



HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

Friday January 27, 2017

CCI Office

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(This meeting is recorded)

Teleconference: 1.857.216.6700 Passcode: 171009

AGENDA

WELCOME

Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, Chair

Commissioner Wendy Buxton-Andrade, Vice Chair

Gini Pingnot, CCI

Allison Daley, CCI

INTRODUCTIONS

LEGISLATION

CHILD WELFARE	
Bill #	<u>HB17-1052</u>
Title	Child Welfare Allocation Formula Factors
H-Spon	S. Beckman
S-Spon	
Summary	The bill removes certain data-gathering factors currently required to be taken into consideration in determining a fiscal year's child welfare allocation formula for counties and replaces those with a broader scope of factors that directly affect the population of children in need of child welfare services, as determined by the state department of human services and the child welfare allocations committee.
Position	Support CCI Bill
Bill #	<u>HB17-1110</u>
Title	Jurisdiction Juvenile Court Parental Responsibilities
H-Spon	S. Beckman

S-Spon	
Summary	<p>The bill allows the juvenile court to take jurisdiction involving a juvenile in a juvenile delinquency case and subsequently enter orders involving parental responsibilities, parenting time, and child support when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The juvenile court has maintained jurisdiction in a case involving an adjudicated juvenile, a juvenile with a deferred adjudication, or a juvenile on a management plan; • An action related to parental responsibilities or custody involving the same juvenile is not pending in a district court; and • All parties are in agreement or have been given proper notice.
Position	
Bill #	HB17-1111
Title	Dependency And Neglect Civil Protection Orders
H-Spon	S. Beckman
S-Spon	
Summary	<p>The bill clarifies that the juvenile court (court) has jurisdiction to enter civil protection orders in dependency and neglect actions in the same manner as district and county courts. The court must follow the same procedures for the issuance of the civil protection orders and use standardized forms. Civil protection orders must be entered into the central registry for protection orders and are enforced in the same manner as civil protection orders issued by other courts. If the civil protection order is made permanent, it remains in effect after the termination of the dependency and neglect action. The clerk of the court shall file a certified copy of a permanent civil protection order in an existing district court case, if applicable, or with the county court in the county where the protected party resides.</p>
Position	
Bill #	SB17-016
Title	County Choice Child Protection Teams
H-Spon	D. Nordberg
S-Spon	C. Jahn, T. Neville
Summary	<p>Legislative Audit Committee Bill - Current law requires the creation of a child protection team for any county or group of contiguous counties receiving more than 50 referrals related to child abuse or neglect in a year. Other counties or groups of contiguous counties are encouraged, but not required, to establish a child protection team. The bill makes it optional for all counties and groups of contiguous counties to establish a child protection team.</p>
Position	
Bill #	SB17-028
Title	Healthy Families and Military Preparedness Act

H-Spon	D. Nordberg
S-Spon	B. Gardner
Summary	SB 28 requires the state and county departments of human or social services to provide notice and to collect and share information with the command authority of national military installations regarding any report received of known or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect in which the person having custody or control of the child is a member of the armed forces or a spouse, significant other, or family member of the member of the armed forces assigned to that military installation. The state department and county departments may enter into memorandums of understanding with military installations establishing protocols for the sharing of information and for collaboration on the investigations into child abuse or neglect by a member of the armed forces or a spouse, significant other, or family member of the member of the armed forces.
Position	
MISC	
Bill #	HB17-1087
Title	Office Of Public Guardianship Pilot Program
H-Spon	D. Young
S-Spon	
Summary	<p>The bill creates the office of public guardianship (office) within the judicial department to provide legal guardianship services to indigent and incapacitated adults who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have no responsible family members or friends who are available and appropriate to serve as a guardian; and • Lack adequate resources to compensate a private guardian and pay the costs and fees associated with an appointment proceeding. <p>The office is established as a pilot program, to be evaluated and then continued, discontinued, or expanded at the discretion of the general assembly in 2021. On or before January 1, 2021, the director of the office shall submit a report to the judiciary committees of the senate and the house of representatives. The report, at a minimum, must quantify Colorado's unmet need and average cost for public guardianship services for indigent and incapacitated adults. The bill creates the public guardianship commission within the judicial department and charges the commission with appointing a director of the office. The work of the office will be supported by gifts, grants, or donations as well as any other money appropriated to the fund by the general assembly.</p>
Position	

