

Present

Judy Sikes, President
Cindy Mihelich, Vice President
Maria Reyes, Board Member
Derrick Blickenstaff, Board Member
Wayne Hunter, Board Member
Jan Williams, Past President
Beth Thatcher, Board Member
Matt Bernal, Board Member
Natalie Falbo, Board Member
Robert Pratt, Board Member
Leon Harwood, Board Member
Pat Morales, Human Resources Director
Mariah Schofield, Chief Financial Officer
Marisa Duarte, Guardianship Coordinator
Sandra Montee, QI & Compliance Director
Erica Adamson, CM Director
Terri Martinez, Adult Services Director
Patricia Potter, Administrative Assistant
Sue Litton, Early Intervention
Erich Frey, Case Manager
Brittney Arellano, Case Manager
Shelby Paiz, House Supervisor/Pgm Mgr
Cristy Adams, House Supervisor/Pgm Mgr

Absent

Jane Garnett, Treasurer
Renee Greenway, Secretary
David Blickenstaff, Board Member
Mark Lapidés, Board Member
Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director
Melinda Pardo, Early Intervention Director

Board Meeting was called to Order by Judy Sikes at 12:01pm

Welcome

Erica introduced the two case managers she brought Brittney Arellano and Erich Frey. Terri introduced the house supervisors/program managers that she brought Shelby Paiz and Cristy Adams. Sue Litton is here on behalf of Melinda. Matt Bernal introduced himself as our new board member.

Public Comment – Leon wanted to say thank you to Dr. Pratt for the Fashion Show, MC. Dr. Pratt talked about Ainsley's Angels. Is there any interest in any of our individuals that we serve that would be interested in participating? Ainsley's Angels are people who push someone who is unable to run the race. Is there any interest? Terri asked Robert for more information and she would give the information to guardians and such. Robert will put together a Facebook (FB) group for chariots available and such. Cindy asked if electric chairs are allowed. Robert said the organization is more geared towards the connection of the runner with the individual. Robert will let Terri know via FB.

Action Items

- Meeting Minutes for November 2019 Board Meeting
Motion to Approve November 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 2019 Board Minutes.	
<i>Action by:</i>	Cindy Mihelich
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Leon Fuller
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

Financials

- Financials

Mariah updated the board about the current financials. She said when Great Plains (GP) transferred the balances from the old GP program to the new GP program for this fiscal year they inadvertently pulled June 2018 instead of June 2019. GP is getting the posted balances corrected. Therefore she didn't want to present the board with incorrect financials. She has a conference call with GP next week to go over more reports. She will have the audit next week with Cal for 2018-2019. We have closed the outstanding previous audits. All of this will bring the audits current as Cal will have closed 5 audits for the past 5 fiscal years over the last 2 years. Cindy asked when the final audits will be presented. Mariah said that Cal has already presented 3 years in draft form to the board previously and they were already approved. So when Cal does present the next audit it will be the past 2 fiscal years. She is hoping things just keep moving along. Cindy asked how Paycom is affecting pay to employees are things smooth? Mariah said that yes it is moving forward and things are getting easier. The holiday week of payrolls are a little tougher, but each payroll gets easier and better. Sue, Erica and Terri all said that Paycom is getting easier.

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<i>Action by:</i>	Cindy Mihelich
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Beth Thatcher
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

- Executive Director Expense Report

Motion to Approve Executive Direct Expense Report October 2019

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<i>Action by:</i>	Wayne Hunter
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Natalie Falbo
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

Executive Directors Report (presented by Erica for Mike)

Baltimore Court: In October we experienced a stove fire in one of the apartments. The damage to the apartment was limited to the first floor. We filed a claim with our insurance company who recommended we call Blue Sky Restoration. They have gutted the kitchen area including all the drywall. We are now waiting for the adjuster to approve the rebuilding bid. We don't know how the fire started and the good news is that no one was hurt. The tenant who lived there moved out. Pat Morales will answer any questions the board may have.

