



Colorado Bluesky Enterprises, Inc.

Board of Directors

July 6, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Present

Marty Guerra, President
Gary Raso, Vice President
Julia Vean, Board Member
John Cordova, Board Member
Brian Corsi, Board Member
Wayne Hunter, Board Member
Maria Reyes, Board Member
Cathy McConnell, Board Member
Jan Williams, Board Member
Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director
Karen Caldwell, Chief Finance Officer
Caroline Rosales, Residential Services
Sandra Montee, QI & Compliance
Louda Allbritton, Service Coordination
Pat Morales, Human Resources
Mariah Schofield, AA

Absent

Beth Thatcher, Secretary
Cindy Mihelich, Treasure
Brenda Blickenstaff, Past President
Leon Harwood, Board Member
Joel Thompson, Board Member
Renee Greenway, Board Member
Terri Martinez, Bluesky Adult Support Services

Meeting called to order by President Marty Guerra.

Proxy Votes

- Cindy Mihelich gave her proxy vote to Marty Guerra.
- Leon Harwood gave his proxy vote to Wayne Hunter.

Welcome

- Mike welcomed all board members, guests, and staff. He noted that this meeting is in replacement of the outdoor picnic that we use to do at this time. He noted that Karen made a wonderful indoor BBQ luncheon. We use this meeting to give yearly awards to individuals that provide outstanding assistance to the persons we serve and who have helped CBE meet its mission.

Presentation for Becky Bartmess

- Mike introduced Becky and noted that she has served many years on the board and has been a wonderful supporter of the agency's Mission and Values. Becky not only served on the board, but has served on the executive committee, and has helped with one of the largest fundraisers for an employee who had extensive medical expenses. We raised more on that one day than ever expected. Caroline stated that Becky is a person who makes life easier and better for everyone around her. Her continued acts of thoughtfulness and kindness brighten each day. Becky's actions will glow in our memory, reviving pleasant feelings every time we think about her. We appreciate her and thank her.
- Becky noted that she truly misses this board and hopes to be able to come back and serve again. She noted that this was an easy board to serve on and that she loves our staff and consumers and she truly believes in our mission.

Presentation for Marty Guerra

- Mike introduced Marty and noted that he is our president elect. Marty is very involved in all CBE events including the BASS Fashion show, other BASS events, chair of the Employee Appreciation chair, and any other activities that we host. Marty is generally our MC at all of our events and is always willing to help with a smile.
- Marty noted that this is an easy board to serve on and that he enjoys being able to spend all the time with our staff and consumers.

Professional of the Year - Chris Collins

- Mike noted that he served as Alliance board president this past year and has been able to meet many wonderful people in this arena. Alliance helps to lobby JBC members and other legislators to ensure that they all are aware of consumers and their needs. The Alliance office is right across from the capital and gives them the proximity that we need to be there on a daily basis.
- Mike called Chris up and noted that Chris is always in the middle of the lobbying efforts and because of all her leadership and efforts this past session we would like

to recognize her at this event. There were new JBC members that she needed to educate and spent many days writing documents on the fly and making sure all the correct information got to where it needed to be.

- Chris noted that she is honored to accept this on behalf of the members of Alliance. She noted that it takes all of them to be able to accomplish all that they do. Chris wanted to also thank Mike for this past year and noted how much Alliance needed him this year. We at Alliance know how important he is locally in all that he does and now he has received that recognition at the state level.

Professional of the Year - Art Hogling

- Mike called Art up and noted that he was instrumental in the lobbying efforts this year, has been Alliance past president and serves in many other aspects of Alliance. Art assisted Chris in writing and changing documents, lobbying JBC members, and worked many weekends to make it all happen. Because of Art's efforts a total of \$18 million dollars was added to the state DD budget. He has been a great mentor to Mike and his knowledge on lobbying is extensive.
- Art noted that lobbyists aren't generally known as the good guys, but we are. It is easy to lobby for the persons we serve. Art stated that Mike is well known and liked; has a great reputation and is very highly known at the state level, this made Art's job much easier.

