

IMAGINE! BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2011

Eldridge Room, Coal Creek

7:00PM

Attendance: Board:

Present

Whitney Blair, Bob Davis, Scott Doyen, Lisa Fiero, Joe Hansen, Kevin Nelson, Jerry Rudy, Bill Sabin, Natalie Smutzler, Susan White, Mark Zentner.

Absent: Diane Carroll, John Frisbie

Staff: Mark Emery, Kevin Harding, Jan Rasmussen, John Nevins, Leslie Rothman, Jodi Walters, Susan LaHoda, Caroline Siegfried.

Minutes: Mark Zentner made a motion to approve the March, 2011 board meeting minutes. Bill Sabin seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports There were no Services or Finance Committee meetings this month.

Foundation Susan LaHoda reminded the board that the Imagine! Foundation's annual meeting is on June 14th at 7:30am. Sandy Brachen will be president for the next two years.

She also noted that the summer fundraising event on July 24th is coming together nicely. The Foundation is hoping to raise at least \$10,000.

President's Report The Executive Committee spent its meeting in general discussion and had not

CEO Report Mark Emery noted that we postponed our visit with Colorado Department of Human Services Director (Governor appointed) Reggie Bicha until May 19 at 1:30 in the afternoon. He noted that we want to establish a long term positive working relationship with Director Bicha and invited Board members to join us for this event.

The Long Bill, budget for the State of Colorado is in final negotiations. We do not expect further changes to the appropriations for developmental disability services.

The Department of Human Services will need to initiate cuts of \$13.5 million next year to address the continuing shortfall due to their difficulties managing adult services. The Department has shared waiver amendments and capping of some services that make up \$8.9 million of this shortfall. They still have to make another \$4.6 million in adjustments to find the remaining savings. John

Nevins has completed some initial projections that indicate the potential \$750,000 negative impact on those receiving services through Imagine!.

Sharon Jacksi, Director of the Division for Developmental Disabilities has resigned from her position and will move part time to work with the regional center in Grand Junction. It will likely take 2 months to fill this position at the State. Janise May, Office of Veterans and Disability Services, DHS, will cover the position until it is filled.

We have completed and will submit our application to renew our designation as a Community Centered Board for 2011 – 12. Included in this application is our CCB Annual Plan Update, which you may view from our website. http://www.imaginecolorado.org/documents/ADMIN/CORP_INFO/AnnualPlanUpdate.pdf.

Last month I let you know we received notice from The US Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, of a complaint from a former employee. We have submitted our statement as requested by OCR, and have no further update at this time.

The board will plan a Legislature 101 class with Tanya Kelly Bowry in the near future.

Adjourn: Joe Hansen made a motion to adjourn. Susan White seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Whitney Blair, Secretary