

Colorado Bluesky Enterprises, Inc.

Board of Directors

March 2, 2011

Meeting Minutes



Present

Brenda Blickenstaff, President
Marty Guerra, Vice President
Beth Thatcher, Treasure
Joel Thompson, Board Member
Julia Vean, Board Member
Jan Williams, Board Member
Leon Harwood, Board Member
Wayne Hunter, Board Member
Maria Reyes, Board Member
Cathy McConnell, Board Member

Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director
Karen Caldwell, Chief Finance Officer
Caroline Rosales, Residential Services
Sandra Montee, QI & Compliance
Loudia Allbritton, Case Management
Mariah Schofield, AA

Absent

Gary Raso, Secretary
John Cordova, Board Member
Cindy Mihelich, Board Member
Brian Corsi, Board Member
Terri Martinez, Bluesky Adult Support Services
Pat Morales, Human Resources

Meeting called to order by President Brenda Blickenstaff.

Proxy Votes

- Cindy Mihelich gave her proxy vote to Brenda Blickenstaff

Welcome Guests

- Mike introduced Kristie Phillips CBE's new EI director. He asked Kristie to give us a little information about her.
- Kristie noted that she is very excited to be here and that her welcome into our company has been wonderful. She has worked with Spanish Peaks with adults and children and at one time she was contracted with the state as one of three individuals who work with social emotional behaviors. Kristie is very active in the community working with the executive committee on the Early Childhood Council. She also chairs a committee with the council and works on the pyramid leadership team. She noted that she has found her niche and that she loves what she does. Kristie is a very family oriented person and has a busy active life with her 9 year old daughter and her 4 year old son.

Action Items

- **Approval of the Board Meeting minutes from the February 2, 2011 meeting.**

Financials

- The CBE Financial Report for January 2011 was presented by Karen Caldwell.
 - ❖ **Approval of the January 2011 CBE Financial Report**
 - ❖ **Approval of the January 2011 Executive Director Expense Report**

Executive Directors Report

- Mike noted that he is very sorry to not have a written report for this meeting. He has been working diligently on CBE projects and Alliance projects and noted that this will not happen again.

Denver Meetings

- Mike and several Alliance members have meet with Reggie Bicha and Jenise May on two occasions. The first meeting with Reggie was an introduction to the Colorado DD system, the history of CCB's, and getting him up to date on the Conflict of Interest Issue. The second meeting was more information on Conflict of Interest. There is a legislative bill that may be carried by Senator Betty Boyd. This bill is more of a process bill to ensure that the Conflict of Interest issue is always on the table, and to request that a work group be formed to study the issue. Mr. Bicha asked what Alliance thought of the bill and asked us for feedback and Alliance will respond.
- The state of Colorado is over our allocation by \$41 million dollars and Jenise May is working on a plan to correct that overage. A few of her ideas are to cap four areas

that are over in appropriation; TCM, Day Habilitation, SIS, and Behavior Services. Another idea is to go back to monthly billing, instead of the 15 minute increments. If they go through with the caps this will affect our budget by about \$120,000.00.

- Jenise May is also working on removing the duplication of guidelines and regulations. She is working to get all policies in line with rules and regulations. This would help to eliminate a large amount of paperwork, and some of the unfunded mandates.

Budget

- The budget that the governor released included a 0.5% provider rate cut. This budget is going to the JBC for review. At this point we are not sure that we will be part of this cut but we are under the impression that we will be. If this goes through it would mean a cut of about \$300,000.00 from Pueblo service agencies and Colorado Bluesky.

Service Coordination Training

- Mike completed the leadership training with the service coordination department. This training is based on values, customer service, leadership, and gratitude. Louida noted that this was a fantastic training that really set the tone for her department and they were all very pleased that Mike took this time to spend with the department.

Awareness Day

- Mike noted that this was a great day at the capital. Mike asked that the board members that were able to attend give a report.
- Marty noted that this was a mind blowing experience for him. He was amazed at how quick the House and the Senate move. He also commented that it was great to see individuals with Developmental Disabilities on the floor of the House and the Senate. Lunch at the Art center was wonderful and Mike did an excellent job on his presentation as president of Alliance.
- Jan noted that they were able to visit with Representative Swerdfeger and Senator Giron. The visit was very positive and a great opportunity for CBE. It really means a lot to have board members there to talk with all of our elected representatives.
- Joel noted that he always has a great time when he attends awareness day. He enjoys the whole day and enjoys time in the van to talk with staff and board members.
- Mike noted that he was very pleased with the turn out this year. We had two full tables of CBE staff and board members and that this was a great comfort to him.

Presentation from Marty Wilcoxson

- Please see attached information.

BASS

- Please see attached report.

Journey's

- Please see attached report.

Service Coordination

- Please see attached report.

Employee Appreciation Committee

- Next meeting will be on March 8, 2011.

Personnel Committee

- Next meeting: April 20, 2011

Foundation/Grants

- Next Meeting: April 6, 2011

Compliance Committee

- Next meeting: April 6, 2011

Miscellaneous

- Brenda noted that the board would like to see an annual fundraiser held at the Nature Center. The first event will be a Bluegrass Festival and she asked Joel if they would be able to play. Brenda will be appointing a Board Chair Person for this event.
- Starting in April we are going to try something new with the board meeting. We are going to be placing all information into a power point presentation and show it on the projection screen. This will save CBE time and money to put the board books together. It takes Mariah about an average of five hours a month and an entire ream of paper each meeting. Beth has also requested that the meeting minutes be emailed out to all board members each month.
- Board Calendar
- Thank You Letters

Public Issues

- None

Motion to Approve Minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting.	
<i>Action by:</i>	Wayne Hunter

<i>Seconded by:</i>	Marty Guerra
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

Motion to Approve the January 2011 Financial as presented.	
<i>Action by:</i>	Joel Thompson
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Wayne Hunter
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

Motion to Approve the January 2011 ED expense report as presented.	
<i>Action by:</i>	Beth Thatcher
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Marty Guerra
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

Motion to Adjourn Meeting	
<i>Action by:</i>	Wayne Hunter
<i>Seconded by:</i>	Leon Harwood
<i>Passed:</i>	Unanimously Approved

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____
 Mariah L. Schofield, AA
 Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
 Mike Atlas-Acuña, ED
 Colorado Bluesky Enterprises,
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Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
 Gary Raso, Secretary
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