



# Bridges of Colorado

Connecting Colorado's Criminal Justice and Mental Health Systems

## **Bridges Commissioner Meeting**

**March 14, 2025**

**Convened at 1:44 p.m. and Concluded at 2:48 PM**

**Hybrid (In-Person and Virtual)**

**Centennial Building, 1313 N. Sherman St., Denver, CO**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Attendees**

#### **Commissioners**

- Hassan Latif, Chair, Founder and Former Executive Director, Second Chance Center
- Julie Reiskin, Vice Chair, Executive Director, Colorado Cross Disabilities Coalition
- Zachary Brown, Chief Deputy, State Public Defender Designee (virtual attendee)
- Jack Johnson, Public Policy Liaison, Disability Law Colorado
- Alan Marschke, Judicial Liaison, OCFMH Designee
- James van Beek, Sheriff, Eagle County

#### **Other Attendees**

- Robert Finke, First Assistant Attorney General, Office of Attorney General
- Caitlin Long, BHA representative (non-voting)
- Bree Cole, Legal Director, Bridges of Colorado (virtual attendee)
- Jori Dovey, People and Culture Director, Bridges of Colorado (virtual attendee)
- Latisha Quintana, Service and Resource Equity Director
- Jessica Spindler, Clinical Director, Bridges of Colorado (virtual attendee)
- Priscilla Broomall, Participant Services Fund Managers, Bridges of Colorado (virtual attendee)
- Nate Haas, Communications Manager, Bridges of Colorado
- Robert Jones, Data and Analysis Manager, Bridges of Colorado
- Alexandra Vigil, Administrative Manager, Bridges of Colorado (virtual attendee)

### **Minutes**

#### **Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions**

*Commissioners and other attendees introduced themselves.*

#### **Agenda Item: Approval of the December 2024 Minutes**

*Jack Johnson moved to adopt the commission's December 2024 minutes, James van Beek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

### **Agenda Item: Strategic Plan Presentation**

*Clinical Director Jessica Spindler introduced the strategic plan under development and provided an overview of the comprehensive plan in its current phase to deliver on program fidelity within the Bridges model of care.*

### **Agenda Item: Wraparound Care Program Overview**

*Legal Director Bree Cole updated the commission on the legislatively approved Wraparound Care Program that will be developed and implemented in collaboration with Bridges partners in phases statewide starting with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> judicial districts. The competency diversion program that features individualized care plans for participants will begin in those four districts in April.*

### **Agenda Item: Director Updates**

*Service and Equity Resource Director Latisha Quintana provided an overview of the budget in light of statewide trends. A recent report conducted by Data and Analysis Manager Robert Jones showed that Bridges is the lowest cost alternative in the criminal justice system. Latisha also provided an update on Bridges' budget-neutral request restored by the Joint Budget Committee through the supplemental budget process. Bridges will have the authority to make budget-neutral changes up to 5% each year.*

*People and Culture Director Jori Dovey shared updates regarding hiring and performance management to support staff and accomplish objectives within the strategic plan.*

### **Agenda Item: Public Comment/New Business/Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

*Robert Finke discussed performance evaluation options for the Executive Director and will include a recommendation at the June commission meeting.*

*Jack Johnson requested adding an agenda item regarding commission reappointments at the June commission meeting.*

*Robert Finke and Bree Cole shared an update regarding judicial approval for Bridges to be included in the Supreme Court Rule on Public Access to Information and Records. They are revising Bridges' policy to conform with the rule and will bring forth an updated organizational policy for commission approval.*

*James van Beek requested an update at the June commission meeting to hear success stories about overcoming hurdles, different approaches districts are taken, and what's working (along with the challenges) in breaking down barriers for participants. Communications Manager Nate Haas shared that the spring newsletter would feature a collection of success stories and that the commission will receive the newsletter.*