OTHER BUSINESS

Budget-HHS Related Issues

NACo Resolutions – the following resolutions will be considered by NACo members during the February 2017 NACo Legislative Conference in Washington DC

- 1.) Extend Child Welfare IV-E Waivers
- 2.) Two-Generation Efforts to Reduce Poverty

ADJOURN

In Case You Missed It - News Items from Previous countylines publications

OSPB Seeking Innovative County Projects to Fund

The Colorado Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) has released the Colorado Call for Innovation, seeking new approaches to improve measurable outcomes for Colorado underserved youth and their families. The deadline for CFI submissions is **March 21, 2017**. The Call for Innovation (CFI) application is available [here](#). OSPB will consider strong concepts collected through the CFI for possible funding, either through a Pay for Success project, or through the regular budgetary cycle. Anyone with questions can email [Roger Low](#), OSPB's Pay for Success Project Manager.

Urban, Rural Commissioners Sought for SOMB Board

The Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) develops standards and guidelines for the evaluation, treatment and behavioral monitoring of sex offenders. Currently, the SOMB consists of personnel representing the following domains: the Department of Corrections, the judicial department, law enforcement, the public defender's office, private criminal defense attorneys, rural and urban county commissioners, clinical polygraph examiners, the Department of Public Safety (DPS), district attorneys, CDHS, county human services, licensed mental health professionals with expertise in treating sex offenders, the victim services community, and community corrections. The Executive Director of DPS, in consultation with CCI, seeks to fill the urban and rural county commissioner seats. If you are interested, email CCI's [Gini Pingenot](#) describing your interest and your qualifications for service) or call her at 303.861.4076. If you have questions regarding the SOMB, please contact Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (DPS) at 303.239.4447.

County Leader Needed on Child Welfare Prevention Steering Committee

CCI is seeking a county leader – a commissioner or a county commission-approved designee – to fill two vacant positions on the Prevention Steering Committee, a subcommittee of the Child Welfare Executive Leadership Council.

In early 2016, the Prevention Steering Committee and the Colorado Children's Trust Fund Board agreed to hold joint quarterly meetings to explore alignment of each group's efforts. The Prevention Steering Committee was convened by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to provide oversight of the pilot implementation of two programs and an augmentation of an existing program laid out in the Governor's Child Welfare Plan. The two piloted programs - SafeCare Colorado and Colorado Community Response - have been effectively piloted and are part of ongoing programming at CDHS. The time-limited augmentation of Nurse-Family Partnership has successfully come to a close. The Colorado Children's Trust Fund was created in statute in 1989 to prevent child maltreatment of Colorado children. The Trust Fund Board, whose structure and responsibilities are determined in statute, is governed by nine representatives who oversee the distribution of the fund to the establishment, promotion and maintenance of primary and secondary child maltreatment prevention programs (C.R.S. 19-3.5-104). The two groups have agreed to continue holding joint quarterly meetings through 2017, and will be conducting an asset

inventory of existing membership, identifying gaps, and clarifying purpose and needs for a statewide advisory structure around child maltreatment prevention work.

The committee meets quarterly in Denver on the second Thursday from 1 pm to 4 pm. Future meeting dates for 2017 are 2/9, 5/11, 8/10 and 11/19. Current county representatives on the committee include commissioners Thomas Davidson (Summit), David Weaver (Douglas), Eva Henry (Adams), and Gunnison County Human Services Director Joni Reynolds. If you would like to serve on this committee, contact Gini Pingenot (gpingenot@ccionline.org<<mailto:gpingenot@ccionline.org>> or [303.861.4076](tel:303.861.4076)). In order to ensure adequate county representation, county staff with the approval of the county's board of county commissioners, may also submit their names for consideration by CCI's Board of Directors.

