

CEO Report for May 2021
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This report is a summary of key activities and highlights impacting the agency from the perspective of the President/CEO. While it is addressed to and aimed at the agency’s Board of Directors, it is also shared with CCI employees to offer an overview of things happening in the agency.

(Sorry, the table of contents is being wonky this month and I don’t have the time or patience to argue with Microsoft Office and lose again. I think it’s still usable.)

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State—HCPF/DHS/Alliance/State Legislature

- Behavioral Health Task Force—View Final Report [HERE](#)

- *Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)*—Looking at ways to spend ARPA money. \$3.8 Billion coming to Colorado. Read all about it [HERE](#).
- *Office of Early Childhood*—Bill going through to transition Early Childhood Evaluations from school districts to Part C/Community Centered Boards starting May 2022. Not sure where EI will land in new Early Childhood Department being created.
- *Colorado State Legislature*—
 - Case Management Redesign Bill passed and signed into law.
 - Long Bill (i.e. state budget) signed into law with 2.5% rate increases and 667 new IDD resources. CCI getting 11.

Local Community

Fundraising/Development

- *Development Director*—We offered the position to Lisa Branner, who will be starting with us on June 21st.
- *Quarterly Newsletter coming...??*
- *Moniker Foundation*—Was not awarded.
- *Board raffle*—Plan to postpone till 2022.
- *FDC Recruitment*—We are recruiting for our Fund Development Committee! Do you know Molly Martin, Terry Bacon, or Gene Bradley?
- *Case for Support*—Draft in Board packet. Try it out!

Internal CCI highlights

- *First Facebook Live event!*—Watch it [HERE](#)
- *Residential Complaint survey*—Went well. Only two corrections to make.
- *Training and onboarding*—Working to make these processes more effective.
- *Anti-Ableism*—Tackling at CCI.
- *Losses*—7 clients and 2 employees have passed during the last year.
- *COVID Policies*—Continuing to adapt to changing landscape.
- *Pass-through wages* for DSPs
- *Outstanding Service Coordinator of 2021*—Debra Ewing of Pagosa Springs!!

Facilities

Other

- *Board Training Opportunities*
- *T-shirts—*
Take 2. New designs are in your packet—all provided by people in services.
- *Goal Progress:*
 - Strategic Plan—2021-22 action items in planning process.
 - Strategic Leadership Certificate—Complete!!
 - Science of Well Being Class—Take it yourself [HERE](#)

Acronym Cheat Sheet

- ART (Administrative Review Team) –The Executive Team and Program Directors oversight of Quality Indicators
- The Arc – advocacy organization for people with intellectual disabilities
- ANCOR (American Network of Community Options and Resources) National professional and advocacy organization for IDD providers
- CCB (Community Centered Board) we are 1 of 20 in the state
- CCI (Community Connections, Inc.)
- CDLE (Colorado Department of Labor and Employment)
- CFCM (Conflict-Free Case Management) Federal mandate that the provision case management must be separated from direct program services.
- CES (Children’s Extensive Services)
- CHCBS (Children’s Home and Community Based Services)
- CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) Federal
- CORA (Colorado Open Records Act)
- DHS or CDHS (Colorado Department of Human Services)
- DSP (Direct Support Professional) – field staff working with clients
- DVR (Department of Vocational Rehabilitation)
- EI (Early Intervention) Developmental services for kids Birth to 3
- FOT (Festival of Trees)
- HCPF (Health Care Policy and Financing) State Medicaid office
- I/DD (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities)
- JBC (Joint Budget Committee at the Colorado legislature)
- MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)
- PASAs (Program Approved Service Agencies) agencies approved to provide Medicaid Waiver services across the state
- PCA (Personal Care Alternative) residential services not in a host home
- RAE (Regional Accountable Entity) Medicaid care coordination and behavioral health organization



- Residential (a.k.a. Comprehensive – our adult 24/7 support)
- ROI (Return on Investment)
- SJBPH (San Juan Basin Public Health)
- SLS (Supported Living Services) – Services for adults living independently or with family
- TCM (Targeted Case Management)