



**Board of Directors  
Yampa River State Park & Zoom  
Meeting Minutes  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Members Attending:** Terry Jost, Leslie Bjorgum, Annette DellaCroce, Beth Davison, Dennis Kuntz, Julie Pearce

**Members Excused:** Ron Schaeffer, Jeff Dockstader

**Staff Present:** Tatum Heath, Madeline Landgren, Sarah-Grace Jordan

**Call to Order**

Terry Jost called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** “To approve the board meeting minutes from May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.”

First: Annette DellaCroce

Second: Julie Pearce

The motion passed unanimously.

**Director’s Report for May 12<sup>th</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup> 2022:**

**Program & Personnel**

Across Colorado, hospitalizations for COVID were up 25% last week and back to the same levels as January. Locally, Moffat and Routt counties are back up to “substantial spread” for COVID. As a result, the agency continues to conduct twice per week testing for licensed group homes. If a person is not up to date on vaccines, then a rapid test is required before each shift. Case Managers have moved most meetings to a virtual platform to help mitigate exposure.

Park Place officially received approval from Health Care Policy and Financing for the Provider Transition Plan. This was the final location being reviewed for compliance related to the Settings Rule.

A number of staff completed Person-Centered Thinking training via an online platform in May.

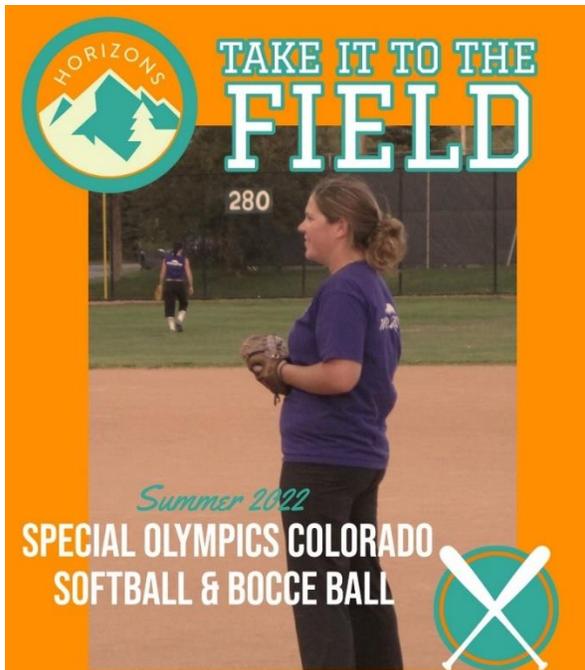
On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Cheryl along with volunteer Briana Bailey from [Athletes in Tandem, Inc.](#), hit their Steamboat Marathon 10K stride in style. It was a perfect day for the event.

Congratulations to Kate Doyle for being selected by the Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council as the 2022 Outstanding Service Provider. Kate's creativity and dynamic approach to therapy have been especially helpful to families and children during the pandemic.



For the month of May, the Direct Support Professional of the month is Sylvia McFeaters. Sylvia has been at Horizons for over 22 years. Her favorite part about the job is getting to share what she loves with those she works with and getting to share in what they love. She enjoys camping, horseback riding, boating, and canoeing. She also loves to travel and especially to San Diego where she has a lot of family memories. When nominated, her supervisor said, "Sylvia has been great, is great, and will always be great."

On Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Ski and Bike Kare is partnering with Horizons for the annual Bike Day where two bike mechanics work to tune bikes for people in services.



In May, a number of individuals in Craig participated in the Special Olympics Track and Field events in Glenwood. Similarly, Special Olympic softball and bocce ball will begin Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. People in services absolutely love this time of year and these fun social activities.

The Ability Experience is a national nonprofit organization where participants bike across the United States to raise awareness for individuals with disabilities. As usual, they will be stopping in Craig and Steamboat in July.