CDPHE Funding/Finance Work Group Sets Meetings

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Funding and Financing Work Group has updated the meeting format to allow for those not on the work group to listen to the meetings. There will be a dedicated time at the end of each meeting for listeners to provide comments or ask questions. Meeting dates for the 2017 meetings are **February 2, April 6, June 15, August 17, and October 19**, and the meetings run from 1 to 3 pm. Call-in number is [1-877-820-7831](tel:1-877-820-7831) and the participant code is 265224#. The link to meeting materials is <https://cdphe.adobeconnect.com/fundinggroup/>. If you wish to know more about the Funding and Finance Work Group or would like to be on the distribution list to receive updates and meeting notes, contact [**Heather.Weir@state.co.us**](mailto:Heather.Weir@state.co.us).

February 10: Next Child Welfare Allocation Committee Meeting

The Child Welfare Allocation Committee (CWAC) will regularly meet on the second Friday of every month from 12:00pm – 3:00pm at CCI. The next CWAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10th. Please save this date in your calendars. To receive CWAC related email notices (which include meeting reminders and agendas as well as support documents), email Brandy Harper at brandy.harper@state.co.us

March 17: Next Works Allocation Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Works Allocation Committee (WAC) is set for **March 17, 2017** from Noon to 2 pm at the Colorado Department of Human Services (1575 Sherman Street, Denver) in conference room 4A/B. To call in to the meeting, dial 1-857-216-6700 and press 823617 when prompted. A formal agenda and handouts will be shared as they become available. For questions, email Luis Garcia at luism.garcia@state.co.us.



County Factsheet on CDHS Proposed Solution for Indirect Costs

Budget request R-06, “Department Indirect Costs,” offered by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), requests a comprehensive adjustment to how CDHS indirect costs are funded. The request does not describe the major programmatic impacts on the Child Welfare Services (“Block”) appropriation.

In order to cover a shortfall in indirect costs, CDHS recommends withholding \$5,643,322 in federal funds from the Child Welfare appropriation. A holdout of \$5,643,322 in federal funds would also reduce the 20% local match, which means that **if this budget request is approved, counties will face a \$7,054,153 reduction in their child welfare budgets.**

Contrary to statements made at the JBC hearing on this topic, the Child Welfare Services appropriation was overspent last year. A cut this large could have grave consequences to children and families.

THE IMPACT ON CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND THE SYSTEM:

Counties currently use this \$7 million to pay for child welfare staff, out of home placements, and contracts with partner providers for services to families.

Child Welfare Staffing:

- Assuming each county child welfare FTE costs a county \$69,182, **the loss of \$7,054,153 to counties’ allocations equates to 102 FTE in our child welfare programs across the state.**
- A 2014 workload study commissioned by the Legislative Audit Committee concluded that **574 additional full-time caseworkers and an additional 122 related supervisor positions** are needed in our child welfare system to keep children and families safe.
- Since that time, the implementation of the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline has resulted in a significant increase in child welfare referrals, making the need for new these staff even greater.
- The General Assembly has shown steadfast support in addressing this staffing deficit. Over the last two years, it has provided funding that has allowed counties to hire approximately 184 child welfare staffers.
- CDHS has requested funding for an additional 58 FTE this year. The budget request indicates that, with its funding, the State will still need to appropriate funding for 367.8 FTE in order to achieve the total staffing levels recommended. This request ignores the potential reduction in child welfare staffing that could result from a reduction of the block grant appropriation. **It is critical that we not lose sight of the possibility that even more than 367.8 FTE might be needed to meet the levels recommended by the study should these cuts be approved.**

Children's Safety and Permanency:

A reduction in staffing and other vital services could lead to:

- More child placements in foster care and other more restrictive out of home placements.
- Significant and unpredictable effects on the outcomes for children already in the system, including, causing delays in permanency and adoptions as fewer staff carry more cases.
- Greater difficulty meeting federal and state performance measures, which have improved due to the increased staff investments.

Transparency:

- Rather than reducing the Child Welfare Services appropriation by the federal and local share, the State simply proposes to withhold that amount from the appropriation prior to allocating to the counties. The legislature is not asked to take any specific action related to this holdout.
- This would allow the State to withhold larger amounts in future years, without the approval of the JBC or counties, setting a dangerous precedent in managing the child welfare program and other programs under CDHS' purview.
- We believe that more transparency is needed in providing a line item report of CDHS' indirect costs.

Proposed National Association of Counties NACo Resolution to Extend Child Welfare's Federal IV-E Waivers

Proposed Resolution Supporting an Extension of the Child Welfare's Federal IV-E Waivers

Issue: A legislative change is needed to extend Child Welfare's Federal IV-E Waivers, which expire on September 30, 2019.

Proposed Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) supports federal legislation to allow for an extension of the Federal IV-E Waiver until September 30, 2024 unless comprehensive child welfare finance reform that reflects NACo's priorities is passed before that time.

NACo is seeking an amendment to Sec. 1130 [42 U.S.C. 1320a-9], Authority to Approve Demonstration Projects. That current law has a Termination of Authority clause, reading "In no event shall a demonstration project under this section be conducted after September 30, 2019."

Background: The Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration authority provides states with an opportunity to use federal funds more flexibly in order to test innovative approaches to child welfare service delivery and financing. Using this option, states can design and demonstrate a wide range of approaches to reforming child welfare and improving outcomes in the areas of safety, permanency, and well-being.

Without IV-E Waivers, IV-E funding can only be used for monthly maintenance payments for the daily care and supervision of eligible children; administrative costs to manage the program; training of staff and foster care providers; recruitment of foster parents; and costs related to the design, implementation and operation of a state-wide data collection system. Through Federal IV-E Waivers, states have developed innovative practices to prevent children from entering out-of-home placement including residential/congregate care.

If a resolution to extend Federal IV-E Waivers is not passed much of the state innovation will come to an end and children and families will be negatively impacted.

Fiscal/Urban/Rural Impact: This will vary from state to state depending on whether a state participates in the Federal IV-E Waiver and based on whether the state is a state-administered or county-administered system. The Federal IV-E Waiver provides states with the flexibility to design their prevention systems to meet local priorities and needs. States will likely favor this flexibility.

Sponsor: El Paso County Commissioner Mark Waller and Julie Krow, El Paso County Department of Human Services Executive Director (add others?)

Proposed Resolution Supporting Two-Generation Efforts to Reduce Poverty

Issue: Poverty is a national problem and requires a national solution. In order to combat the harmful impacts of intergenerational poverty, federal, state and local partners should promote new methods of addressing these issues.

Proposed Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) encourages the federal government to pursue policies that support and enable state and local jurisdictions to coordinate a two-generation approach to combat poverty. Federal efforts to reform public assistance must recognize that poverty is influenced by national economic factors that are not within the control of local or state governments, and that local and state governments are best positioned to help their citizens when federal programs are flexible and support all generations within a family.

Background: A two-generation approach to supporting families focuses on creating opportunities for and addressing the needs of children and their parents together. These approaches can be found along a continuum, with some being child-focused with parent elements, and others being parent-focused with child elements. Aspects of a two-generation approach include but are not limited to: early childhood education, child care, asset building, housing, mental health and substance abuse counseling, access to health care, employment pathways and others.

Counties are well positioned to deploy two-generation programs and many already are. To boost these efforts, NACo encourages an intentional effort by federal stakeholders to help align and link systems and funding streams and ensure equity across programs. Additional steps to help individuals and families access multiple programs at once, rather than needing duplicative applications, is also encouraged.

Fiscal/Urban/Rural Impact: No new funds are being requested

Sponsor: Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, Arapahoe County, Colo.