



Mill Levy Advisory Council, BCHHS  
Friday, January 15, 2021  
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Teams Meeting

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*The Mill Levy Advisory Council makes recommendations to Housing and Human Services and the Board of Commissioners on how best to address the needs of Boulder County Residents with IDD.*

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### **Meeting Minutes**

**Advisory Council Members in Attendance:** Katie Ashburner, Robert Enderson, Teresa Greene, Miranda Fisher, Bob Lawhead, Julie Marshall, and Anna Stewart

**Absent:** Deana Cairo, Timothy Maxwell and Dana Scritchfield

**Boulder County Employees:** Rebecca Seiden, IDD Mill Levy Coordinator

Meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Chair Julie Marshall. Meeting was held through Microsoft Teams due to shelter in place order by Governor Jared Polis.

There was no public comment provided from community members.

Lawhead made a motion to approve the December 2020 minutes. Enderson seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair**

Seiden reviewed the bylaws regarding the appointment of chair and vice chair. The council members sent text messages to Seiden with their vote.

#### **Updates from Imagine!**

Updates were provided by Rebecca Novinger, Chief Executive Officer for Imagine!

- **Conflict Free Case Management:** Novinger shared that the bill has not been released but she has seen a draft. Novinger explained that under the new bill, direct service and case management can no longer be provided by the same agency, which means that many organizations, like Imagine!, would have to restructure. Novinger stated that the bill would go

into effect 2024. Fisher requested that Novinger send the council a link to the bill when it's released.

- **Vaccinations:** Novinger shared that Imagine! is working on setting up a clinic and will be sending information out soon about it. Novinger explained that the vaccines will go to front line workers who are eligible under 1B, individuals who don't qualify for 1A or 1B but attend a day program, and parents with individuals with extraordinary need or risk. Novinger added that there have been no changes with regards to mask and quarantine requirements.
- **Services:** Novinger shared that everyone remains virtual at this time however Imagine! is offering in home supports to individuals who cannot go to school or their school days are interrupted by remote school.

### **Announcement of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Miranda Fisher was appointed as chair and Anna Stewart was reappointed as vice chair.

### **Recognition of Outgoing Council Members and Officers**

Seiden thanked Marshall for serving as chair for the last year and shared acknowledgment all the work Lawhead has done with the council and for the community. Lawhead has opted not to seek reappointment.

### **Sub-Committee Updates**

- Housing:
  - The housing committee is working on edits for the housing survey. Seiden is coordinating with the county regarding how the survey will be sent out.
- Mental Health:
  - The mental health committee completed edits to the practitioner questionnaire and created a list of providers to send the questionnaire too.
  - The Colorado Community Health Alliance will be attending the next subcommittee meeting and then will come to the larger council.
- Systems Navigation:
  - Jenna Corder with Imagine! joined the last meeting and will be meeting with Fisher to discuss how Imagine! handles case management training.
  - Stewart continues to work on a spreadsheet that lists all the supports and advocates within Boulder County.
  - Seiden is meeting with John Green from Boulder County Housing and Human Services to discuss using Boulder County Connect for systems navigation.

### **Additional Updates from Rebecca Seiden**

- Housing Assistance
  - The federal government has released money under the new COVID relief fund which will be used to assist individuals and families impacted by COVID.
- IDD Effort
  - \$755.66 has been distributed and Center for People with Disabilities have sent in one referral.
- Mission Statement

