



Executive Committee

February 3, 2010

Meeting Minutes

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| Present | Becky Bartmess, President Brenda Blickenstaff, Vice President Marty Guerra, Secretary Gary Raso, Treasurer John Cordova, Sr., Past President Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director Karen Caldwell, Chief Finance Officer Mariah Schofield, AA |
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Meeting called to order by President Becky Bartmess. Quorum established.

Action Items

- **Approval of Minutes from the January 6, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting**

Executive Directors Report

State Budget

- Mike reported that the JBC has balanced the budget without the 2.5% cut to the general fund. FSSP and State services have not been affected by any cuts. However; the March forecast is coming up and we may be on the hit list again. It will all depend on how the forecast looks. We are still expecting a 2% cut for fiscal year 2010/2011. Mike noted that all CCB's did all the lobbying that they could to make sure we would be safe. Mike called Senator Tapia and spoke with him personally to let him know where we stand.

Transparency

- There was an article in a Boulder paper regarding how CCB's are not being transparent. The article stems from some family and advocates that are not happy with how some CCB's are being ran. Mike noted that we have taken several precautions in working with Alliance. All our audits have been posted on the Alliance website as well as our own website. The biggest issue seems to be CEO salaries. Mike had thought that Channel 9 News would want to interview us in regards to the issues that are on the table, so he contacted Becky to prepare her with our information. Becky reviewed all of our stats and

numbers so that she would be ready when she received a call. However; Channel 9 never called us! Becky did learn that our administrative budget is 5% of our whole budget and that Mike's salary is .00423% of our budget. Becky was ready to be able to show that all CCB's don't take advantage of the system.

Case Management Separation

- Mike was able to attend a meeting last week that was held for all CCB's CEO and several representatives from the Division and State. Janise May, who is new to the Division, is the person who is spearheading this issue. The Division needs to have a plan of action into place within the next six months. The first document that came out regarding the separation stated that this needed to be completed by 2014 and seemed that there was no room for any other changes. At this meeting their approach was different. They are now going to put together a committee made up off 12 people from all across Colorado. This committee will include CEO's, family, board members, DDD employees and State employees. In order to be on this committee you have to go through an application process. Mike will be applying to get onto this committee.
- Several questions were asked by executive members and that opened up a discussion on how this will affect the consumers, our CCB, and the Pueblo Community. One question was where will case management go if moved out from the CCB? Mike responded by letting them know that it was possibly going to the county. In this case it would increase case loads tremendously. We have all worked hard to decrease our case loads and this would be a huge set back. Another question was what would happen to the CCB? Mike noted that we would likely become a service agency. Another question was what is the conflict of interest that brought on this separation? Mike noted that this has been on the table several times over the course of many years. However; this time it stems from the fact that we do intake for the single point entry and we also serve consumers at CBE. Mike noted that our policy is always to RFP out an individual and place them in an agency of their choosing. There are some CCB's who send all intakes into their own agencies. Jan has been working on pulling all of the RFP information together so that we can see what percentage that CBE gets from RFP's. Jan will be presenting this information during the full board meeting.
- Mike noted that conflict of interest is an inherit problem with all things in life. He used an eye glass place as an example. You go in to get your eyes examined then they give you your prescription and then you get your glasses at the same place. Some can perceive that this is a conflict of interest.
- There are three things that we can prepare to do in the event that this separation continues to move forward. One is to get onto the committee and cooperation with all suggestions and changes that may come down the pipe. Two would be to lobby those individuals who are pushing this into the legislative eye. Three would be to rally families to speak out against this change.
- If the separation does take place there are still a number of outlaying issues that would need to be worked out. One of which would be who would run the one single point entry? We are assuming that an RFP would be sent out to bid on being the entry point. Our currently thoughts are that an agency in Denver would be the entry point. Mike has lobbied that CBE would be the entry point for southern Colorado but we are unsure of how this whole process will shake out.
- Mike stated that this information has not been told to the case managers. We don't want to cause any panic when we don't have all the information yet. He asked to make sure that this information stays with the executive committee

