

## **Mill Levy Advisory Council, BCHS**

Monday, March 9, 2026

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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### **Advisory Council Members in Attendance**

Annette Treufeldt-Franck, Asher Johnson, Heidi Que, Jill Tappert, Jolie Bernstein, Lisa Slager, Matt McMullen, & Robert Morris II.

### **Absent Council Members**

Daren Kraft, Jayne Dixon Weber, & Kari Rowe.

### **Community Members in Attendance**

Jodi Walters, Ailsa Wonnacott, Kimberly DeGraff, & Anna Stewart.

### **Boulder County Employees in Attendance**

Rebecca Seiden, IDD Mill Levy Program Coordinator & Ally Joel, IDD Mill Levy Program Specialist

### **Call to Order**

5:05pm

### **Approval of March Minutes**

Matt motioned to approve March minutes. Annette Seconded. March minutes approved by council.

### **A&I Avenues Updates**

Staffing:

- Total staffing target: 173
- Staffing as of May 13, 2026: 166

Job Openings:

- HR Generalist
- 2 LTSS Case Managers
- Children's Case Manager
- Administrative Assistant (promotion)

- LTSS Intake Navigator (retirement)
- Lead Intake Case Manager (retirement)

#### Mill Levy Supported Positions:

- All Mill Levy-funded positions are staffed currently

#### Successes in April/May:

- A&I Avenues has completed some structural changes. After the Co-CEO's retirement, tasks were evaluated and two promotions were made. Jenna Corder, previously the Director of Programs and Services is now the Chief Operating Officer. Jennie Giurgila, previously the Assistant Director of Case Management is now the Chief Program Officer. And lastly, Valerie Temple, previously serving as the Assistant Director of Early Intervention is now the Director of Early Intervention and Family Support.
- We have successfully located two new Community Advisory Committee members.

#### Challenges:

- We have seen an uptick in resignations and are reviewing selection criteria and ways to expand our outreach. Most recently, we have been sponsoring open jobs on Indeed to obtain more applicants.

#### Other items

- A&I Avenues Board of Directors: We are seeking prospective candidates to serve on the Board of Directors for this agency. Please help spread this word and direct any interested parties to contact Kathryn Arbour ([karbour@aiavenues.org](mailto:karbour@aiavenues.org)) for more information about the process.
- The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) has [launched a dedicated website](#) in response to the state and federal budget pressures. There are up to date FAQs available to help field questions from concerned members and families.

#### **Willoughby Corners Phase 2 Update from BCHA**

- Willoughby Corners Phase 2A is moving forward quickly due to no required PUD amendments, with all SPAR details submitted to the City of Lafayette.
- The CHFA application, the largest funding piece, was submitted, and the team presented to the committee, answering questions about the project's neuro-inclusive focus and local control.
- A community event held in February for the neuro-inclusive community, led by Desiree, whose feedback informed the design.
- Desiree is working with the architectural team on sensory-friendly features, and will be on maternity leave soon, prompting expedited collaboration.

- BCHA showcased architectural renderings, highlighting features such as covered waiting areas, balconies, controlled access, elevators, and secure resident-only amenities.
- The outdoor space includes a walking loop, courtyard, kitchen area, fireplace, swings, benches, yoga room, library, movie theater, and video game area, all designed based on community input.
- Discussed how rents are set by HUD and the state, with the project maintaining an average of 48% AMI.
- Over one-third of units are at 30-40% AMI, with rents ranging from \$800-\$1400 depending on unit type and AMI level, ensuring deep affordability for residents with lower incomes.
- Jill inquired about live-in caregivers for DD waiver residents. Susana confirmed that two-bedroom units are designed for caregivers, with an RFP forthcoming for on-site PASA providers. Residents can choose their PASA, and programming will be delivered on-site, similar to the model at 30 Pearl.
- The BCHA team is preparing to manage the waitlist and ensure residents with IDD receive necessary services, leveraging Boulder County's strong local system.
- Rebecca and Robert discussed the site's proximity to downtown Lafayette, public transportation, and nearby amenities, emphasizing its accessibility and integration into the broader community.

