



# Board of Directors

July 1, 2009

## Meeting Minutes

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### Present

**Becky Bartmess, President**  
**Marty Guerra, Secretary**  
**Gary Raso, Treasurer**  
**John Cordova, Sr. Past President**  
**Cindy Mihelich, Board Member**  
**Leon Harwood, Board Member**  
**Joel Thompson, Board Member**  
**Beth Thatcher, Board Member**  
Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director  
Jeff Dunn, Children's & Family Services  
Karen Caldwell, Chief Finance Officer  
Jan Matzen, Case Management  
Pat Morales, Human Resources  
Caroline Rosales, Residential Services  
Sandra Montee, Quality Improvement & Compliance  
Mariah Schofield, AA

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### Absent

**Brenda Blickenstaff, Vice President**  
**Jan Williams, Board Member**  
**Wayne Hunter, Board Member**  
**Maria Reyes, Board Member**  
**David Buchinger, Board Member**  
Terri Martinez, Bluesky Adult Support Services  
Norman Richards, Managed Information Systems

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### Proxy Voters

- Jan Williams gave her proxy to Gary Raso
- Brenda Blickenstaff gave her proxy to Marty Guerra

### Guests Welcomed

- Senator Abel Tapia
- Gil Romero
- Josh Rael
- Chris Collins
- Jeremy Schupbach
- Julia Vein

### **Special Presentation for John Cordova**

- Mike Atlas-Acuna presented John with a gift certificate to Texas Roadhouse in appreciation of his hard work and dedication as the President of the Colorado Bluesky Board of Directors. Mike noted that during his time as president John was faced with several issues and that this was a tough year to be president. Mike thanked John for all the time and dedication he gave to us.
- John thanked the Executive Committee for all the support that they gave to him during his time as president. He noted that he truly enjoyed being on the board as president. John also let Becky know that if she needed anything to let him know.

### **Special Presentation for Becky Bartmess**

- Mike presented Becky with a Board President Plaque. Mike noted that we are carrying on the tradition of the "Golden Gavel". As Mike presented Becky with this plaque he noted that Becky is taking on president at a tough time with all the Medicaid System changes and wished her well in her upcoming year.

### **Designation of the 2009-2010 Board**

- All members in attendance were sworn in by Caroline Rosales, Residential Director.

Meeting called to order by President Becky Bartmess. Quorum established.

### **Special Presentation to Senator Abel Tapia**

- Becky presented Senator Tapia with his plaque, thanking him for all the hard work that he put forth with the JBC.
- Senator Tapia thanked the board for this recognition. He stated that working on this matter was a pleasure and a duty he feels needs to be done. He noted that we need many advocates out there to help protect our interests and the clients that we serve.
- Gil Romero spoke about all the things that the Senator wouldn't mention about himself. He noted that the Senator was too honorable to give us the whole picture. Gil considers Senator Tapia a close friend of whom he has great respect for. It was hard to go in there and know that we had already cut out all the "frills" and it wasn't enough. In dealing with all these drastic cuts Senator Tapia didn't make any blind decisions. He saw all of the faces of those individuals who were lobbying to keep all their funding. This is a hard way to do it. Each day Senator Tapia was very passionate about all the points that he brought up and fought until the very end. Even on the very last day when he gave his final speech about DD and the waiting list, he put everything he had into that. There are not enough buildings in Pueblo to name after the Senator. Gil noted that he is a very humble man who never looks for the pat on the back or the articles in the paper. We are very blessed to have such an honorable champion for Pueblo.
- Chris Collins from Alliance noted that it was truly a miracle that we were able to go without any cuts. The work and effort that he put into protecting all the programs that we have was amazing. Senator Tapia knows Pueblo and has always been there and will continue to always be there. He truly makes a difference for the community that we support. What a champion.

### **Action Items**

- **Approval of Minutes from the June 3, 2009 Board of Directors' Meeting**

### **Financials**

- The CBE Financial Report for February 2009 was presented by Karen Caldwell.
  - ❖ **Approval of the April 2009 CBE Financial Report**

## **RIF Update**

- Mike gave an update on the RIF program that we needed to put into place. We did lay off eight staff members. He noted that we also needed to close the Café. The commissioners needed to send out an RFP to have the contract bid on. There are a few already interested. Solar Roast and PDI are both interested. Once they can fill that contract we will be able to complete the closing of the Café.

## **TCM**

- Mike stated that the TCM billing changes are effective as of 7/1/09. All case managers will have to bill in 15 minute increments. There are still a lot of questions and debates going on regarding how this can be accomplished but we will get it all figured out.

## **Public Forum**

- We are hosting a Public Forum on July 13, 2009 5:30PM at the Infant/Toddler Center. This event will be co-hosted by Stephanie Garcia at the ARC. We will be informing family and consumers of all the SLS changes that are taking effect. Stephanie will have an attorney there to help families with any appeal process questions.

## **Case Management**

- Jan presented the Waiting List Summary. Please see attached.

## **Infant/Toddler Center**

- Jeff reported the following numbers:
  - 164 – Actively Enrolled
  - 68 – Enrolled in EI
  - 25 – Referrals
  - 70 – Family Support
  - 73 – Family Support Waiting List
  - 3 – CWA
  - 15 – CWA Waiting List

## **Julia Vein**

- Julia is a prospective board member with a great personnel history. Julia let us know that she was a substitute teacher for five years, then she taught Kindergarten for five years. She work at East High for thirty years and then retired from teaching. After that she helped her husband run the furniture store. Julia noted that she loves helping people and really enjoyed her time teaching and at the store. Julia mentioned that she has a 18 year old granddaughter that has a developmental disability. She is truly a light and someone very special. Its takes a very special person to care for those individuals with developmental disabilities. Julia would love to become part of our board.

## **August Summit**

- The summit is scheduled for August 5, 2009 from 9A-3P.
- We will be going over the Strategic Plan at that time. The plan is a living document that gets updated by the managers often.

## **Public Issues**

- None

