

**Present**

**Judy Sikes, President**  
**Cindy Mihelich, Vice President**  
**Maria Reyes, Board Member**  
**Derrick Blickenstaff, Board Member**  
**Jane Garnett, Treasurer**  
**Wayne Hunter, Board Member**  
**Jan Williams, Past President**  
**Leon Harwood, Board Member**  
 Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director  
 Pat Morales, Human Resources Director  
 Mariah Schofield, Chief Financial Officer  
 Marisa Duarte, Guardianship Coordinator  
 Sandra Montee, QI & Compliance Director  
 Erica Adamson, CM Director  
 Amy McKeever, CM Supervisor  
 Melinda Pardo, Early Intervention Director

**Absent**

**Renee Greenway, Secretary**  
**Beth Thatcher, Board Member**  
**David Blickenstaff, Board Member**  
**Robert Pratt, Board Member**  
**Mark Lapidés, Board Member**  
 Terri Martinez, Adult Services Director  
 Patricia Potter, Administrative Assistant

**Board Meeting was called to Order by Judy Sikes at 12:02pm**

**Welcome**

**Public Comment – None Presented**

**Action Items**

- Meeting Minutes for October 2019 Board Meeting  
**Motion to Approve** October 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Motion to approve the October 2019 Board Minutes.</b>	
<i>Action by:</i>	Jan Williams
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Jane Garnett
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

**Financials**

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**Motion to Approve** Financials without posting to website at this time.

<b>Motion to Approve Financials.</b>	
<i>Action by:</i>	Leon Harwood
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Wayne Hunter
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

- Executive Director Expense Report

**Motion to Approve Executive Direct Expense Report September 2019**

<b>Motion to Approve Executive Direct Expense Report September 2019</b>	
<i>Action by:</i>	Cindy M
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Jan Williams
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

**Executive Directors Report**

**Potential Board Member:** Matt Bernal is the owner of Southern Colorado Computer Systems (SCCS). Mr. Bernal has operated SCCS since 2010 and has several contracts with businesses in the community. Matt has been CBE’s IT provider during this time and has expressed an interest in being on the board of directors. Since Matt is a contractor of CBE, he would sign a conflict of interest document removing him from any decisions/voting regarding IT contracts and CBE. Matt’s background, presence in the community and contacts with the State will be a valuable asset to the agency and board of directors. Matt has been instrumental in multiple projects to bring CBE into current software, equipment and practices. All of these factors would be beneficial to the board and we are requesting the board to consider him as a new board member. Mariah noted that Matt has been one of the major driving forces in bringing CBE up to date in many areas and that he has donated an incredibly large amount of equipment and software to CBE. She also noted that we value his opinion on many issues that we are dealing with and he would be an asset to the agency by serving on the board. Board members agreed that he would be an asset to the board and are excited to have him join us. Motion was made and passed to approve Matt Bernal as a board member.

<b>Motion to Approve Matt Bernal as a board member</b>	
<i>Action by:</i>	Judy Sikes
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Leon Hunter
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

**End the Waitlist Campaign:** Alliance is spearheading a campaign this Legislative Session to end the waitlist in Colorado. There are currently 3,000 persons 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 1<sup>st</sup>. CBE will do its’ part to work with our legislators and provide data regarding the number of persons we have on the waitlist in Pueblo County. We will also be providing information on persons who recently were enrolled as well as stories about successes and the hardship of having to wait for services. Individuals who are on the wait list in Pueblo are on the wait list with a status as safety net in case their family members can no longer care for them. Anyone who is in immediate need have been enrolled once we get approval from the State.

**Conflict Free Case Management:** Mike 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 that receive case management services are in conflict. That number sounds high, but it’s the second lowest percentage in Colorado, the lowest being TRE who is at 46% and they don’t provide direct services. The other reason for the high percentage is that HCPF includes those persons whom we bill transportation, dental, & 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 provider or case management agency by July 2022.

**Fashion Show:** The fashion show is tomorrow night and we are all very excited. You are still able to purchase tickets at the door and we highly encourage everyone to attend. The theme is a masquerade event, so it should be a lot of fun, as usual.

**Blizzard Run Fundraiser:** We are starting earlier this year in planning for the Blizzard Run in March 2020. You should all have 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.

**Upcoming Events**

- November 21, 2019 – CBE Thanksgiving
- December 18, 2019 – BASS Christmas Party
- February 2020 – BASS Super Bowl Party TBA
- February 2020 – BASS Valentine’s Party TBA
- February 2020 – Awareness Day at the Capital TBA
- March 21, 2020 – Blizzard Run
- March 2020 – BASS St. Patrick’s Day Party TBA
- April 2020 – BASS Talent Show TBA
- May 2020 – BASS Cinco De Mayo Party TBA
- August 2020 – End of Summer Picnic TBA
- September 2020 – Agency Day TBA
- November 12, 2020 – BASS Fashion Show

**Motion to Adjourn before going into Executive Session at 12:35pm**

<b>Motion</b> to adjourn before going into Executive Session at 12:35pm	
<i>Action by:</i>	Jane Garnett
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Leon Harwood
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mariah Schofield for Patricia Potter, AA  
 Recording Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mike Atlas-Acuña, ED  
 Colorado Bluesky Enterprises, Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Renee Greenway  
 Board Secretary