- The council worked on the mission statement before COVID. Seiden is recommending that the council work on developing a vision statement.
- Seiden reviewed with the council the SMART goals that were developed for each subcommittee.
  - Housing-To increase availability of stable, affordable, and safe housing with multiple options for support assuring individualized choice of where and with whom they live for persons with IDD, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Autism.
  - Mental Health-To ensure that adults and children with Intellectual Developmental Disability, Autism, and Traumatic Brain Injury in Boulder County have access to high quality, affordable, and sustainable Mental Health services.
  - Systems Navigation-Ensure that individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disability, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Autism have a single-entry point that connects people to systems that provide equitable access to services throughout their lifetime with a person-centered approach such as but not limited to health and wellness, mental health, vocational, financial, recreation, social, and secure housing.
  - Case Management-To increase Case Managers' capacity through training that will increase knowledge and skills to authorize and monitor services, access long term needs and implement long term support plans, and evaluate service effectiveness for persons with Intellectual Developmental Disability, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Autism.
  - Advocacy-To increase and ensure access to systems advocacy services which promotes independence to persons with Intellectual Developmental Disability, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Autism throughout their lifetime using a person centered approach to address such issues as but not limited to health and wellness, mental health, vocational, financial, recreation, social, and secure housing, legal systems, disability rights including public policy that affect those persons with multi-system involvement.

### **Center For People With Disabilities (CFPD) Update**

Holly Ewing, Program Manager, provided an overview of the types of supports CFPD is providing:

- Virtual peer support groups.
  - Seiden asked how someone could sign up for the support groups. Ewing stated they would sign up on their website (cwpd.org) under the services calendar.
  - Seiden asked if CFPD was offering any technical assistance. Ewing stated not at this time but added that people can job via phone.
- Information and referral services.
- Beyond vision program for individuals who are blind or have low vision.
- Ticket to work employment program.
- Benefit counseling.
  - Marshall asked how the benefits counseling program worked. Ewing explained that Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will contract with CFPD to complete benefits counseling and that the counselors go through 40 hours of training in order to be able to serve as a benefits counselor.
- Veteran direct care programs.

- Home health programs.

### **Association for Community Living Update**

Ailsa Wonnacott, Executive Director, provided an update on what ACL has been working on:

- Remote advocacy services for individuals in Boulder and Broomfield.
  - Seiden asked how someone could sign up for the advocacy groups. Wonnacott shared that they can sign up on their website.
  - Seiden asked if ACL was offering technical assistance. Wonnacott shared that they do have resources they could tap in to, to assist with technology if needed.
    - Greene recommended that the council look into ways in which the mill levy funding could assist with the technology gap.
- Working with the public education system.
- Serving adults leaving jails to find a safe place to live.
- Working on outreach regarding vaccinations.
- Completed safety first training with the Boulder County Police Department.
- Working on emergency planning.

### **Adjournment**

Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stewart seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:18pm.



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### Imagine! Update

Rebecca Novinger, Imagine! Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on the case management redesign bill. Novinger stated that she has a draft of the bill but that they are expecting an additional 70 pages that will provide more information regarding community center boards (CCB), intake eligibility, and areas of responsibility. Novinger explained that the new timeframe for implementation and compliance is July 2024. Novinger presented an image of a house that provided visualization between the roles of the CCB and the direct service provider. Novinger shared that what still needs to be addressed are catchment areas/regions, who gets to be the provider of those regions, and where does early intervention belong in the redesign. Novinger explained that she is also questioning if the bill has enough protections in it so that larger medical providers cannot come in and win contracts.

Ailsa Wonnacott, Executive Director for Association for Community Living, asked Novinger if she knows which role Imagine! will want to play in the redesign. Novinger stated that she has not talked with the

Board of Directors about this but shared that Imagine! to date, has served as a CCB.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Maxwell made a motion to approve the January 2021 minutes. Greene seconded the motion. Greene, Fisher, Marshall, Maxwell and Stewart voted to approve the minutes. Enderson abstained from voting.

### **Updates**

Seiden reviewed a PowerPoint with the council that outlined general updates regarding IDD EFRT, 30Pearl's Independent Living Program – Boulder County Partners, and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Seiden also shared an update on what all the subcommittees have been working on. Maxwell thanked Novinger for her assistance in providing feedback on the housing survey. Fisher clarified that the date/time for the next Systems Navigation, Case Management, Advocacy Sub Committee meeting has been changed to Tuesday, March 2, 2021 @ 1pm.