Lindsey and Tatum met with the Office of Community Living at Health Care Policy and Financing to discuss case management redesign for the Horizons' service area and potentially accessing ARPA resources.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the United Way Day of Caring kicked off with a number of volunteers cleaning Horizons' vehicles in Steamboat.

Lindsey, Michelle, and Tatum are meeting with Early Intervention Colorado to discuss how evaluations will be conducted after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

There was a Human Rights Committee meeting on 6/01 to review psychotropic medications and rights modifications for individuals in services.

This past month, Horizons hired a new Chief Financial Officer to replace Matt Morrill. Erik Petersen, a resident of Routt County, will begin full time on June 13<sup>th</sup>. He will begin working on the budgeting process and the audit.

Horizons continues to diversify its service delivery models by enrolling a new individual in comprehensive services under the Family Caregiver. To date, Horizons has three people in Host Homes and three people in Family Caregiver settings. In June, a new person will be enrolled in the Supportive Living Services program in Moffat County.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> HUD is conducting a quality assurance inspection for Soda Creek Apartments. The inspector will review all applicable certifications; current rent-roll; occupancy rate; copy of the resident notification; total square footage of any parking lots, driveways, roads, walkways, steps; and a sitemap or plot plan showing property layout and building locations. Meghan McNamara will be the Horizons' lead for the inspection process.

In June, Tatum will join the Alliance On-the-Road June 22-24 in Salida. The Executive Committee and Membership Committee have been working to update the code of ethics, membership parameters, as well as resources for agencies navigating system change. Fortunately, these meetings will be held outside as COVID is on the rise again.

### **Resource Development and Public Relations**

Horizons was approached by the editor of local magazine Steamboat Neighbors for a marketing collaboration. The end result was a short piece on Host Home Providers that will be published in the July edition.

Horizons was fully funded for \$2,500 from the Heart of Steamboat Foundation for Routt and Moffat Day Programs.

The Lufkin Family Endowment donated \$7,112 to be used for General Operating.

Horizons applied for \$4,200 from YVEA Operation Round-up Fund to be used for a radio wave fire alarm system in Park Place to replace the phone line system.

Horizons is partnering with the Bud Werner Library for a volunteer campaign. Individuals who would like to have a one-on-one volunteer can make a bookmark with basic and non-identifying information about what they like to do for fun. People visiting the library can pick up one of these book marks and reach out to the Volunteer Coordinator if they are interested in volunteering with that individual.

### **State News**

It was a bizarre year for state budgeting given the continued infusion of one-time federal dollars into the state and the COVID impacts on the national economy. Providers like Horizons were able to secure some significant increases in IDD provider rates, though everyone recognizes more is needed to ensure sustainability given unprecedented inflation rates and low unemployment across the state and nation.

In his proposed budget, Governor Polis included a mandate and associated funding to ensure all Direct Support Professionals would make a minimum of \$15 per hour wage beginning with the 2022-2023 state budget. While this is important and a great step in the right direction, further investments are required to ensure access to services for individuals with IDD in Colorado. Nonetheless, the good news is the rate increases made initially with ARPA dollars have now been made permanent. Additionally, the Joint Budget Committee voted to include an additional 2% across-the-board increase for the provider rate common policy which includes all services except non-medical transportation (NMT) and massage. NMT will be getting a targeted rate increase of over 10%.

Lastly, Alliance worked in collaboration with Joint Budget Committee (JBC) staff and others to support the JBC in shifting Early Intervention Services eligibility back to pre-pandemic levels at a cost of \$8.6 million. Early Intervention will also be shifting out of the Department of Human Services and over to the new Department of Early Childhood.

### **Financials**

No financials were presented this month.

### **Program Presentation**

Milestones Day Program Coordinator Sarah-Grace Jordan provided a program presentation on the Adventure Club as well as all the robust programming provided at Day Program in Routt County.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** "To adjourn the meeting."

First: Annette DellaCroce

Second: Leslie Bjorgum

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.