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Bridges of Colorado

Connecting Colorado's Criminal Justice and Mental Health Systems

Bridges Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 25, 2024

Convened at 11:06 AM and Concluded at 1 PM

Hyrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting

Second Chance Center, 224 Potomac Street, Aurora, CO

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Commissioners

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

Other Attendees

- Jennifer Turner, Executive Director, Bridges of Colorado
- Jessica Spindler, Clinical Director, Bridges of Colorado
- Latisha Quintana, Service and Resource Equity Director, Bridges of Colorado
- Nate Haas, Communications Manager, Bridges of Colorado
- Kirsten Grooms, Colorado Attorney General's Office

Minutes

Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions

Commissioners and other attendees introduced themselves. Jennifer Turner introduced Jessica Spindler, new Clinical Director, and Latisha Quintana, new Service and Resource Equity Director.

Agenda Item: Approval of January 2024 Minutes

Julie Reiskin moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Final Review and Adoption of Bridges Commission Policies

The Commission engaged in a review and then adopted finalized policies covering complaints regarding

director, conflicts of interest, public comment, public records, and records retention.

James Van Beek moved to approve the policy covering complaints regarding the director, Andrea Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Beth McCann moved to approve the policy covering commissioner conflicts of interest, Julie Reiskin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Beth Harris-Robinson moved to approve the policy covering public comment, Julie Reiskin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Andrea Jones moved to approve the policy covering document retention, Alan Marschke seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commission members delayed a vote to approve public records until further clarification is provided by the Attorney General's Office.

Agenda Item: Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Jennifer Turner summarized key highlights of documents contained in the Commission packet: 2024 legislation, hiring updates, the MOU with the State Court Administrator's Office, and office space. Regarding the Bridges Commission vacancy for a community member with lived experience, Turner proposed creating a policy to reimburse Commissioners in the statutorily designated lived experience positions for time serving on the Commission if not paid by employer.

Julie Reiskin moved to approve a request to develop and implement a reimbursement policy for lived experience Commissioners, Beth McCann seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Strategic Plan Brainstorming

Executive Director Jennifer Turner asked for brainstorming to occur next time commission meets.

Agenda Item: Public Comment

None

Next Steps:

- Jennifer Turner will draft reimbursement policy for Commissioners with lived experience
- Jennifer Turner will draft and share the Commission attendance policy

Agenda Items Identified for Next Meeting:

- Review revised public records policy
- Review reimbursement policy
- Review attendance policy
- Conduct strategic plan brainstorming