Marshall shared that Lafayette is currently working on their 20-year comprehensive plan and encouraged the council to provide feedback.

### **Operationalizing Values Discussion**

#### **Mission and Vision Statement Development**

Seiden reviewed the responses to the questions posed at the first meeting regarding how the council will show up, do the work and support one another, and asked if there were any changes to the responses given that all the meetings are held virtually now.

Seiden reviewed the operationalizing values the committee identified related to excellence, engagement and innovation.

Seiden requested that the council work on drafting a mission and vision statement and provided questions for the committee to consider.

### **Adjournment**

Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marshall seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:32pm.



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### Approval of Minutes

Fisher stated that two changes have been made to the minutes:

- Under Novinger's update where it mentions that she needs to talk with her Board about how Imagine! will respond to the changes in conflict-free case management, the minutes said "Board of Directions". This was changed to "Board of Directors".
- Under the updates, Marshall spoke to the development of a comprehensive plan in Lafayette. The minutes said Longmont. This was changed to Lafayette.

Stewart made a motion to approve the February 2021 minutes as amended. Cairo seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

### Introductions of New and Continuing Council Members

Jolie Bernstein, Jennifer Geiger, and Andy Minden introduced themselves to the council and shared their backgrounds and areas of interest. The current council members also provided introductions.

Seiden reviewed the following information with the council members:

- Dates/times of the regular council meetings.
- Agenda and minutes are posted on the website. Agendas are posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

- Meetings operate under Robert's Rules.
- Recommended that the new council members attend the subcommittee meetings.
- Reminded the council members that if the media contacts them to let Seiden know.

## 2021 Contracts

Seiden stated that there have been no changes to the contracted amounts and reviewed with the council a graph showing the budget breakdown. Seiden also reviewed the fund balance amount.

Minden asked for clarification on the unallocated amount listed in the fund balance. Seiden explained that that funding is what the council will make recommendations out of.

## Update from Imagine!

Rebecca Novinger, Imagine! Chief Executive Officer, provided the following updates:

- Imagine! is hosting their Community Forum on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Imagine! is partnering with Boulder County Public Health and Association for Community Living (ACL) to host vaccination clinics with the goal of vaccinating up to 1,000 individuals. Novinger stated that they are also looking into equity clinics that will provide up to 50 additional doses as well as mobile clinics for individuals who are homebound.
  - Cairo asked about the following with regards to equity and vaccination clinics:
    - What percentage of the IDD community will be vaccinated who did not previously qualify (individuals who are 1B3 and 1B4)?
      - Novinger stated that based on the eligibility requirements, just shy of 2,000 individuals qualify.
    - How will individuals 16-17 get the vaccine if Moderna is the one being distributed?
      - Novinger stated that that is an issue that needs to be addressed still.
    - How will the Latin community be included?
      - Novinger shared that they hope that the equity clinics can address the limited number of Latin community members being vaccinated.
    - Will the vaccination clinic accommodate individuals who do not tolerate wearing masks?
      - Novinger confirmed that individuals who do not tolerate wearing masks can be vaccinated at the clinic.
  - Stewart shared that ACL has created a visual brochure that walks individuals through how to prepare for the clinic and what will take place when they arrive.
  - Seiden shared that Boulder County also has an equity vaccine committee and she is going to ask the questions Cairo posed to them as well.
- Legislative Updates:
  - There are current discussions about increasing the provider rate by 2.5%.
  - Case management redesign bill (HB 11-87):
    - Important dates:
      - December 2022: The request for proposal goes out for the contract to become the case management agency (CMA).
        - The CMA will be responsible for family support services and will serve as the case manager (CM) for all individuals enrolled in a waiver program or individuals who need access to social and mental health supports.
      - July 2024: new conflict-free CM system has to be implemented.
    - Early intervention will be a contractual responsibility of either CMA or the community centered board (CCB).
    - There will be a lack of specialized CM which means that agencies will have to implement subject matter experts within their own organizations.



