

Present

Judy Sikes, Past President
Cindy Mihelich, President
Jane Garnett, Secretary
Renee Greenway, Vice President
Robert Pratt, Board Member
Derrick Blickenstaff, Board Member (by phone)
Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director
Mariah Schofield, Chief Financial Officer
Stacey Long, Administrative Assistant
Pat Morales, HR Director
Erica Adamson, Case Management Director
Katrina Appel, EI Director
Sue Litton, FSP Director

Absent

David Blickenstaff, Board Member
Jan Williams, Board Member
Natalie Falbo, Treasurer
Matt Bernal, Board Member
Wayne Hunter, Board Member
Christine Butterfield, Board Member

Board Meeting was called to Order by Cindy Mihelich at 12:09pm

Wayne Hunter gave proxy to Jane Garnett

Christine Butterfield gave proxy to Judy Sikes

Welcome – Sue Litton, Director of EI Service Coordination Katrina Appel Clinical Director of early intervention. After Melinda left she thought it best to change the leadership structure of Early Intervention.

Public Comment – None

Action Items

- Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2021

Motion to Approve April 7, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes (add Natalie to attendance)

Motion to approve April 7, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes	
<i>Action by:</i>	Jane Garnett
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Judy Sikes
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously

Financials

The Income statement, income increased some from last month. We closed \$730,000 up \$38,000 in revenue. There were some late invoices that were paid, so we did not end up where we had projected. Admin expenses took a big hit, it was \$84,000 increase for last month due to Therap billing. State is slower paying then ever before. Quarterly workers comp bill went up on employee expenses. We did clear a positive net for March. We still have several bills coming in that are way behind. State SLS, FSP are behind 3-4 months in paying their invoices. Day program is at 80-85% capacity so we are catching up on income. We are having a difficult time hiring staff, as much of the state.

- Motion to approve Financials
Motion to Approve March Financials

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<i>Action by:</i>	Robert Pratt
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Derrick Blickenstaff
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously

- Motion to approve Mike’s Expense Report

Motion to Approve Expenses

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<i>Action by:</i>	Judy Sikes
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Renee Greenway
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously

Executive Directors Report (5 Min)

As of July 1st, we will no longer be able to pay persons in services a sub-minimum wage. We do have a certificate that allows us to continue paying sub-minimum wage until 2025. We have around 19 people to transition to minimum wage. Mike received information on a transition plan from Alliance members.

COVID/BASS Update: We are continuing to see an increase of persons returning to program. Terri continues to conduct testing as per State Regulations and following all appropriate protocols. We have not seen an increase of cases to date.

Case Management: The Case management staff assisted HCPF in locating individuals who had not received the vaccine. As a result of this effort, the department secured extra venue (11,600) to go towards their budget. Also, Erica was recently on a zoom call with Health Care Police, and Financing (HCPF), the Health Department, and Department of Social Services to formulate a plan to visit the persons identified. The hope is to get these individuals vaccinated. Finally, because of the success of having case management locate these individuals, HCPF is planning on using this model with other CCBs. Erica Adamson and her staff are to be commended for volunteering for this effort.

Alliance Report: Alliance’s biggest priorities continue to evolve 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 Submin Wage Bill: Alliance is delighted to report that this bill passed out of Senate appropriations unanimously and was placed on the Consent Calendar. It was brought up on 2nd reading as well and received a unanimous vote on the Senate floor. The bill will be up for a third reading before it is sent to the House. Terri, Mariah, and I have been meeting to plan our transition to the new regulations as of July 2021. We have a solid plan in place and will discuss this in more detail during the board meeting.

HB21-1206 Medicaid Transportation Services: Alliance reported that the bill made it unanimously out of House Appropriations Committee AND passed 2nd reading on the House floor. It will be up for a 3rd reading before being sent to the Senate.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

The budget has made it out of the House and Senate so we're just waiting on the Conference Committee (made up of the JBC) to reconcile the amendments in the two chambers before sending it to the Governor. The Conf Committee was scheduled to meet, so the budget should be sent to the Governor by the end of the April. The 2.5% provider rate increase is still included in the budget! YAY!

The economy continues to rebounding faster than expected and the one-time stimulus dollars from various Federal COVID relief efforts have been a huge boon to the Colorado economy.

Alliance Summit: Alliance is planning on having an in-person summit in September 2021. The dates are 9/15 through 9/17 in Breckenridge. The management team is planning on attending.

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
- February 2021-TBD BASS Superbowl Party
- BASS Christmas Party-TBA
- February 2021-TBD BASS Valentine's Day Party
- March Blizzard Run 2021-TBD
- March BASS St. Patrick's Day Party
- May 2021-BASS Cinco De Mayo Party

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session at 12:50pm

Motion to adjourn at 12:50pm	
<i>Action by:</i>	Judy Sikes
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Renee Greenway
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____
Stacey Long, Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary
_____ Date: _____

Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director
Colorado Bluesky Enterprises, Inc.

Date: _____

Jane Garnett
Board Secretary