

# Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

The ARC of Jefferson, Gilpin, and Clear Creek Counties  
13949 W Colfax Ave, Building 1, Suite 150  
Large Meeting Room  
Lakewood, Colorado 80401

## Welcome and Introductions

The regular meeting of the Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities was called to order at 12:08 PM in the Large Meeting Room of The ARC of Jefferson, Gilpin, and Clear Creek Counties, Lakewood, CO by Julia Beems, President.

## Attendance

Present (12)	Excused (5)	Absent (2)
Julia Beems, MA, President Joe Triplett, Vice President Emeilie Esquivel, Treasurer  Kathy Ciano-McGee Monica Cortez-Sangster Bob Epstein* (Associate) Pat Going John Monteith (1:45 PM) Carol Reagan Denice Roberts Gina Robinson Steve Ruge Teri Ulrich* (Associate)	Steve Wright, Secretary  Bridget A Clawson, JD Robert Hernandez Greg Martinez Mindy Siegel Mark Douglas	Michael Killebrew* (Associate) Dwight Roinestad* (Associate)

12 Present + 5 Excused Absence + 0 Absent + 3 Vacant = 20 Members

\*Associates are not counted in official attendance numbers

## Educational Presentation #1 - Kady Hetherington, Consumer Direct Attended Support Services (CDASS)

*Because the board had an issue in old business that was estimated to take a longer discussion period, we asked our guest if she could present at the beginning of the meeting and she agreed.*

- Kady stated that she met Greg Martinez during our presence at the Senior Day at the Capitol.
- She explained that her company helped to provide Medicare Service Delivery options under various waivers.
- Her company provided persons an option if they were on waivers to direct their own home services rather than using a traditional home health agency. For instance, someone could hire their spouse instead of a home health care agency to provide their care. Clients get flexibility and control over their services.
- CDASS helps with budgeting of funds through Medicaid, paying and recording hours of the caregiver as well as the associated legal paperwork.
- Consumer Direct is a training and operations vendor contracted through Health Care Financing and Policy. They may not be an option for all but they may be a good fit for some. The company allows those needing care to hire neighbors, post an ad on Craigslist, etc. for home health care - it is not restricted to only family members.
- The company is always looking for people - especially those as pier trainers in the more rural areas of Colorado - west and south. Preference would be given to those who can get out and travel within the area (such as to a library) to meet clients.
- A flyer with additional information was distributed at the meeting to answer any further questions. CDASS currently has 3,500 clients.
- In the Q&A Session Kathy asked if the presenter was familiar with the In-Home Support Services program and their repeal. The speaker said she was familiar but Gina also provided the following information:

"The law creating the In-Home Support Services program is due to repeal on September 1, 2019. In the year leading up to that repeal date, the Colorado Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform, or COPRRR, is responsible for conducting a sunset review of the program and making recommendations to the General Assembly as to whether the program should be renewed. A critical part of the sunset process is hearing from people who participate in IHSS as clients, caregivers, or employers. What has your experience with IHSS been like? What's working well, and what could be improved? Your feedback will help COPRRR determine whether IHSS should be renewed and what changes could make the program better. If you'd like to weigh in on the IHSS sunset review, please contact Ellen Graham at 303-894-2527 or [ellen.graham@state.co.us](mailto:ellen.graham@state.co.us) by April 30, 2018."

## Approval of the March Minutes

There were three errors to correct on the March minutes:

- Pat's last name was misspelled - should be GOING.
- Emelie's first name was also misspelled.
- Denice's first name was also misspelled twice.

The acting secretary regrets these errors.

## Roll Call Vote to Accept Minutes as Amended

Joe - Yes; Steve R - Yes; Greg - Yes; Steve W - Yes; Rob - Yes; Carol - Yes; Julia - Yes; Gina - Yes; Denice - Yes; Kathy - Yes; Mindi - Yes; Mark - Yes; Emelie - Abstain; Pat - Abstain; John - Abstain; Monica - Abstain

- The motion was passed unanimously.

## Treasurer Report - Carol (Acting)

- No formal report. She will distribute via email tomorrow.
- The Digital Media campaign fund needs to be updated.
- **Welcome Back Emelie!**
- Please submit all mileage reimbursement requests to Emelie as she will be resuming the role of Treasurer.

## Parking Committee - Gina/Rob

- Talked about follow up with Lakewood. No new developments nor a decision have been made.