- Minden asked if the way waivers are administered will change through the consolidation?
  - Novinger stated that the consolidation is specific to case management and not waiver at this time.

### **General Updates**

Seiden reviewed a PowerPoint with the council that outlined general updates regarding IDD EFRT and COVID-19 vaccinations (currently scheduled for April 2, 2021 and April 16, 202), including transportation programs available to get people to the clinics. Novinger shared in the chat that the April 2<sup>nd</sup> clinic is now closed but the April 16<sup>th</sup> is open still.

Seiden also shared an update on what all the subcommittees have been working on. Next subcommittee meeting dates:

- Mental & Behavioral Health Sub Committee: Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 1pm-3pm
- Housing Sub Committee: Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm
- Systems Navigation, Case Management, Advocacy Sub Committee: Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am

### **Mission and Vision Statement Development**

Seiden reviewed why it is important to do a mission and vision statement and how it gives the council purpose and meaning. Seiden asked questions that helped to prompt a discussion around the committee's mission and vision.

Seiden requested that the council continue to work on drafting a mission and vision statement.

### **Adjournment**

Minden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maxwell seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.



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Meeting was called to order at 12:03p.m. by Chair Miranda Fisher. Meeting was held through Microsoft Teams due to shelter in place order by Governor Jared Polis.

There was no public comment provided from community members.

### Approval of Minutes

Fisher stated that the word "adjourn" was spelled wrong in Minden's motion to adjourn and that that error has now been corrected.

Maxwell made a motion to approve the March 2021 minutes as amended. Minden seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

### Overview of the Boulder County Mobility and Access for All Ages and Abilities Planning Process and the RTD Access-a-Ride Certification Center Feasibility Study

Angel Bond, Program Manager, provided a presentation on Boulder County Mobility for All.

Geiger asked how someone would sign up for the personal mobility or workshops. Bond shared that the programs are open to Boulder County residents and that she would be happy to connect directly with people to discuss if Mobility for All can support the needs of the person.

Greene asked what the age requirements are. Bond explained that you have to be 18 years old to use Uber and Lyft. Hop, Skip, Drive service can transport youth though but they are more expensive since they have to go through intensive background checks. Bernstein asked if there was a way to subsidize Hope, Skip, Drive. Bond stated that she would look into the demand to see if there is a need and then discuss if it is possible to subsidize cost.

Minden asked where someone can learn more about the workshops. Bond shared that they have an EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/mobility-for-all-26418237165>

Minden asked if Mobility for All can provide EcoPasses to subsidize the cost of Access-a-Ride. Bond explained that with an Access-a-Ride pass, riders can use fixed route for free. Bond shared that VIA can also teach people how to use fixed route.

Bernstein recommended connecting with Imagine! to complete the presentation with their organization.

### **General Updates**

Seiden reviewed a PowerPoint with the council that outlined general updates regarding IDD EFRT and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Seiden also shared an update on what all the subcommittees have been working on as well as future areas of focus and activities. Next subcommittee meeting dates:

- Mental & Behavioral Health Sub Committee: Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm
- Housing Sub Committee: Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm
- Systems Navigation, Case Management, Advocacy Sub Committee: Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am (meeting may change to Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am)

Seiden discussed council expectations including consistent attendance at regular council meetings. Seiden reminded the council members of the bylaws related to attendance. Seiden asked for feedback on if there needs to be a change with the date/time of the meetings.

Maxwell asked if we have attendance records that show if attendance is a council specific issue or a person specific challenge. Seiden stated that attendance has been a general issue since November 2020.

Cairo and Greene shared that their work schedules make it difficult to commit to a certain date/time. Cairo shared that she has requested off from work that days the council does have meetings.

