



September 27, 2019

Dear Stakeholders,

On May 28, 2019 the Governor signed [Senate Bill \(SB\) 19-238](#) into law. The bill requires that the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) and the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) consult with stakeholders "to establish a process for reviewing and enforcing initial and ongoing training requirements" for home care agency employees. In addition, the bill requires the stakeholder group to "advise the Departments concerning the manner in which non-administrative employees will be notified of the compensation increases and minimum wage described in sections 25.5-6-1602 and 25.5-6-1603." [SB 19-238, 25.5-6-1604 Sections (1) and (2)].

To meet the requirements of the Bill, HCPF is excited to announce the selection of sixteen members to the Training Advisory Committee. This Committee will serve for a period of three months and will be tasked with reviewing training and enforcement practices as outlined in Senate Bill 19-238. The Committee will conclude with the development of a report of its findings and recommendations by January 1, 2020. The report will be publicly available to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Colorado Senate, the Public Health and Human Services Committee of the Colorado House of Representatives, and the Colorado Joint Budget Committee, or any successor committees.

HCPF received nearly forty exceptional applications for participation on the Committee. The Committee members were chosen to participate by selection committee or appointment. A team of reviewers independently evaluated blinded applications and made recommendations based on a structured assessment process. Additionally, leadership made seven appointments, to provide assurance we meet the requirements for participation outlined in the Bill. Through these selection methods, HCPF is confident that the Committee members represent a diverse set of voices who will assist in successfully completing the charge outlined in Senate Bill 19-238. In addition to the stakeholder members, representatives from the Departments of Health Care Policy & Financing, Public Health & Environment, Regulatory Agencies, and Labor and Employment/Colorado Workforce Development Council will also participate on the Committee.

Training Advisory Committee Members:

Melissa Benjamin
David Bolin
Christina Brown
Lorin Chevalier
Pat Cook
Stephanie Felix

Liz Gerdeman
Jennifer Gilchriest
Cynthia Hardiman
Jeanette Hensley
Kelley Horton
Alexa Lanpher

James Moore
Sarah Serrar
Karen Spivey
Stacy Warden



Training Advisory Committee Meetings:

[Clayton Early Learning Center](#)

3975 Martin Luther King Blvd
Denver, CO 80205

Thursday, October 10, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 24, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 7, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 5, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Training Advisory Committee meetings will be open to the public with opportunity to provide comment. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. Please notify the 504/ADA Coordinator at hcpf504ada@state.co.us at least one week prior to the meeting.

Public Listening Sessions and Survey:

In addition to the Training Advisory Committee, HCPF, in partnership with CDPHE, will be hosting five public listening sessions in regional locations across the state; locations and schedule will be announced soon. We encourage all interested stakeholders to participate in one of these sessions to share thoughts and feedback. HCPF will also be collecting public comments through email, mail or phone. In addition to the listening sessions, HCPF will be distributing a home care aide survey to hear directly from home care workers. More information about this survey will be made available on the webpage below.

To stay informed about upcoming opportunities, please email

hcpf_dcworkforce@hcpf.state.co.us or visit:

<https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/senate-bill-19-238-training-advisory-committee>

We look forward to continuing collaboration on this critically important issue with all interested parties. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bonnie Silva', is written over a white background.

Bonnie Silva, Office Director
Office of Community Living