

Present	<p><b>Judy Sikes, Past President</b>  <b>Cindy Mihelich, President</b>  <b>Jane Garnett, Secretary</b>  <b>Renee Greenway, Vice President</b>  <b>Natalie Falbo, Treasurer</b>  <b>Jan Williams, Board Member</b>  <b>Derrick Blickenstaff, Board Member</b> (by phone)  <b>Matt Bernal, Board Member</b>  <b>Beth Thatcher, Board Member</b>  <b>David Blickenstaff, Board Member</b>  <b>Robert Pratt, Board Member</b>  Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director  Mariah Schofield, Chief Financial Officer  Patricia Potter, Administrative Assistant  Christine Hentze, Visitor</p>
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Absent	<p><b>Leon Harwood, Board Member</b>  <b>Wayne Hunter, Board Member</b>  <b>Maria Reyes, Board Member</b>  <b>David Blickenstaff, Board Member</b></p>
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**Board Meeting was called to Order** by Cindy Mihelich at 12:06 pm

Wayne gave his proxy vote to Judy Sikes.

**Welcome** – Welcome Chistine Hentze who was on the Guardianship Committee. She has received training for the Board of Directors.

- Meeting to enter Executive Session at 12:07 pm.

**Motion to Approve** Meeting to enter Executive Session at 12:07 pm.

<b>Motion to Approve Meeting to enter Executive Session at 12:07 pm</b>	
<i>Action by:</i>	Renee Greenway
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Beth Thatcher
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

- Meeting to exit Executive Session at 1:43 pm.

**Motion to Approve** Meeting to exit Executive Session at 1:43 pm.

<b>Motion to Approve Meeting to enter Executive Session at 1:43 pm</b>	
<i>Action by:</i>	Judy Sikes
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Jan Williams
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

**Public Comment** – There wasn't any public comment. Matt said he will have updates from an IT perspective in a couple of months. Matt has arranged that Terri and Melinda can take individuals to DiTomaso Farms to pick pumpkins.

## Action Items

- Meeting Minutes for September 2, 2020 Board Meeting

### Motion to Approve September 2, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Motion</b> to approve September 2, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes	
<i>Action by:</i>	Matt Bernal
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Jan Williams
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

- New Board Members

### Motion to Approve New Board Members Barbara Hadley and Christine Hentze

<b>Motion</b> to Approve Barbara Hadley and Christine Hentze as new board members	
<i>Action by:</i>	Judy Sikes
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Jan Williams
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

- FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget

### Motion to Approve FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget.

<b>Motion</b> to Approve FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget	
<i>Action by:</i>	Jane Garnett
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Renee Greenway
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

## Executive Directors Report (5 Min)

### **BASS:**

Our Direct Services continues to move towards increasing the number of persons coming to program. As of this writing, only 20 have not attended and Terri is working with those families. Terri continues to follow State guidance as the number of persons attending increases. The other positive is that there have been no positive cases of COVID within all of adult services.

**Conflict Free Case Management:** As part of my return to work, I had a conference call with the president of Alliance, Mark VanAuken. The purpose of the call was to have him brief me on the changes in case management and to confirm having to separate direct services from CCB's. Matt did confirm this and it was also a topic of discussion on the Alliance Board Zoom call on Thursday 9/17/2020. The separation has to occur on or before July of 2024. The Department has been having conference calls with CCB's to secure updates on their plans. More information will be provided in the coming months.

**Legislative News:** JBC Members are expecting a \$1B budget deficit this year. That is mostly the one-time funding they used to fill the budget last year, which is no longer there, and they made a commitment for it to be one-time funding. These are some bills that are being considered and the position that Alliance is taking on them:

- Proposition 116 – reduce income tax rate from 4.6% to 4.55% - oppose position. Would cost the state budget about \$150M and saves individual taxpayers an average of \$37.
- Amendment B – Gallagher amendment – support position. Mill Levy funding directly impacts several CCBs and would create a huge hole in budgets for school districts. [View PPT here](#)
- Proposition EE – increasing tobacco tax and adding a tax on e-cigarettes – planning to support.

**Representative Esgar:** Alliance awarded Representative Esgar “Legislator of the Year for her work on ending the waitlist. She had bipartisan support and close in passing the bill when COVID came on the scene. Representative Esgar is and continues to be a strong advocate of our services. Erica Adamson and I attended the ceremony at PDI on September 15, 2020.

**Early Intervention:** The final rule regarding the change in eligibility to Early Intervention was approved on Sept 4, 2020. Additions made to the current rule include a definition for "Risk factor" and Early intervention.

“Risk Factor” means a 25% delay in two or more domains and, if sufficient appropriations are available, a 25% delay in one domain, or other factors determined by the department to have research that supports the potential for impact on development at a later age such as, but not limited to, a substantiated case of abuse or neglect, neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS), fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD), lead poisoning, global developmental delays and perinatal mood and anxiety disorders.

“Early Intervention early start program” means a program separate from early intervention services provided in accordance with Part C that, if the department determines appropriations are adequate, may provide services to children who meet the definition of risk factor and do not meet eligibility criterion as defined in section 7.920, E.

This is a new program that is in its early stages so there are many unknowns. Thus far, the state has clarified that there is NOT funding for this program currently, that the CCB would not "have" to implement this program, and that it would NOT be under the same requirements as Part C (or Early Intervention's federal guidelines). CDHS will be addressing questions on an Oct 1st call with EI coordinators.

Matt brought up having a meeting as a Board for a separate strategy plan. Some sort of retreat to plan together.

**Upcoming Events**

- BASS End of Summer Picnic - Cancelled 2020
- Agency Day – Cancelled 2020
- October 29, 2020 – BASS Halloween Party
- BASS Fashion Show – Cancelled 2020
- November 2020 – Thanksgiving TBA
- December 16, 2020 – BASS Christmas Party
- February 2021 – TBD BASS Superbowl Party
- February 2021 – TBD BASS Valentine’s Party
- March 2021 – TBD BASS St. Patrick’s Day Party
- March 2021 – TBD Blizzard Run
- May 2021 – BASS Cinco De Mayo Party

**Motion to Adjourn to at 1:53 pm**

<b>Motion to adjourn to at 1:53 pm</b>	
<i>Action by:</i>	Judy Sikes
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Jan Williams
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patricia Potter, Administrative Assistant  
 Recording Secretary

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jane Garnett  
 Board Secretary