The council agreed to stick with the third Friday of the month for the regular council meetings.

### **Mission and Vision Statement Development**

Seiden reviewed the responses to the questions posed at the March 2021 meeting.

The council recommended the following as the mission statement:

Our mission is to empower people in Boulder County living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury and Autism and their support networks. We will make informed recommendations to the Boulder County Commissioners that generate impactful investments into innovative strategies to provide equitable access to a broader range of the choices available to meet their individual aspirations for housing, employment, health and wellness, and community inclusion.

### **Other Business**

Cairo asked when the surveys were going out and recommended provided 30 days to allow people to complete it. The council acknowledged that the surveys developed are very comprehensive and applauded the accessibility for individuals with IDD, TBI and Autism.

### **Adjournment**

Maxwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Minden seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:34pm.



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Meeting was called to order at 12:09p.m. by Vice Chair Anna Stewart. Meeting was held through Microsoft Teams.

There was no public comment provided from community members.

### Approval of Minutes

Due to lack of quorum Minutes are delayed until next meeting.

### Rebecca Novinger, Imagine! Update

Long Bill passed. 2.5% increase for providers. Rebecca stated that providers would need serious capacity building. JBC passed 20.8 million to take people off the DD Waitlist. Imagine! will get 47 slots. Timeline will begin July 1. Imagine! will get names July 1 and then will work to enroll the 47 people over the fiscal year.

Case management redesign-Looks as if Gilpin, Broomfield, Boulder Counties will be combined in one region. Clear Creek has gone back and forth. There has not been a clear metric as to how the design was figured out. HCBS has put out a survey about the redesign. You can access it on the Imagine! website. It is open until the middle of June.

There were 8 vaccination clinics held by Imagine! with support by ACL and Boulder County. 1,000 people were vaccinated. No other clinics have been planned but could be reevaluated. The County is doing an excellent job getting the vaccines out. Rebecca has worked with HCPF to address home bound vaccines.

Rebecca indicated that they are ramping back up services.

### Questions Answered

Recently questions were answered that were brought to Rebecca and Sara's attention. In order to promote transparency Rebecca shared the questions and answers with the entire Council.

#### Additional Case Managers at Imagine! Funded by the Mill Levy

- ▶ Positions had been funded prior to this funding year.
- ▶ These positions are funded out of Imagine!'s on-going contract with no additional funding having been provided.
- ▶ Case Management turnover and satisfaction, and the number of FTEs being funded by the Mill Levy continues to be a discussion.
- ▶ Positions include:
  - 1 FTE Case Manager
  - 1 FTE Eligibility Resource
  - 1 FTE Crisis Management Position-Pilot Program

#### What is role of Advisory Council in Distribution of Mill Levy Funds

- ▶ Allocated Funds under contracts are managed by the HHS Contracts Team.
- ▶ Pulling current contracts would disrupt services. We are working on understanding and collaborating on the current contracts.
- ▶ The Advisory Council will make recommendations for the use of Unallocated Funds to HHS and the BOCC in alignment with the IDD Needs Assessment. Final funding decisions are made by the BOCC. There is currently \$1,900,00.00 in unallocated funds.
- ▶ We are working with the contracted agencies that receive IDD Mill Levy funds to develop more comprehensive reporting on financials and outcomes/data around who they are serving and how. These investments will continue to be monitored and assessed for impact on individuals with IDD/TBI/Autism and may be revisited in the future.

#### County Employees on Boards of Agencies Receiving Funding

- ▶ Imagine!, BOCC and the HHS Director all agreed that having a Boulder County representative on the Board of Directors had far more benefits than concern, and agreement of recusing or abstaining from voting anything that might be a conflict of interest.
- ▶ Other CCB's with Mill Levies also have County representatives, including Commissioners, on their Boards.
- ▶ The Boulder County employee that is on the Imagine! Foundation Board, which is for fundraising purposes, and does not have involvement in the Imagine! Board of Directors activities.

