

Present

Judy Sikes, Past President
Cindy Mihelich, President
Jane Garnett, Secretary
Renee Greenway, Vice President
Christine Butterfield, Board Member
David Blickenstaff, Board Member
Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director
Mariah Schofield, Chief Financial Officer
Stacey Long, Administrative Assistant

Absent

Jan Williams, Board Member
Robert Pratt, Board Member
Derrick Blickenstaff, Board Member (by phone)
Matt Bernal, Board Member
Wayne Hunter, Board Member

Board Meeting was called to Order by Cindy Mihelich at 12:05pm

Welcome –

Public Comment – None

Action Items

- Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2021

Motion to Approve May 5, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve May 5, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes	
<i>Action by:</i>	Jane Garnett
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Judy Sikes
<i>Passed:</i>	unanimously

Financials

Mariah request an extension on presenting the financials because at the end of March the state increased rates, and back dated it to July 18th so staff had to spend several hours going back in to do back billing on the new rates. The re-bills back billing has not been posted for payment, and we are still waiting on several other invoices.

- Motion to Delay Financial Report for April

Motion to Approve Delay Financial Report for April

Motion to approve Delay Financial Report for April

<i>Action by:</i>	Judy Sikes
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Jane Garnett
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously

Board Updates

Jan Williams has decided to turn in her resignation to the board effective May 10, 2021

Action Items

- Approve Jan Williams letter of resignation as a Board Member

Motion to Approve Jan Williams letter of resignation

Motion to approve Jan Williams letter of resignation	
<i>Action by:</i>	David Blickenstaff
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Renee Greenway
<i>Passed:</i>	unanimously

Action Items

- Approve Melinda Pardo as newest Board Member

Motion to Approve Melinda Pardo as newest Board Member

Motion to approve Melinda Pardo a newest Board Member	
<i>Action by:</i>	Judy Sikes
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Jane Garnett
<i>Passed:</i>	unanimously

Action Items

- Approve to split Derrick and David Blickenstaff into 2 separate votes instead of having them as a combined 1 vote.
- **Motion to Approve** split Derrick and David Blickenstaff into 2 separate votes instead of having them as a combined 1 vote.

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<i>Action by:</i>	Cindy Mihelich
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Renee Greenway
<i>Passed:</i>	unanimously

Executive Directors Report (5 Min)

COVID / BASS Update: While the governor has lifted the mask mandate, we decided to follow the school districts lead regarding mask requirements for Direct Services. We will also continue to follow COVID data in Pueblo County as a tool for future decision making regarding Direct Services. We expect that as cases continue to decrease and the positivity rate continues to be below the 5% benchmark we envision removing the mask requirement in direct services in the coming months.

As for ITC & West 2nd, the mask mandate has been lifted.

New Resources: As previously reported, the State Budget includes 667 new enrollments. The new resources will come with funding for capacity building for case management. The amount is \$1,191 per person. This amount is based on historical figures plus an inflation adjustment.

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

State Budget Update

The Governor signed the long bill on May 18, 2021, so we will start to see the new 667 DD waiver resources and the 2.5% provider increase in July 2021.

Medicaid Transportation bill

Alliance's bill to move Medicaid transportation services oversight from Public Utilities Commission to HCPF passed through Senate Finance this week with a unanimous 6-0 vote! The bill now moves on to Senate Appropriations. So far, it appears that it will pass through this committee too.

Sub-Minimum Wage bill

The subminimum wage bill made it unanimously through the Senate *and* through the Committee of reference in the House. Alliance is still waiting for a fiscal note in the House which will allow us to be scheduled in Appropriations before heading to the floor.

Early Intervention Evaluations

Alliance's Governmental Committee, with guidance from the EI Team, has decided to take a monitor position on the HB21-1304 that will create a new Dept of Early Childhood for the time being. Also, the bill to move EI evaluations from Dept of Educ to DHS has now been approved as a JBC bill and will likely be introduced in the coming weeks.

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 2021-TBD 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	
<i>Action by:</i>	Jane Garnett
<i>Seconded by:</i>	David Blickenstaff
<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