



**Board of Directors
Yampa River State Park
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2021**

Members Attending: Beth Davison, Leslie Bjorgum, Annette Dellacroce, Susie Baird, Dennis Kuntz, Ron Schaeffer, Julie Pearce

Members Excused: Terry Jost, Jeff Dockstader

Staff Present: Tatum Heath, Matt Morrill, Meghan McNamara

Call to Order

Dennis Kuntz called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: "To approve the board meeting minutes from Aril 14, 2021."

First: Annette Dellacroce

Second: Leslie Bjorgum

The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report for April 15th through May 5th:

Program & Personnel

The Craig community and Horizons lost a dear friend this past month. Donald McLeslie was a kind and gentle man who loved his Horizons family. Every day between 8:12 and 8:15 in the morning he would call the Craig office to talk to all the ladies. His infectious smile and positive outlook will be deeply missed. For years, he worked with his brother at Precision Auto, participated in Ski Program, was a diehard Broncos fan, and loved connecting with people. He had an easy way about him, and he always took the time to ask how you were doing. On Friday, May 14th, Horizons is hosting an outdoor Celebration of Life to honor Donald at the Breeze Street Park, 11:00–1:00.



Madeline Landgren started preliminary conversations with Dan Comstock for potential Vocal Workshops in August. Information will be forthcoming depending upon pandemic dynamics and group home restrictions from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) guidance.

Horizons continues to test staff and individuals weekly for COVID. However, it appears that there will be modified guidance related to surveillance testing for individuals who have been vaccinated.

As an agency, Horizons is beginning to resume some Support Living Services (SLS) depending on a number of factors including vaccination status, family involvement, and much more.

Instead of Game Night, there will be a Scammer Awareness Meeting/Training for individuals in services. Detective Sam Silva has agreed to join us, and provide tips and information to avoid being a victim. It is scheduled for Thursday, May 6th, 4–5 pm.

Sharon Morrison, the Day Program Team Coordinator in Routt County, has moved up her retirement date and will be leaving Horizons at the end of May. To say that we will miss her is an understatement. Her kind demeanor, positive outlook, and infinite patience will be deeply missed. Leah Helme will start advertising for her position this week.

Horizons will be conducting a staff survey to solicit feedback on everything from work environment and training to staff's favorite way to be recognized and appreciated.

Thanks to Madeline Landgren, Horizons has a fun connection with Outlaw Apiaries in Hayden. For every dozen eggs sold, they will donate a dozen eggs to Horizons. Here is the story of the boy in Hayden who cares for the chickens: "My name is Nico Baker. I have chickens that I love. I clean the coop, let them out and put them to bed. I gather eggs by myself and wash them with my mom's help. It's a lot of fun." - Nico Baker



Outlaw Apiaries chickens live in Hayden, are 100% free-range, and are supplemented with organic feed (non-GMO). All funds received will go directly towards supporting Nico's post high school education.

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Alicia Morton and Cathy Barnhart are meeting this week to review agency-wide nursing practices in order to ensure quality and consistent nursing care for individuals in services.

Paige Kirchner, the agency trainer, attended a webinar to discover new ways to support individuals in services to work as much as possible without it jeopardizing Medicaid eligibility.

Silvia McFeaters is attending a Supported Employment webinar this week that reviews new rate setting methodology and related training requirements for job coaches.

On Wednesday, June 23rd, there is a Mental Health First Aid course that identified staff will attend. Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based public health training program that teaches participants the signs and symptoms of mental health challenges or crisis and what to do in an emergency.

Leslie Bjorgum announced that starting Special Olympic softball begins June 8th at Klumker Field 6:30-8:00. Group homes are still unable to participate in group activities per health department requirements.

Resource Development & Public Relations

Horizons was awarded \$1,708.73 from the Bessie Minor Swift Foundation to purchase items for our Early Intervention team to use as they help children overcome developmental delays and make strides in STEM concepts, and language and literacy skills.

Horizons submitted a grant request to the Grand Foundation for \$5,000 for the general operating of our Grand County Family Support program for 2021. \$16,666 worth of receipts and documents were submitted showing expenses for transportation operating costs to Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for reimbursement before June 30, 2021.

On April 21st, Deirdre Pepin and Michelle Hoza presented via Zoom to the Granby Rotary about our programs in Grand County. This was a great opportunity to provide education and background information on everything from Early Intervention to Adult Services.

On April 27th, Deirdre presented to the Women's Giving Circle of the Yampa Valley Community Foundation to report on the impact of their funding for a woman in our SLS program for a laptop and internet connectivity.

Voting is open for the Craig Press Best of Highways 13 & 40. People can vote for Horizons in Moffat County for Best Nonprofit and Best Place to Work (>20 employees). People can also vote for Cathy Barnhart for Best Nurse. Go to: <https://www.craigdailynews.com/bestofhwy13and40/#/>

Routt County United Way's Day of Caring is May 19th and will follow Public Health commitments with groups of 10 volunteers or fewer and performing jobs outside.

State News

The 2.5% provider rate increase is still included in the budget and just needs the governor's signature. This increase will be critical for provider sustainability.

Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) confirmed that Horizons will be receiving seven new comprehensive resources in the upcoming fiscal year. The related timelines for onboarding and family engagement is yet to be determined by the state.

House Bill 21-1123, if signed into law, would add a requirement for the district and probate courts in Colorado to request a Colorado Adult Protective Services (CAPS) check for any person who might be appointed as a guardian or conservator of an at-risk adult. The bill would also require Adult Protective Services (APS) to share information on substantiated findings of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and harmful acts with the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) if

the person who caused the mistreatment is a licensed healthcare professional, such as a nurse, doctor, or certified nurse's aide. A CAPS check is a background check to determine if a person has been substantiated in an APS case of causing abuse, neglect, exploitation, or harmful act to an at-risk adult.

Tatum and Lindsey Garey continue to meet with HCPF staff, Single Entry Point (SEP) agencies, other Community Centered Boards (CCBs), and the Rural Sustainability workgroup at Alliance in order to work through Case Management Redesign. HCPF has contracted with HCBS Strategies, a consulting firm out of Michigan, to facilitate discussions about identifying the new catchment areas across the state. There are many inherent challenges in this process because the current catchment areas for CCB's, SEP's, and Regional Accountable Entities (RAE) are all different.

Finance Report

Providing day program services continues to be difficult in the midst of the pandemic. Through February, day program revenue is \$75K or 44% under budget and \$313K or 77% below prior year levels. This accounts for the majority of the deficit budget. Revenue in the homes is now \$16K favorable to the budget due to the enhanced rates which were effective from January to March. Case Management revenue is down \$14K and 6.5% to budget. SLS and Family Support Revenue are \$11K above budget due to high levels of Family Support reimbursements, state SLS, and a few large Medicaid Special Medical reimbursements. Salaries remain about \$40k under budget through February. Keep in mind that this report includes the wages earned through February 20th and the \$1.00/hour DSP wage increase went into effect February 21st. This pay increase will cost Horizons about \$11-\$12k per month which will effectively negate this variance by year end.

Motion: "To approve the Finance Report as presented."

First: Ron Schaeffer

Second: Julie Pearce

The motion passed unanimously.

Program Presentation

Meghan McNamara, Residential Coordinator – Routt County, provided the program presentation centered on providing background information on the variety of different service delivery models available in the HCBS-DD waiver from a residential standpoint, including group homes, three-bed PCAs, Host Homes, and Family Caregiver.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion: "To adjourn the meeting."

First: Annette Dellacroce

Second: Ron Schaeffer

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.