#### Partner Transparency

- ▶ The County has made significant changes to contracts over several years.
- ▶ We now receive detailed monthly invoicing and exhibits for contracts which gives us better visibility into how the funding is used, what is covered by other funds, and ensuring funds are paying for BoCo clients.
- ▶ Bimonthly meetings are held with Imagine! to review financials, discuss services in each program area in more detail, and identify data and outcome measure opportunities.
- ▶ Funding has remained unchanged.

#### Roles of County Employees

- ▶ Sara Boylan, Major Contracts Manager
  - Primary contract liaison with Imagine!, ACL, CPWD, and Play/City of Boulder.
  - Oversight of IDD Mill Levy contracts with support from IMPACT Contracts/Finance/Data team.
  - Systems-level perspective between multiple agencies, efforts, streamlining, etc.
  - Boulder County representative on Imagine! Board of Directors.
  - Supervises IDD Mill Levy Program Coordinator.
- ▶ Rebecca Seiden, IDD Mill Levy Program Coordinator
  - Liaison between IDD Advisory Council and County.
  - Subject matter expert.
  - Work in tandem with County Employees that oversee contracts to bring subject knowledge into contracts, invoices, and data development.

## Promoting Transparency and Trust

- ▶ We want to make sure that all information is being disseminated clearly and factually.
- ▶ The Council and Boulder County staff have worked hard in promoting positivity between partners and to promote transparency.
- ▶ Positive Discourse has increased between the Council and all our partners.
- ▶ Set tone with curiosity, ask questions for clarification and to dispel rumors.
- ▶ Communicate in a positive way so that we are clear and confident in how we are moving forward together.

There were no questions from Council Members.

## START Services

Rebecca had asked Council Members to watch the following videos prior to the meeting. Rebecca indicated that she was impressed with the crisis management and person-centered practice of START. Anna stated she was impressed by the services offered. Anna asked what difference between START and expanding the Boulder County wrap around. Rebecca stated that the High Fidelity Wrap Around did not currently have the capacity. Sara stated that START would bring systems together. Other positives about START are that they expect people to show up physically when there is a crisis, brings systems including hospitals together, works with parents and provides person-centered, works with school systems. Rebecca indicated that she would like to develop questions to send to Joan Beasley from START and invite her to present to the entire Council. Rebecca indicated that one of the services that they offer is a system analysis. Consensus is that we should pursue additional information about START Services and look at what it would take to increase capacity of the Fidelity Wrap Around in Boulder County. We will further discuss development of questions in the next MH subcommittee. Rebecca would like the Council to watch the videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7vv8DH5Fgw>

<https://centerforstartservices.org/start-overview-video>

## Angel Bond, Program Manager of Boulder County Mobility for All

Working on Coordinated Human Services Transportation plan. Existing conditions will be drafted in two weeks. Angel went over demographic maps showing Older Adults, People with Disabilities, Youth, Youth with Disabilities, and Low-Income Households. Information came from census. Most density is in Boulder. These maps are used to develop transit needs. Rebecca N asked what the definition is for people with disabilities. Angel stated it is the ACS definition. DrCog is regional planner. Other Counties working on transportation plans are Broomfield and North Front Range (Ft Collins). They are seeing elevated need to Weld and Larimer Counties from Boulder County.

Feasibility Study being done to bring Community Transit Center to Boulder County. The need for an additional center is to allow more accessibility for functional assessments needed for Access A Ride. Most of the demand for transportation has been filled by VIA. VIA has limited hours. Access A Ride would be available for persons within ¼ mile of bus stop. Angel is creating a feasibility study that will address what is needed to bring another center to Boulder County. A new contractor has been chosen (Easter Seals did not get contract) to provide these services and they have agreed to bring a center to Boulder County. Medical Transportation Management is the new contractor. Angel is setting up a meeting to discuss with MTM.

