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Minutes

Transitions Stakeholder Advisory Council

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March 3, 2023

2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Meghan Baker, Disability Law Colorado
- Mary Baughman
- Anne Bartels, Sandata
- Monique Flemings, AHOD Services
- Brittany Wright, Atlantis
- Jennifer Giurgila, ACMI
- Fallon Gillespie, RMHS
- Kara Marang, Ombudsman
- Carla Mickelson
- Jennifer Krulewich, Focus Cares
- LaShawn Love, Love Foundation
- Tracy Martinez, Touch of Care
- Jenn Ochs
- Patricia Cook
- Neal Waite, ADRC Region 3B
- Lauren Bell, DRCOG

1) Welcome - 2:30 p.m.

- Approval of Minutes – Approval of February Minutes
- Vote in members: [Mary Mekbib Application](#)

2) Open Forum - Questions or Concerns - 2:35 p.m.

- a. Peggy- If DOH pays for apartment deposit, do they get it back when the person moves or does it go back to residence?
 - o Courtney from DOLA- with a security deposit if they paid it, landlord should submit back to them. If withholding any of the security deposit, needs to send details on why withheld.

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- b. Jenny- Regarding the change in Care and Case Management System (CCM), will there be additional training before the go live date on March 13, 2023.
 - o Matt- need to check with Nora to find out if more formal training will be done and will share with the group. All ongoing documentation and case management notes will go in the CCM starting March 13, 2023 the go live date of the system. A lot of focus at Case Management and TCA level. Encourage everyone to work through this together. CCM Link: [Care and Case Management System](#)
- c. Matt- Colorado is looking to build support and looking at MFP and how Transition Services can support members. In the process of outlining plan for leadership to review and submit to CMS by end of May.
- d. Ann- shared TCM Office Hours for any housing questions. Thursday, March 9, from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.
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- e. Renee- Asked for update on Department's budget request to address the DOJ findings.
 - o Matt should have info on website, if not will share in follow up notes.

3) SILC Presentation - 2:45 p.m.

- a. Martha Mason, Treasurer for The Colorado Statewide Independent Living Council (CSILC). Martha is Executive Director for Southwest Colorado Center for Independence and over 38 years' experience working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental health systems.
- b. One out of every four people in the country have a disability, they face barriers in all areas of their lives. The disability rights movement is global. Looking for access and safety in physical environments, equal opportunities and inclusion.
- c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 was the first Disability Law to be enacted in the US. Replacing preexisting laws, required affirmative action and created extended civil rights to people with disabilities.
- d. Significant amendments made since 1973 for any individual that has physical or mental disability including the 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
- e. Administration for Community Living (ACL)- is great resource to find information on programs and policies. [ACL Administration for Community Living](#)
- f. History of Independent Living- Ed Roberts at UC Berkley started first Center for Independent Living the Berkely CIL in the 1960's.
- g. Atlantis Community was the second Center for Independent Living started in CO by Wade Blank.
- h. ADAPT/Atlantis Community blocked the intersection of Colfax and Broadway in Denver to protest against the lack of access to public transportation, there is a PBS

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Documentary called the Gang of 19 that shows how this act lead to years of advocacy in Colorado. Adapt has local chapters all throughout the country. [Colorado Experience - The Gang of 19 - ADA Movement](#)

- i. Disability rights are Civil Rights, people in institutions are being segregated and not able to join society.
- j. Independent living means deciding one's own pattern of life. Guardianship is one of the things that gets in the way. Exercising the right to make own decisions- self-determination. The U.S. supported decision making to enhance self-determination. The American Bar Assn adopted Resolution 113 in 2017 that encourages all providers of legal services to expand and create opportunities for diverse attorneys.
- k. Colorado- Independent living is housed with Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) . There are 9 CIL's in CO: Disabled Resource Services, Center for People with Disabilities, Atlantis Community, NWCCI, Center for Independence, Southwest Center for Independence, Connections, Then Independence Center, Center Toward Self-Reliance.
- l. CIL characteristics for Certification- Five Core Services: Information, Referral and Options Counseling, Advocacy, Independent Living Skills Training, Peer Support and Mentorship, Transition Services and Diversion from Institutionalization. Each CIL is separate community-based non-profit. Have board and service staff of at least 51% people with disabilities.
- m. Independent Living Philosophy- Control of own lives, direct own services, "person centered" vs "person driven".
- n. The Association of Colorado Centers for Independent Living (ACCIL) Colorado office of Independent Living Services- Designated State Entity. Colorado is one of the few states in the country that has a good relationship with SCIL, CIL and ACCIL, something to be very proud of.
- o. National Association of States Independent Living Councils (NASILC) – SILS are federally mandated, every state and territory in US has a SILC. The purpose of each SILC is to determine the direction of the Independent Living Program for each state by identifying the needs of people with disabilities in partnership with the state CILs
- p. Colorado State Plan for Independent Living (CSILC/The SPIL). One of only 3 states in the country receives more money from state government than Federal Government.
- q. The Youth Leadership Forum is in June and is for young adults aged 16 through 26 with disabilities. They are making a huge difference for others in Colorado.
- r. Everyone thanked Martha for an amazing presentation!

4) Open Forum on Wins and Challenges - 3:45 p.m.

- a. Monique shared a big win that that began with discussing program with member and daughter, they had a conversation with landlord at Windsor Gardens to tap into the home modification program. Monique was able to help the member communicate with the landlord the need for the home modification which resulted in a beautiful outcome.

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- b. Shannon let the group know about her win with a consumer that was denied housing based on criminal history over 20 years ago. It looks like this individual can move into Independent Living apartment complex. Hoping things will filter down to get everyone on board with CO housing laws. To help ensure changes, Shannon joined the board to assist with the tenant selection plan.
- c. Lauren-DRCOG, asked the group if they have anyone that they've worked with that would be interested in sharing their story in newspaper, media, news to increase awareness about the program throughout the community. Lauren Bell – DRCOG contact info: lbell@drcoq.org
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5) Next Steps and Adjourn - 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting April 6, 2023
Topic: Care and Case Management System

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