January Board Meeting: Board members please note that the Board Meeting in January will be at BASS. Please mark your calendars, Thursday, January 2, 2020

End the Waitlist Campaign: Alliance is spearheading a campaign this Legislative Session to end the waitlist in Colorado. There are currently 3,000 people waiting for services, but the funds have not been allocated. This is what Alliance and its' membership will be pushing for in 2020. In fact, the campaign officially started on November 1st. CBE will do its' part to work with our legislators and provide data regarding the number of people we have on the waitlist in Pueblo County. We will also be providing information on people who recently were enrolled as well as stories about successes and the hardship of having to wait for services. I will continue to report on the status of the campaign throughout the upcoming session.

Conflict Free Case Management: I recently received some data from HCPF regarding the number of persons we have who are in conflict. According to the data, 56% of the persons we CM are in conflict. I know that number sounds high, but it's the second lowest next to TRE who is at 46% and they don't provide direct services. By 2021 the state of Colorado has to be in 25% compliance. The other reason for the high percentage is that HCPF includes those persons whom we bill for assistive technology, specialized equipment and supplies, vehicle modification, recreation passes, transportation, and vision. While we do not provide these services directly, we use our Medicaid ID number to bill for these areas, which gives a false picture of the number of persons we serve directly. We actually have 108 persons in conflict who will have to make a decision to select another service provider or case management agency by July 2022.

Fashion Show: The fashion show was on November 7, 2019 and there was a great turnout. The theme was masquerade. About 400 people attended this year, definitely more than last year. There were 24 corporate tables purchased. There were 50 adult models. The fashion show committee plans to start earlier next year so we can have more raffle items/baskets and door prizes. Other than that all went pretty smoothly for the show, another great year! Terri said she and Mariah have been in discussion with each other on how to make next year even better. Mariah is hoping to get the final numbers next month as there are still expenses coming into her for payment.

Blizzard Run Fundraiser: We are starting earlier this year in planning for the Blizzard Run in March 2020. You should all received an email from Patricia requesting donations in the form of cash or gift cards. Please help us secure donations for the race. As a reminder to board members, we have a grant writer on contract and many funders want to see that board members contribute to the organization, so assisting us with your donations meets this requirement. Many of you have been very helpful and for that the staff appreciates you. Donations to the Fashion Show and Blizzard Run meets your obligation as a board member. Erica let the board know that the State Fair has changed their policy and we don't know what that is at this point. We are moving forward with the 2020 run to be held at the State Fair.

Case Management Update: Enrollments – July-November, Department of Corrections (DOC) – 3, Colorado Mental Health Institute Pueblo (CMHIP) – 4, Community – 6, DOC enrollments in the process currently – 2, CMHIP enrollments in the process currently – 4, and Community enrollments in the process – 5. The Case Management Department is currently providing Case Management to other counties. Arapahoe County – 3, El Paso County – 7, Fremont County – 2, Crowley County – 1, and Otero County – 1. The individuals in these counties sought Case Management services from Colorado Bluesky. Erich gave the board an update about the individuals he enrolls from CMHIP. They come from DOC and CMHIP. There are 6 in the process from both places. He will be picking up more from Canon City next week. It is hard with DOC to know when the individuals will be released. Brittney gave her update about her intakes and enrollment. The CES enrollments are hearing a lot about us from schools. Erica also said the individuals who left CBE to go to TRE are slowly coming back to CBE for different reasons, but it is a good thing.

Request for Information (RFI) Update: Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) requested information from Community Centered Boards (CCB) and Case Management Agencies (CMA). HCPF shadowed some Case Managers. Everything that Case Managers do will be paid by HCPF. HCPF broke out CM similar to EI. The information was used to provide information and input on the rate methodology for Targeted Case Management (TCM) rates, which will be used in the State Fiscal Year 2021 CCB Contract renewal and TCM State Plan fee schedule for the Individual Developmental Disability (IDD) Waivers. HCPF stated that more money will be going to case management. The new proposed rates look good, but they aren't final. It is supposed to happen in July 2020.

Upcoming Events