## General Updates

Housing Survey has been delayed due to changes needed in contract with AbleLink by County Attorneys.

Seiden is looking at sending Mental Health/Behavioral Health Practitioner Questions out first. Data could be used at looking at START services in Boulder County.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.



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*If you need special assistance, contact Julia Yager, ADA/AA Coordinator, or the Human Resources Department at 303-441-3525 at least 72 hours before the scheduled event.*

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Advisory Council Members in Attendance:** Katie Ashburner, Jolie Bernstein, Deana Cairo, Jennifer Geiger, Teresa Greene, Miranda Fisher, Timothy Maxwell, Andy Minden, and Anna Stewart

**Absent:** Robert Enderson

**Boulder County Employees:** Rebecca Seiden, IDD Mill Levy Coordinator and Sara Boylan, IMPACT Major Contracts Manager

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chair Miranda Fisher. Meeting was held through Microsoft Teams due to continued public mandate orders.

There was no public comment provided from community members.

#### **Systems Analysis START Services Presentation**

Joan Beasley, PhD Director and Ann Klein, M.A., Director of Evaluation and Outcomes, with START services presented to the Council about the START model and services provided.

Cairo asked if the START representatives were provided with the Needs Assessment. Seiden confirmed and explained that the council would be discussing at a future meeting whether the START model would be appropriate for Boulder County.

Minden shared that it would be important to have representatives from different agencies identified early on who would want to be a part of the advocacy advisory group START mentioned.

Bernstein asked if there was a set budget for START programming and survey implementation. Seiden explained that if the council approved recommending the implementation of the START model, that the mill levy funds would be used to support doing so.

## **Update from Imagine!**

Rebecca Novinger, Imagine! Executive Director, shared that the state is moving forward with the American Rescue Plan funding plan. The funds will be split as follows:

- 53% for strengthening the workforce and enhancing rural stability in the form of provider rate increases.
- 3% for crisis and acute services.
- 11% for improved access for underserved populations.
- 12% for post-COVID recovery and HCBS innovation.
- 3% for strengthening case management redesign.
- 15% for investing in tools and technology.
- 2% for expanding emergency preparedness.
- 1% to enhance quality outcome.

Maxwell expressed thanks for Novinger speaking to the issues providers are currently facing and noted that while the funder increase is beneficial, it is not enough. Novinger agreed. Cairo asked where Novinger feels more money should go. Novinger stated she'd like to see a higher provider increase.

Novinger explained for early intervention, intakes will be done by the Department of Human Services (DHS) instead of the Department of Early Childhood Education and that DHS will process referrals. Novinger explained that this change is concerning because children might fall through the cracks. Novinger stated that they are waiting to hear how DHS will employ enough people to support with all the intakes. Novinger also questioned what will happen to children who don't meet the qualifications for early intervention and how DHS will ensure they receive the supports needed. Bernstein asked where evaluations would occur in this new system. Novinger stated that evaluations would be referred out.

Novinger shared that Federal Provider Relief funding is available for providers impacted by COVID.

Novinger did not have any update on the case management redesign at this time.

Novinger stated that Imagine! applied for AmeriCorp funding to work on a direct support redesign which will help with the recruitment and retention of employees.

## **Other Business**

Seiden has been working on trainings for Boulder County Case Workers so they understand what IDD services are available.

Seiden shared that Boulder County has a vaccine mandate and that all employees must be vaccinated by December 1, 2021. Seiden explained that she anticipates that the county will be determining if and how people return to the office.

Fisher asked about the survey the council was going to do to see if the meetings should be moved to the evenings. Seiden stated that she'd be sure to send out a survey prior to the next meeting. Seiden added that at the December meeting, the council will discuss a new date/time for the meeting starting in January.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Maxwell made a motion to approve the September 2021 minutes. Cairo seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

## **Adjournment**

Minden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 1:31p.m.

Submitted by Miranda Fisher, Chair