

Colorado Bluesky Enterprises, Inc.

Board of Directors

April 7, 2021

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| <b>Vision Statement</b>           | <b>Mission Statement</b>   | <b>Customer Service Statement</b> |
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| We Teach. We Support. We Inspire. | We believe that all persons have the right to live, learn, and work in the community with the same hope, dignity, choices, opportunities and responsibilities accorded all citizens. | Service Above Self                |

Call Meeting to Order. Establish Quorum. (2 Min)

**Welcome Guests (3 Min)**

**Public Comment (10 Min)**

**Action Items (5 Min)**

- Board Meeting Minutes
- **Motion to Approve** March 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

**Financials - Presented by Mariah Schofield (10 Min)**

- February 2021 Financial Reports
- **Motion to Approve** February 2021 Financial Reports as presented

**Strategic Plan – Motion to Approve** the Strategic Plan 2021 to 2024 (10 min)

**Executive Directors Report (5 Min)**

**COVID / BASS Update:** With the majority of persons in services being vaccinated they are starting to return to program. It is great to see so many smiling faces again. The standard guidelines are still in place to try and ensure the safety of persons in services and employees.

**Strategic Plan Update:** Now that the Board of Directors has approved the plan it has been posted on our website. Additionally, the management team updated the dashboard that will be presented to the board at the April meeting.

**Alliance Report:** Alliance's biggest priorities this year have evolved around provider sustainability, the elimination of subminimum wage over a multi-year timeline, and the passage of a bill to move Medical Client Transportation regulations from the Public Utilities Commission over to HCPF, so we don't lose IDD transportation access, among other legislative and budgetary efforts Alliance is working on.

## **ALLIANCE PRIORITY LEGISLATION**

**SB21-039 Elimination of Subminimum Wage:** It's been a real effort Alliance's lobbyist to navigate the nuances of this bill. Alliance staff Ellen Jensby has done a wonderful job of working to manage the steering committee and stakeholder side of this effort. The legislative side has been equally difficult. To summarize: CDLE and the Governor's Office raised concerns about the bill right after it was introduced (despite it being substantively the same bill that it was last year). They're asserting that SMW programs are already illegal under Colorado law and they therefore are against making them effectively legal for the individuals in the programs for four years, even though the bill closes the door on new SMW programs and participants. The State's concerns have also resulted in CCDC and Atlantis raising similar concerns. Happily, Alliance was successful in working with our sponsors and the members of Senate Business to minimize these issues during the first hearing and we made it out of our Committee of Reference with a *unanimous vote!* That said, Alliance is continuing to work with these groups to see if we can neutralize their opposition as the bill moves forward. Mariah Schofield, Terri Martinez, & Pat Morales met and developed a plan to address the SMW issue. In short, we plan on making significant changes that will occur before the timelines listed in the bill.

**HB21-1206 Medicaid Transportation Services:** This bill has now been introduced with our bipartisan cosponsors in both chambers. It's assigned to [House Health & Insurance Committee](#), but not yet scheduled. Alliance members will be contacting those legislators' districts to ask them to support Alliance position on this bill.

## **STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

The HCPF supplemental that includes the \$33M provider sustainability funds has passed and been signed into law. These funds will be used to increase rates in day program services. Also, the JBC voted to move forward with a bill to move EI from Colorado Department of Education to the Department of Human Services along with a funding placeholder for that shift; however, it is not yet certain that it will be a JBC bill. This shift may result in CBE staff performing Child Find duties that are currently done through the school districts.

The revenue forecast went extremely well. The economy is rebounding faster than expected and the one-time stimulus dollars from various Federal COVID relief efforts are a huge boon to the Colorado economy. This will possibly mean that there is a *strong* reason to believe the 2.5% common-policy provider rate increase will remain in the final budget! Unfortunately, there remain enough variables and unknowns in the economy that the JBC will be reluctant to draw down expensive, long-term investments (such as the DD waiting list), but short-term and one-time funding needs will likely see a windfall. If all goes as planned, the JBC will be finalizing budget decisions soon with a budget introduction in the Senate the week of April 5th. As we all know, nothing is final until it's signed by the Governor and it will likely be late April before the budget is complete. Finally, the Governor has finally signed the HCPF Supplemental bill which means HCPF should be able to get those support funds out to agencies quickly! These are the special funds in various day program areas to help providers.

## Calendar of Events

- BASS End of Summer Picnic - TBA
- Agency Day – Cancelled 2021
- BASS Halloween Party - TBA
- BASS Fashion Show – 2021 TBA
- November 2021 – Thanksgiving TBA
- BASS Christmas Party - TBA
- February 2021 – TBD BASS Superbowl Party
- February 2021 – TBD BASS Valentine's Party
- March 2021 – TBD BASS St. Patrick's Day Party
- March 2021 – Cancelled
- May 2021 – BASS Cinco De Mayo Party

Motion to Adjourn

Executive Session: This is a standing agenda item that may be called to order by the President.