

## IMAGINE! BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2011

Eldridge Room, Coal Creek

7:00PM

### Present:

#### Board:

##### *Present*

Diane Carroll, Bob Davis, Lisa Fiero, John Frisbie, Kevin Nelson, Bill Sabin

*Absent: Whitney Blair, Scott Doyen, Joe Hansen, Jerry Rudy, Natalie Smutzler, Susan White, Mark Zentner*

**Staff:** Mark Emery, Jan Rasmussen, John Nevins, Fred Hobbs, Leslie Rothman, Jodi Walters, Mia Sanchez-O'Dell, Greg Wellems, Susan LaHoda, Liz Smokowski, Rick Haskins, Richard Lowe, Jeff Near, Jenna Corder, Alyssa Santriella, Amanda Ripley, Cari Devine, Erika Alvis

Guests: Tanya Kelly-Bowry, Todd Saliman, Gerald Stopa

### Recognition of Todd Saliman

The Imagine! Board of Directors recognized Todd Saliman for his years of work with Colorado State Government and his unending support of people with cognitive disabilities, with artwork presented by Gerald Stopa, and welcomed Todd back as a lobbyist with Tanya Kelly-Bowry at Capitol Matters.

### Legislature 101

Tanya and Todd gave the Board an overview of the happenings at the Colorado Legislature. They thanked Mark Emery and Imagine! for providing information for them to take to the state. Tanya noted that it is possible that the Developmental Disabilities System in Colorado will see no further financial cuts this year. She requested that Imagine! send thank-you letters to state representatives if this is the case.

D.D. Day at the Capitol will be on February 15, 2012.

### Community Input

As no visitors were present to provide community input, there was no community input.

### Minutes:

No quorum. Minutes to be approved at the October 25, 2011 meeting.

### Committee Reports

#### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reviewed the 2010-2011 audit and the 550 tax returns. No quorum. The audit will be approved at the October 25, 2011 Board meeting.

The Foothills and Charles Home audits are forthcoming

Bob Davis noted that during the first two months of the new fiscal year all was well.

Imagine! will be required to make a \$64,000 back payment for foster care.

**Foundation** Susan LaHoda thanked Lisa Fiero for once again serving as the Imagine! Board representative on the Imagine! Celebration Auction Committee and reminded us that the Celebration will be on January 27, 2012.

**President's Report** The Executive Committee discussed recent critical incidents and personnel issues. Kevin Nelson also noted that, unfortunately, the Juniper house is back on the market.

**CEO Report** Mark Emery noted that “Our work to assist Rep. Hullinghorst who had carried HB 10-1146 that was intended to improve the circumstances for people on the waitlist for DD services, has paid off. The bill passed in 2010 and resulted with some unintended consequences. The bill attempted to eliminate a dual eligibility to both Home Care Allowance (HCA) and Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Waivers. As well intended this Bill may have been, over 400 people who now enrolled in both benefits would ultimately lose services due to the caps in benefits and spending limits in the waivers. Leslie Rothman worked with Tanya Kelly-Bowry, Rep. Hullinghorst, and Senator Boyd while at the same time attending statewide meetings with DHS and HCPF to resolve the unintended consequence. Rep. Hullinghorst, with Leslie’s assistance, has convinced the Departments involved to delay the implementation indefinitely until they can research and gather enough information to address the negative effects of the Bill. This is very good news for people across the State.”

Also, there has been pressure put on Senator Aguilar to reopen the Mill Levy issue—to match local with Medicaid dollars. We are unable to recommend that process at this time and community centered board directors will meet with her to explain that it is not in the legislature’s purview to control.

**Adjourn:** Diane Carroll made a motion to adjourn. John Frisbie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Whitney Blair, Secretary