Donor of the Year - Knight of Columbus

- Kristie noted that the Knights of Columbus spend hours each year fundraising for families in Early Intervention. Their funds are used to assist families with intense medical needs, equipment, medical travel and many other needed items. The families are very grateful and put this money to good use.
- All councils were honored to receive this award and are pleased to be able to do this for our families. They noted that they will continue to keep this tradition and work even harder this next year.

Community Provider of the Year - George Chintala

- Louida called George up and noted that with the budget changes we have had puts a strain on our individuals and some of the services that they receive. Thanks to George we have been able to keep the same rates for transportation. This has enabled individuals to be able to get back and forth to their jobs, day programs, and other desired locations.
- George noted that it is an honor to be able to help our individuals and that it takes a whole team to be able to serve all the people that they do. It takes the city and state to be able to match the funds in order to meet their mission.

Community Provider of the Year - Safeway

- Yvette called up the representatives from Safeway. This company not only makes monetary donations but they also provide employment opportunities, their time and gifts used for BASS events. They have provided everything from hot dog buns to large gifts. The time and effort that they put into assisting CBE is wonderful.
- Donna and Shirley noted that they have enjoyed all the time that they are able to put assist CBE. They truly enjoy having individuals in their stores and like how they call out to them in the parking lot saying “Hello”. They are honored to have such a great relationship with the persons we serve the CBE’s administration.
- Mike noted that they have truly been a great donator of time, gifts, and monetary donations. He also noted that we could not do what we do without any of the individuals that we are honoring today. It takes everyone to make this system work and we are lucky to have such great community supporters to help us in our journey.

Designation of the Board

- Caroline noted that before we get started there are a few things that she would like to say about the past year and the year that is ahead of us.
- Colorado Bluesky is a value driven organization and our values are: dedication, longevity, education, change agent, respect, and attendance, professional, sensitive, supportive, and positive. We as employees of CBE believe in our values by: treating people the way we want to be treated, seeking organizational alignment in whatever we do, and developing interpersonal trust, we realize how important trust is in a successful organization. We do all of this with the leadership from our board of directors and of course our executive director Michael Atlas-Ac .
- The world of CBE is moving faster now and we have been on a changing course. Could it be a tornado? Could it be a fire? Could it be the state of Colorado? Could it be a whirl wind? Or could it be Louida restructuring her entire department? Could it be Terri planning her next huge client party or fundraiser? Or could it be Mike AA planning next year’s leadership training? Could it be Mariah saying “Oh my, not I, eight is enough”? Could it just be Karen reminding us all “Stay within your budget”? Or simply could it be Pat saying “You can’t do that”? Or could it be Kristy with her rays of sunshine reminding us all its going to be fine. You, board of directors have helped us deal with change. You have been our stable force. When we have to follow new rules, new rates, new regulations, new directors, you have been there. When the state is coming down on us with cuts, cuts, cuts and Mike AA is putting people on the bus, bus, bus, in the right seat determined not to go down in defeat, without their seat, you were there. CBE board of directors you were

always there, when we were changing course you have always been there, you have always cares, you have always helped restore our inner confidence in our community, in our consumers, in ourselves and with each other. Through the year we have endured our changing course and we are grateful. Thank you Brenda, thank you Marty, thank you Gary, thank you Beth, thank you Joel, thank you Julia, thank you Maria, thank you Becky, thank you Leon, thank you Wayne, thank you Cindy, that you Renee, thank you John, thank you Jan, thank you Brian, thank you Kathy. Thanks for always being there.

- Caroline had all the board members read the designation of the board. She then introduced the Colorado Bluesky 2011-2012 Board of Directors.

Public Issues

- None

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

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
Mike Atlas-Acuña, ED
Colorado Bluesky Enterprises,
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Beth Thatcher, Secretary
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