## Josh Blue - Brock

- Brock posted the Josh Blue video and updated posters to reflect Josh Blue.
- Need to make sure next month we look at the response coming in through the website, etc. Purchase orders are out to get Brock paid.
- Channel 4 has digital and broadcast media.
- Digital was approved last Friday and revised this morning to correct a typo.
- Gov office is working on YouVue (Colorado Springs).
- Statement of Work was also updated, as well as for Pong Board.

## Giveaways

- Giveaways are coming in - various items such as USB drives, etc.
- Need to make sure we have the video downloaded to the USB drive before distributing the giveaway packages to driving schools.
- Council staff will hand deliver to schools.

## Parking Issues at 11th & Lincoln - CDHS Parking Lot

- Julia relayed a story showing just how much more education there is to do on this issue. She had to go to the Department of Human Services to drop something off and the parking lot was full. The lot attendant told her that it was no problem and that she should just go and park in the accessible parking spaces.
- Emelie was asked if she could locate an appropriate contact to address the issue. This was at 11th and Lincoln - Chancery Building. We may need to address with the building owners and not CDHS.

## Josh Blue (Activetone Media) - Next Video

- Josh is ready to go with the next video and will be shooting some time in May in the parking lot directly across from Coors Field.
- Lot "A" near 20th Street.
- Will be trying to do his shoot on a game day and has permission from the private parking lot operator.

## Josh Blue - Current Video

(At this point the current video was played for Council members in the meeting room. It can be found on the Council's website.)

- Denice had a question on the video. She wanted to know if the Center for Independence can link to the video. Yes, they can. We can provide the link or the Center can copy the video or obtain from Laurie, whichever they prefer.

## Colorado Springs Volunteer Recruitment for Driving School Giveaway Distribution - Julia

- Julia asked our Colorado Springs members if they could volunteer to help distribute giveaways to Driving Schools in the area.
- We would ship materials down from Denver.

- Pat offered to be the distribution point and provided his address (which will be omitted here since these are official minutes for the public). He will get Rob, Terri, etc. to help him with this project.
- We advised that we will ship as we get materials so the shipments may be sporadic. Pat was okay with this.

## ADA Committee - Pat

- No new report.
- Asked about interest in council members to attend the upcoming ADA Symposium in Pittsburgh in June 2018.
- To date only Mark Douglas has shown any interest in attending and being reimbursed. It was asked how much is available for reimbursement.
- The amount would be \$3-4K for two people to share. Part from parking budget and part Council budget.
- There was an interest by John and Teri to possibly attend the conference and submit for reimbursement.
- Julia advised that no decision/vote could be made until we received written request from the individuals to the Council. None had been received to date.
- The ADA committee also announced they may be having an informal Friday meet up with adult beverages as a networking event possibly near Monument sometime in May. More to come.

## Julia Sidebar - June Council Meeting Venue Change

- Julia brought up as a side bar at this point that perhaps we could have our final June meeting at Brewability.
- Brewability Lab was founded by a special needs teacher who saw a need for jobs and training for adults with disabilities.
- At 21, most adults with special needs are not given the opportunity to excel. Their goal is to provide this opportunity through a brewery.
- They provide job training for an ever-emerging industry in the Colorado market. Skills and training employees learn from the business translate into further job opportunities in the beer industry.
- <https://www.brewabilitylab.com>, 12445 E 39th Ave #314, Denver CO 80239.
- It appears they only host private parties on Monday so further investigation will be needed. Stay tuned.

## Membership Committee - Kathy/John

- No report.

## Communications - Steve Wright

- No report (absent)

## Legislation - Carol

- As of April 2nd the Council has voted on 94 bills. We have supported the majority and only opposed 2, not including yesterday's vote.
- There are three more weeks to vote on legislation.

## Council Vote Tracking

<b>Summary</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Support	59	63%
Oppose	2	2%
Monitor	33	35%
Total	94	

## Weekly Voting Summary

<b>Voting Date</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
1/15/18 - No Call	0	0	0
1/22/18	10	7	3
1/29/18	6	4	2
2/5/18	8	4	4
2/12/18	9	5	4
2/19/18 - No Call	0	0	0
2/26/18	8	4	4
3/5/18	9	4	5
3/12/18	16	4	12
3/19/18	15	8	7

3/26/18	15	7	8
4/2/18	12	10	2

- Many we voted on died or were postponed indefinitely.
- The ADA Federal Bill (HR 620) was discussed. It was mentioned this bill is opposed by the US Senate and highly unlikely to come to a vote, per Bob.
- It was asked if we should send a letter or email showing opposition to the bill and coming from the Council. At first many did not think this was necessary but eventually it was decided that we needed to send something to Corey Gardner since he seems to support the bill.
- Julia mentioned that Sen. Gardner needs to be reminded of a large constituency group that he does not show support for very often.
- It was asked if the ADA Committee could get something to be sent off soon. Something mentioning the percentage of Coloradoans who have each disability.
- Carol stepped up and said she could construct a first draft for review by the Council and perhaps we could discuss this further at Monday's Conference Call to get the letter out by the end of the week.
- The Council generously thanked Carol for all the hard work she has been doing in this not-always-easy project

