

# Board of Directors

July 7, 2010

## Meeting Minutes

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### Present

**Brenda Blickenstaff, President**  
**John Cordova, Board Member**  
**Joel Thompson, Board Member**  
**Julia Vean, Board Member**  
**Wayne Hunter, Board Member**  
**Leon Harwood, Board Member**  
**Jan Williams, Board Member**  
**Maria Reyes, Board Member**  
**Cindy Mihelich, Board Member**

Mike Atlas-Acuña, Executive Director  
Jeff Dunn, Children's & Family Services  
Jan Matzen, Case Management  
Karen Caldwell, Chief Finance Officer  
Sandra Montee, Quality Improvement & Compliance  
Terri Martinez, Bluesky Adult Support Services  
Pat Morales, Human Resources  
Donna Rael, Residential Services  
Norman Richards, Managed Information Systems  
Mariah Schofield, AA

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### Absent

**Marty Guerra, Vice President**  
**Gary Raso, Secretary**  
**Beth Thatcher, Treasure**  
**Becky Bartmess, Past President**  
**Cathy McConnell, Board Member**  
Caroline Rosales, Residential Services

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Meeting called to order by President Brenda Blickenstaff.

### Welcome

- Mike welcomed everyone to the annual installation of the board of directors. We will present a few awards to four very special partners that help make serving the DD population possible. Even with all the challenges that we are facing due to the economic downfall we know that we can always count on our partners to help us serve our individuals.

### **Installation of the 2010-2011 Board of Directors**

- Karen Caldwell, Chief Financial Officer introduced each board member and then swore them in as the Colorado Bluesky Enterprises 2010-2011 Board of Directors. Please see attached speech and installation wording.

### **Brenda Blickenstaff Presentation**

- Mike Atlas-Acuña asked Brenda to come forward and presented her as the new president of Colorado Bluesky Enterprise Board of Directors. He noted that we have a tough year ahead and is excited to work through it together. Mike presented Brenda with her gavel and congratulated her on her new position.

### **Dr. John R. DeQuardo, M.D. Presentation – Professional Collaborator of the Year**

- Mike presented Dr. DeQuardo with the Professional of the Year Award. Mike noted that Dr. DeQuardo has been very instrumental in making the lives of our consumers better. The first contact that Mike had with Dr. DeQuardo they were working on an individual to try and move him out into the community. He was able to turn this individual around and he still lives in the community. This is just one of many stories that Mike has about Dr. DeQuardo. He tirelessly works on transition plans for individuals to make sure that they succeed with their new placement. Even if an individual makes it out into the community and then he starts to decompensate Dr. DeQuardo will accept them back into his oversight get them stabilized and able to move back into the community. He is a big asset to the Pueblo DD community and we thank him for all his hard work. Mike then presented him with a plaque. Please see attached photo of the plaque.
- Dr. DeQuardo said that he is very honored to receive this award and could not have made all these accomplishments without the help of the whole team and DOC. He noted that he went into this profession to be able to make a difference in people's lives and he is please to receive this with the help of his peers.

### **Valita Speedie Presentation – Community Partner of the Year**

- Jan noted that she is especially honored to give this award. Jan has worked at CBE for over 30 years and has worked with the Regional Center for the same amount of time and truly enjoys working with Valita. About two years ago the state informed CBE that we would be taking over the case management at the Pueblo Regional Center. Louida Allbritton was the head of the team that went in to provide the case management. We were worried that this transition would be hard and Valita welcomed us with open arms. They even made the files for us and in many other places CCB's weren't able to get files from the regional centers. Jan noted that we have a wonderful working relationship and the state has even commented the CBE and PRC have the best relationship in Colorado. Valita has been an instrumental tool in the emergency placements. We call and explain the situation and she always says "Yes we can help". She makes it easy to have a great working relationship. Jan then presented her with a plaque. Please see attached photo of the plaque.
- Valita noted that this is an incredible honor for her. She came to work for the regional center four years ago and found a huge difference in working for the state then working for a non-profit. It helped her to come into this position with no pre-conceived ideas, in the fact that she felt that she could call anyone and get the assistance that she needed when she had a question. Valita noted that she couldn't have done all that she had without her wonderful staff, a great support community, and wonderful consumers.

