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Bridges of Colorado

Connecting Colorado's criminal justice and mental health systems

**Bridges Board of Commissioners Inaugural Meeting
July 11, 2023, Convened at 12 noon and Concluded at 2 pm**

Ralph Carr Building, 1300 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Headwaters Suite

July 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Commissioners

- Beth McCann, Denver DA, CDAC Designee
- Zachary Brown, Chief Deputy, State PD Designee
- Andrea Jones, Deputy Policy Director, BHA Designee
- Alan Marschke, Judicial Liaison, OCFMH Designee
- Susan Blanco, Chief Judge, 8th Judicial District, SCAO Designee
- Jack Johnson, Public Policy Liaison, Disability Law Colorado
- Julie Reiskin, Executive Director, Colorado Cross Disabilities Coalition
- Beth Harris-Robinson, General Counsel, Archway Communities
- Hassan Latif, Founder and Former Executive Director, Second Chance Center
- Cali Peterson, Director of Operations, Monarch Sober Living
- James van Beek, Sheriff, Eagle County

Other Attendees

- Ryan Templeton (guest), Division Director, Policy and External Affairs, BHA
- Brianna Tancher, Attorney General Representative for Bridges of Colorado
- Jennifer Turner, Executive Director, Bridges of Colorado
- Jori Dovey, Operations Specialist, Bridges of Colorado

Minutes

Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions

Commissioners and other attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda Item: Bridges Program and Legislative Overview

Jennifer Turner gave a PowerPoint presentation, providing an overview of Bridges of Colorado, including legislation establishing the Bridges Program in 2018, relevant data and outcomes, recent legislation establishing Bridges as an independent agency within the Judicial Branch of Colorado, and the organizational structure (handout) as proposed in the recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee.

Agenda Item: Vision/Purpose of Bridges Commission

The Commission reviewed Bridges' Vision, Mission, and Values (handout) and the roles and duties of commission members as outlined in statute (handout). The Commission then began discussion around the purpose of the Commission relevant to both statute and the mission, vision, and values of the Office. Brainstorming around the purpose of the Commission included:

- *Person-centered*
 - *Elevate client (participants and courts) voice*
 - *Support Bridges team, including quality assurance and sustainability of team*
- *Solution-focused*
 - *Hear from the field (liaisons, admin team, stakeholders) regarding gaps, barriers, and solutions and identify resources to address barriers and develop solutions*
 - *Hear from clients (participants and the Courts) as above*
 - *Identify policy, pilot programs, and other systemic solutions to barriers, gaps, and opportunities*
 - *Address the current scope of confidentiality and privilege*
 - *Assist with legal and clinical education of liaisons and stakeholders*
- *Collaboration*
 - *Use professional networks to support the activities of the Office*
 - *Assist in educational efforts of the Office with stakeholders*
 - *Use networks to build Bridges team and support recruitment*

Agenda Item: Bylaws

The Commission was provided basic "template" bylaws (handout), with discussion and creation of actual bylaws to take place at next meeting. Members agreed to a four-hour meeting, to be scheduled via a scheduling poll. Evening and weekend options were requested to support member schedules.

Next Steps

- Jennifer will send out a scheduling poll for the next meeting
- Jennifer will send a request for bios to Commissioners to introduce the Board to Bridges team members
- Commissioners will review the template bylaws before the next meeting and make note of any changes, additions, or deletions

Agenda Items Identified for Next Meeting

- Review, create, and adopt bylaws, including discussion of a decision making model and regular meeting schedule
- Review Open Meetings Law
- Elect Chair(s)
- Continue discussion of purpose of Board, including sharing of individual skills and expertise Commissioners can contribute to their role
- Review job description and compensation analysis for Executive Director
- Review FY25 budget requests