



**Board of Directors
Yampa River State Park & Zoom
Meeting Minutes
March 8^h, 2023**

Members Attending: Terry Jost, Annette DellaCroce, Jeff Dockstader, Leslie Bjorgum, Dennis Kuntz, Ron Schaeffer, Beth Davison, Julie Pearce

Staff Present: Tatum Heath, Erik Petersen, Meghan McNamara

Call to Order

Terry Jost called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: “To approve the board meeting minutes from February 8^h, 2023”

First: Annette DellaCroce

Second: Leslie Bjorgum

The motion passed unanimously.

Director’s Report for February 9th through March 6th, 2023:

Program & Personnel

The cross-county Valentine’s Dance on 2/14 at Library Hall was a hit and everyone had a great time. There was dancing, photo booths, food, and so much more. Unfortunately, there were a few folks who tested positive for COVID subsequent to the event. As a result, Horizons completed ongoing surveillance testing and outbreak testing at specific locations. Test results have come back negative for staff and people in program since the initial positive tests. In addition, day program services were cancelled for a period of time to mitigate any potential transmission.

Lindsey Garey and her case management team continue to work through ongoing training for the new Care and Case Management system. This cloud-based database that works to document eligibility and service plans for people in services has been a long time coming. The hope is that it will be a more effective platform in capturing necessary documentation for services.

The State Special Olympics competition was in Copper 03/03-03/05. This year there was a dance – the first one since before COVID. Day Program Coordinator Sarah-Grace Jordan attended to support participants as well as board member Leslie Bjorgum.

Each month, Mountain Tap Brewery selects four local nonprofit organizations to support. On Token Tuesday, each guest receives a wooden token for every craft beer they purchase. Before leaving Mountain Tap Brewery, they can select which of the four organizations they want to support by depositing their token in that organization's Token Tuesday box. At the end of the month, Mountain Tap Brewery empties the boxes, adds up the tokens for each organization and presents each one with \$1 for every token they received. Special Olympics of Steamboat and Yampa Valley (SOSY) was one of the recipients on 2/28.



Madeline established updated guidance for staff as it relates to the COVID rapid testing procedure and a return to work flowchart.

There was a Human Rights Committee meeting on 3/01 to review psychotropic medications and rights modifications for people in services.

The annual Yampa Valley Wellness Conference is coming up on April 27th at the Grand Hotel in Steamboat. Horizons is a sponsor and will have a booth at the event. Meghan McNamara is on the planning committee as well. The theme for the 2023 Wellness Conference is "ReConnected: From Separation and Loneliness to Connection." This event is targeting healthcare and industry professionals and the general public. Horizons will have interested staff



participate in the conference and have a booth set up to talk with participants.

Michelle Hoza reported the notable increase in Early Intervention referrals. She sees it as a result of post-pandemic awareness for families and community members. Fortunately,

the Horizons' Early Intervention team is able to manage this increase at this time. For example, Horizons received 5 new referrals specifically for speech in Routt County alone. The majority of this increase appear to be in Routt County.

The annual Snowmobiling Day is scheduled for Friday, April 7th. This event is a favorite of both staff and people in program.

Alicia Morton conducted a medication administration course on 2/27 to get new staff QMAP certified (qualified medication administration program).

The Milestones Talent Show is scheduled for 4/28.

Resource Development and Public Relations

Elizabeth submitted a grant to UCHealth/Yampa Valley Medical Center Foundation requesting \$25,000 to fund the Moffat County adult program. Horizons received funding last year for the same grant and they are big supporters of the Horizons' mission.

The Moffat County Key Club funded Horizons in the amount of \$1200 to supplement Moffat County day program.

Moffat County United Way/City of Craig housing and food grant. We received notification yesterday that Horizons was awarded \$12,167 to help offset costs of homes in Craig.

Also, Horizons received a generous donation from a parent in Routt County in the amount of \$15,000.

State News

The environment at the state level is one of fiscal frugality. As it currently stands due to the legislative workings of Gallagher and Tabor, there is only about \$15 million available for all legislation this year. However, the house recommended a 3% Medicaid provider rate increase, but this still has to make it through the JBC and the figure setting process before it is officially approved.

As one can imagine, there is a great deal of scrutiny from the new members of the Joint Budget Committee because of the lack of funds available. Specifically, Early Intervention at the state level will have to justify programmatic needs and spending every year moving forward. This elevated accountability is a result of underspending \$4 million by the Office of Early Childhood. It is important to note that this underspending was a result of OEC policy and not providers like Horizons.

From a state provider perspective, Community Centered Boards were informed that the local RAEs have been given levers by the state to assist with Mobile Crisis Units or co-occurring behavioral health IDD issues. Regional Accountable Entities, or RAEs, are organizations in Health First Colorado, Colorado's Medicaid program. They are responsible for coordinating members' care, ensuring they are connecting with primary and behavioral health care, and developing regional strategies to serve Health First Colorado members.

Finally, the Public Health Emergency is scheduled to end May 11th. This is important for agencies like Horizons because certain flexibilities related to eligibility and approvals will also end.

Slate of Officers:

Motion: "To nominate the existing slate of officers for an additional term."

President:	Terry Jost
Vice President:	Dennis Kuntz
Treasurer:	Julie Pearce
Secretary:	Beth Davison

First: Ron Schaeffer
Second: Leslie Bjorgum

The motion passed unanimously

Financials

Erik Petersen presented the financials through November, 2022. The net deficit year to date was \$16.5k in the report but, subsequently, Horizons received additional grants and donations putting the actual budget closer to the projected budget.

Motion: "To approve the financials through November, 2022"

First: Julie Pearce
Second: Dennis Kuntz

The motion passed unanimously

Program Presentation

Meghan McNamara provided a robust board training on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility. It reviewed the history of DEI, why it is needed, diversity versus inclusion, equality versus equity, unconscious (implicit) bias, affinity (ingroup) bias, and how agencies and individuals need to incorporate these social tenants into practice.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion: "To adjourn the meeting."

First: Ron Schaeffer
Second: Julie Pearce

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.