## OLD BUSINESS

### Sunset Review - Julia/Gina

- Joe and Julia attended the last committee hearing on Tuesday. This was for action only.
- The bill passed to re-submit our bill with corrections 9 to 3. The 3 who voted No were Republicans including Winkler (who replaced Lebsack). He wanted to sunset the group.
- Seven people cosponsored our bill.
- Need to be talking to each and all committee members to understand what is going on. Rep. Michaelson-Jenet is part of the committee and presented it.
- Questions were asked of her at the committee hearing and she was vague in her answers. She did not know the differences between our council and the Developmental Disabilities Council.
- Bob brought up that there has been legislation going far back stating that our Council should exist.

- Julia talked to the Chair of the National Governors Association to get information. They provided a history of the Council for the last fifty years. The idea for a Council started post World War II with Harry Truman with the Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. Intent was to provide jobs for post-war Vets returning home.
- The Colorado Committee was started under former Governor Roy Romer and was put in statute in 2008 and have been there for the last ten years until our sun setting.
- HB 18-1364 is the new bill number for the Sunset.
- Council members (CAC) were asked to provide comments on the proposed bill as sent out to all members.
- Comments were received back by Julia and she highlighted some of them at the meeting.
- Gina was not sure what was meant by "friendly review" as referred to in the bill. It sounded like they were only concerned with making state meetings accessible. Not sure why this was added as a specific task since we would be doing this anyway.
- The current Council will no longer exist in the current format as of July 1st the way the current bill is being written. The new council that is being formed would sunset in five years.
- The Governor's Office did not accept any of our opinions on the legislation. We were never a good fit with them and they were slow to approve purchase orders, etc.
- Next Tuesday at 1:30 PM in the Capitol Room 107 is the next vote on this bill and we need as many people as can attend to testify in favor of the CAC.
- If you cannot attend, please send in written comments to be read at the testimony. Perhaps about the proposed changes, people with disabilities broken down by percentages, changes to the bill, what an ideal Council would look like.

## Future Motions - Denice Travel to Denver for June

- Next month we would like to make a motion on Denice's travel funds so she can come to Denver for the final meeting of the current Council.

## Council Wrap Up Items

- Julia to pay for 2 more months of the PO Box and then ask if we can go month-to-month
- Phone and Storage bills paid through June



- Possible June cleaning party for storage locker to decide what to do with items. Any unclaimed items will probably be dropped off at the Governor's Office
- Keep everything open the next two months for a smooth transition to the new Council
- Pat & Terri have about 70-80 signs (6 boxes) left
- Kathy has about 48 signs
- There are around 128 signs in Colorado Springs - not many in storage and never did reorder
- Denice has 20 in Grand Junction
- John has 5-6 signs in Colorado Springs
- An idea was brought up by Bob to distribute some of our supplies at the Buck Recreation Center Senior Event. To be held May 4 from 1:30-4PM in Littleton.
- Kathy and John said they would come up from their respective areas to Denver and the Capitol for Tuesday.

## New Business

- None

## Educator Presentations

### Educational Presentation #1 - Consumer Direct Attended Support Services

- Please see very beginning of minutes

### Educational Presentation #2 - JAWS Screen Reader Live Demo

- Joe brought his computer and demonstrated how he navigates the current Council website.
- The Calendar did not work at all for him and he had no idea when an event was scheduled.
- Julia expanded on the issues and stated that CSUN (Cal State University Northridge) as well as WCAG and W3C were good resources for more information.

- Joe brought up that JAWS is the #1 screen reader but it is expensive. About \$300/year to update.

## Voting Member Open Forum

- Additional clarification was asked about sending Teri and John to the ADA Symposium in June.
- A discussion about the fees was held.
- Julia again clarified that she has not received any requests in writing asking for reimbursement from either Teri or John and it was decided they would discuss and make the next move forward on the issue.

## Public Testimony

- None

## Adjourn

Motion for meeting adjournment made by Bob and seconded by Steve R. Unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:49 PM. Next Council meeting will take place at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 at the El Paso County Department of Public Works, 3275 Akers Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80922.

Minutes submitted by: Steve Ruge

Approved by: