil.
- Lawhead asked if it is anticipated that property taxes would increase as a result of getting rid of Gallagher. Kugel recommended that the committee read the blue book which outlines what the experts are predicting on this matter. Novinger shared that the experts are stating that it would not increase property taxes because tax increases have to go before the voters under TABOR.
- Greene noted that there is a lack of understanding amongst the IDD population who are being educated about voting and asked if there was additional information Kugel could provide that is more simplified. Lawhead shared that Advocacy Denver has put out information in plain language about all the ballot initiatives that could be helpful.

Susan Caskey, Boulder County Housing and Human Services representatives, spoke to how the funding from the mill levy has allowed them to work with Mental Health Partners (MHP) to strengthen services and gain a better understanding of the issues related to access and quality of services for individuals with IDD. Caskey shared that she is looking to work with the mental health committee to establish some guidelines for MHP to with regards to mental health services for IDD.

The advisory council asked Caskey the following questions:

- Stewart questioned why MHP was receiving funding if there have been historical issues with this agency. Caskey stated that 10% of the populations they serve have IDD and meet requirement for mill levy funding and that Boulder County's involvement now is to help ensure that they are providing the best service possible.

Seiden stated that if the council has additional questions for Kugel and Caskey, to email them to her and she will pass them on. Seiden also requested that Kugel and Caskey attend a future meeting.

Robert Enderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deana Cairo seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.

-Submitted by Miranda Fisher

- Discussed how the committee wanted to handle distributing future surveys since all three committees are interested in conducting surveys.
- Next meeting: December 8, 2020 from 1pm-3pm

Mental Health

- Reviewed and suggested changes for the IDD provider questions form that the committee wanted to send out to BC providers.
- Discussed the following topics:
 - Medicaid billing issues
 - Diagnostic overshadowing
 - That many times people attribute all behaviors to IDD which would mean training
 - Quality of life indicators
 - Mental illness vs. mental wellness
- Next meeting: December 3, 2020 from 1pm – 3pm

Case Management, Advocacy, Systems Navigation:

- Reviewed BC resources including current systems navigation services.
- Completed a cursory review of HCPF training vs. Imagine
- Discussed difference between CM vs. advocacy
- Next Meeting: December 4, 2020 from 9am – 11am

Lori Goldman gave a presentation on Expand therapeutics programs with Boulder Parks & Recreation. The commission asked the following:

- Marshal asked about current swimming safety programs. Goldman stated that bringing back a swimming safety program is a high priority and something they are looking into. Goldman explained that decreased staffing creates challenges in their ability to continue all the programming EXPAND once had.
- Seiden asked about programming for individuals with TBI. Golden stated that those programs were also paused due to staffing decreases.
- Seiden asked Goldman to explain how the Medicaid cuts impacted the EXPAND program. Goldman spoke about how the EXPAND program was no longer supported under Medicaid and that they fought against that determination without much success. Lawhead asked what Medicaid's concerns were. Goldman shared that the primary concerns was in regards to congregate programming. Goldman stated that they are currently looking into alternative funding sources and revisiting approval with Medicaid. Lawhead stated that integrative programs are very costly. Seiden recommended that the committee should look into this matter further.
- Seiden asked Goldman to describe where the mill levy funds are currently going. Goldman explained that those funds are used exclusively for staffing needs and to increase EXPANDs ability to have more programs.
- Seiden asked Goldman to outline what EXPAND has done during COVID. Goldman explained that they started virtual programming six days a week focusing on movement and social pieces as well as Camp Amigo.
- Marshall asked how EXPAND services could be integrated into other cities. Goldman explained that that is a budgetary issue and that at this time, they are unable to support other cities. Stewart shared that a few years ago research was done on other cities recreational programs and that she will see if she can find that information to share with the council.

Bob Lawhead made a motion to approve the October 2020 minutes. Anna Stewart seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by advisory council.

Seiden request that prior to the next meeting, the council think about how the surveys can be combined between all three subcommittees and on what other presentations the council could like to see.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34pm.

-Submitted by Miranda Fisher



Mill Levy Advisory Council, BCHHS
Friday, December 18, 2020
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Teams Meeting

<https://boco.org/IDDAdvisoryCouncilMeetingDecember18,2020>

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United States, Denver

Phone Conference ID: 743 296 670#

The Mill Levy Advisory Council makes recommendations to Housing and Human Services and the Board of Commissioners on how best to address the needs of Boulder County Residents with IDD.

If you wish to make a public comment, please sign up upon arrival or email rseiden@bouldercounty.org prior to meeting. If you need special assistance, contact Julia Yager, ADA/AA Coordinator, or the Human Resources Department at 303-441-3525 at least 72 hours before the scheduled event.

Agenda

12:00 p.m. – 12:05 p.m. Call to Order

Julie Marshall, Chairperson

12:05 p.m. – 12:10 p.m. Approval of Minutes

Julie Marshall, Chairperson

12:10 p.m. – 12:20 p.m. 2021 Recruitment IDD Advisory Council

Rebecca Seiden, Staff Liaison

12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

2020 Update

Rebecca Seiden, Staff Liaison

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. “What has Worked? What has Not?”

Council Members

12:45 p.m. – 1:09 p.m. Goals for 2021

Council Members

1:09 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Public Comment

If no public comment will continue any unfinished discussions

1:30 p.m. Adjournment

Next Meeting: January 15, 2021

Meeting Venue: Teams Meeting