### **IDD Mill Levy Updates:**

- Rebecca shared the funding amounts and purposes for each organization:
  - A&I Avenues received 3,344,614 dollars to assist with Medicaid waivers, crisis care, family support, and service navigation.
  - Imagine! was awarded 2,534,744 dollars to continue adult and child services, including mental health and behavioral supports, along with an additional 217,285 dollars to help individuals secure and maintain long-term housing.
  - The Center for People with Disabilities received 99,347 dollars to teach independent living skills, while Boulder County Public Health was granted 649,602 dollars to provide care support for children with diverse disabilities.
  - The Association for Community Living received 156,839 dollars for group advocacy programs that keep people socially connected, and 254,445 dollars for one-on-one advocacy to help individuals

navigate complex support systems.

- Community Link Social was awarded 57,092 dollars to offer weekend programming that helps adults with IDD build friendships and reduce isolation.
  - Inclusive Acres of Boulder County received 8,450 dollars to provide youth social activities.
  - The Boulder County Housing Authority received 10,000 dollars to hire an IDD design expert for its Willoughby Corner project, along with 2,000,000 dollars to design and build 32 homes tailored for residents with IDD, autism, and brain injury.
  - The Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center was awarded 50,000 dollars to grow access to therapeutic horseback riding.
  - Ignite Adaptive Sports received 25,000 dollars to expand adaptive winter sports access.
  - The PLAY Boulder Foundation received 205,347 dollars to provide inclusive recreation opportunities for participants ages six and older.
  - The Town of Erie was awarded 49,330 dollars to expand its ACCESS programming for all ages.
  - CCAP received 502,194 dollars to help families pay for quality child care for children with disabilities up to age 18.
  - TLC Learning Center was granted 51,500 dollars to hire a director to expand pediatric therapy services across occupational, speech, and physical domains.
- Emergency funding is provided through A&I Avenues and Imagine, with a \$50,000 resource for rent and utilities. The process blends funding across agencies to meet client needs.
  - Annette asked whether grant funds are used only when no other funding is available. Rebecca and Sarah clarified that waiver funding is used first, and Boulder County funds cover gaps, including services for undiagnosed individuals and those not yet eligible for waivers.
  - Jill inquired about future funding. Rebecca confirmed that most funding agreements are two-year, with a 3% increase planned for next year. The

budget is influenced by property tax changes, and additional funds are allocated for dual diagnosis mental health programs and outreach.

- Jill asked about adding funds to existing agreements. Rebecca explained that Boulder County has moved to a competitive grant process to ensure equity, preventing direct allocation of additional funds without solicitations.
- Annette requested a list of vendors and program descriptions. Rebecca agreed to have Ally send the list and link to all members, noting it is available on the county website.

### **REIAT Working Session**

Council framed the discussion on training on transition-age services and process using the Racial Equity Impact Assessment Tool (REIAT):

- What is the problem you are trying to solve? What are the key drivers contributing to this problem?
- Opportunities for our community to interact interculturally/Cultural differences
- Does the IDD community have a safety net or set of basic needs agencies that should be able to educate clients/families to navigate the resources for transitioning?
- Is there a road map that can be shared and modified for communities/cultures? Can we consult private advocates that do this?
- There is no one-stop-shop for information. Would be ideal to have a road map encompassing:
  - School Transition Program
  - Access to Medicaid Waivers (HIBI, WAwD)
  - SSI, SSDI, Adult Disabled Child
  - Guardianship (and alternatives)
  - Housing
  - Employment (DVR, supported employment)
  - Waiver Services
  - Estate planning
  - SNAP/EBT

- Education about legal rights
- Interest for a road map across the life-span – not just transition age.
- Intentional outreach – casting a broader net in the information we provide and who we bring in
- Cultural attitudes and language around how disability is framed, viewed and accepted
- Education and knowledge, and access to this information
- ACL transition consultations at no cost may be of assistance. [Book a consultation for transition related advocacy.](#)

**Meeting adjourned**

6:31 pm