



Executive Committee

June 3, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Present	John Cordova, Sr., President Becky Bartmess, Vice President Marty Guerra, Treasurer Jan Williams, Past President Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director Karen Caldwell, Chief Finance Officer Mariah Schofield, AA
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Absent	
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Meeting called to order by President John Cordova. Quorum established.

Action Items

- **Approval of Minutes from the May 6, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting**

Executive Directors report

SLS/CES Changes

- We recently received the SLS rates and caps and it was bad news. The cuts that Medicaid is doing has nothing to do with the State budget, this is basically changes in the Medicaid system. Mike noted that we will be going into an executive session at the end of today's meeting and we will go into more detail regarding how the Medicaid changes will affect CBE.
- Mike has heard from Gil Romero that the 09/10 budget is balance and we will not be seeing any cuts to our funding at this time. However the 10/11 budget does not look good. They are getting prepared for the June forecast and if that does not go well the JBC will have to cut again. There may be a possibility that we will have to weather some cuts but we are unsure of that at this time. Mike will continue to keep everyone informed as we receive more information.

CCB Designation

- We have received word that we will be getting CCB designation for the next year. We are currently waiting on the paperwork to make it official.

- We did receive compliments on our three year plan. They noted that it was nice to see they progression of the items we have laid out in the plan. In July all managers will be getting together to make sure we are up to date with that and we will be presenting that at the Annual Summit in August.

Meyers & Stauffer Report

- Mike noted that he has a meeting next week with all Colorado ED's to review this report. This report is regarding the possible separation of case management from the CCB. Mike and all other ED are feeling very uncomfortable about the outcome of this report. They are not releasing the contents of this prior to the meeting, so all ED's are going in completely unprepared. The feeling of tearing the system apart piece by piece is very apparent through all CCB's.

Service Agency Contracts

- All service agencies except PDI have agreed to sign with us for the next fiscal year. Everyone seems very enthusiastic to continue with our relationship the way it is to help maintain consist services here in Pueblo. We are pleased with this since all agencies did have the choice to not be associated with a CCB this year.
- PDI had asked Mike to do the State billing for the 7 consumers that she had. Mike let Karen Lillie know that in order to be consistent that she will need to purchase the billing program from Ted Hernandez at Spectrum. We did make all other service agencies purchase that program and Mike didn't want a war on his hands if we agreed to do that billing for PDI. Mike was able to talk with Ted and see if he would be willing to work out a smaller billing plan since PDI only has 7 consumers to bill for.

Bonuses

- The presentation of the bonuses went very well. We had a power point presentation that reminded the employees of all the accomplishment that CBE has experienced this year.
- Karen informed the board of the formula. It is now based off longevity only and the layout is as follows:
 - ❖ 1-5 years ¼ share
 - ❖ 6-9 years ½ share
 - ❖ 10-18 years ¾ share
 - ❖ 19 and plus years full share
- Bonus amount ranges from \$800 to \$4,000. The total amount distributed was \$240,000.

Memberships

- Mike let everyone know that we are canceling all non-essential memberships and publications. We are trying to save every penny possible. In saying this we will be canceling our Country Club membership. After the annual summit meeting in August we will no longer use their service.

Additional Info

- Mike has spoken to Chris Collins regarding all the changes that CBE is experiencing. All the CCB's in Colorado are experiencing the same budget based stress that we are and they are thinking of ways to reduce their overall budget. Everyone is in the same boat and layoffs are happening all over.

- Mike has also talked with Stephanie Garcia in great length about these upcoming changes. Stephanie would like to hold a joint public forum and have an attorney present to help families if they decide to file an appeal. Stephanie is pushing for all families to file an appeal to let the state know how much all of these changes are affecting the families and consumers in our community. Mike noted that he has mixed feelings about that. Each appeal takes a tremendous amount of time and can really bog the system down. The state will meet with attorney general to let them know that there is not really any place to go with this since it is a waiver change. Mike will encourage Stephanie to only appeal the most important cases. Stephanie has suggested that the ARC board met with our board to discuss these changes and how they affect our system.

Motion to Adjourn

Motions Presented to the **Executive Committee** April 1, 2009

Motion to Approve Minutes of the May 6, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting	
Action by:	Jan Williams
Seconded by:	Marty Guerra
Passed:	Unanimously Approved

Motion to adjourn meeting	
Action by:	Becky Bartmess
Seconded by:	Brenda Blickenstaff
Passed:	Unanimously Approved

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

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
 Mike Atlas-Acuña, ED
 Colorado Bluesky Enterprises, Inc.

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
 Brenda Blickenstaff, Secretary
 CBE Board of Directors