



HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

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AGENDA

WELCOME

Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, Chair

Commissioner Wendy Buxton-Andrade, Vice Chair

Gini Pingenot, CCI

Allison Daley, CCI

INTRODUCTIONS

LEGISLATION

HB17-1052	Child Welfare Allocation Formula Factors	CCI Bill Support Gov Signed
HB17-1110	Jurisdiction Juvenile Court Parental Responsibilities	CCI Bill Support Gov Signed
HB17-1111	Dependency & Neglect Civil Protection Orders	CCI Bill Support Gov Signed
HB17-1185	Reports Of Suspected Child Abuse Or Neglect	Oppose unless Amended Awaiting Gov Sig
SB17-016	County Choice Child Protection Teams	Support Gov Signed
SB17-177	Children's Code Definition Of Special Respondent	Support Gov Signed

CHILD WELFARE

Bill #	HB17-1207
Title	No Detention Facility Requirement Youth Ages 10-12
H-Spon	P. Lee
S-Spon	K. Priola

Summary	The bill makes juveniles who are aged 10-12 ineligible for placement in the Department of Youth Corrections unless the juvenile has been arrested or adjudicated for a felony or a weapons charge. These juveniles will instead be eligible for other programs and services in the community through SB94 funds, such as mental health and substance abuse assessments, therapy, case management, supervision, and educational support.
Position	Support / Amends
Bill #	HB17-1283
Title	Task Force Child Welfare Worker Resiliency Program
H-Spon	J. Singer, D. Nordberg
S-Spon	L. Garcia, J. Cooke
Summary	The bill creates a task force to identify and encourage collaboration between county-level programs for child welfare caseworker resiliency. Many county human services directors have implemented resiliency programs to address high rates of turnover, such as peer-to-peer programs, mentoring, and mental health support. This task force will bring together human services directors, child welfare caseworkers, and other subject matter experts to create a database to provide guidance to county departments of human services who may choose to develop their own program. The task force is repealed, effective September 1, 2018.
Position	
Bill #	HB17-1292
Title	Child Welfare Provider Rates
H-Spon	D. Young
S-Spon	K. Lundberg
Summary	<p>The bill sets forth guidelines for the establishment of provider rates for licensed out-of-home placement providers (providers). The department is directed to continue completing an annual review of the methodology by which counties evaluate and negotiate provider rates and outcomes and submit a report to the joint budget committee. As part of the continuing review, the department shall contract with an independent vendor to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform a salary survey and study related to the delivery of child welfare services. The study must include salary surveys for providers; child protection employees; residential child care facility employees; and state and county employees involved with the provision of child welfare services. • Perform an actuarial analysis of actual vendor costs to do business in the context of current service demands; and • Develop a rate-setting methodology for provider compensation using the salary survey and actuarial analysis. <p>The rate-setting methodology must clearly include a process by which the full amount of any provider rate adjustments to the base rate or previously contracted rate approved by the general assembly are included as part of any final contract with a provider. The department shall provide the joint budget committee with a report defining the new rate-setting methodology on</p>

	or before April 2, 2018. The new rate-setting methodology must be implemented on or before June 1, 2018, except for those rates that must be approved by the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services. HB 1292 also requires CDHS, with input from counties, to submit to the JBC annual reports documenting child welfare workload increases or decreases.
Position	Support / Amends
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	Support
HEALTH CARE	
Bill #	HB17-1235
Title	Financial Relief Defray Individual Health Plan Cost
H-Spon	D. Mitsch Bush, M. Hamner
S-Spon	D. Coram, L. Crowder
Summary	<p>The bill creates a financial relief program, available from July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2018, to provide financial assistance to individuals and their families who spend more than 15% of their household income on individual health insurance premiums. The Colorado health benefit exchange (exchange) is to oversee the program, and counties may elect to administer the program in their counties. For any county that opts not to administer the program, the exchange is to administer the program in that county.</p> <p>Financial relief is available to individuals and families determined eligible based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual or family enrolled in and paid premiums for a bronze, silver, or gold level individual health benefit plan purchased through the exchange; • The individual or family has a household income of more than 400%, but not more than

	<p>500%, of the federal poverty line;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual or family does not have access to a government-sponsored program, such as Medicaid or Medicare, or an affordable employer-sponsored plan; and • The individual or family pays more than 15% of the household income on premiums for the plan. • The individual or family lives in a 'high cost' rating area <p>The amount of financial relief is calculated based on the cost of the premium for the lowest-cost bronze health benefit plan available to the individual or family through the exchange, minus an amount equal to 15% of the individual's or family's household income. No more than \$5.7 million in general fund support can be used in providing financial assistance to individuals who qualify under the program.</p> <p>The program repeals on July 1, 2019, unless congress enacts and the president signs legislation repealing the advance premium tax credit authorized under federal law, in which case the program repeals upon the date of the repeal of said tax credit</p>
Position	Monitor
Bill #	HB17-1237
Title	State Employee Group Benefit Plans For Local Government
H-Spon	M. Hamner
S-Spon	D. Coram, L. Crowder
Summary	Health benefits are offered to state employees through the State Employees Group Benefits Act (act), which is administered by the state personnel director. The bill authorizes the state personnel director, or a designee, to enter into an agreement with any local government to provide health benefits to employees of the local government through the group benefit plans offered to state employees pursuant to the act. The bill specifies that a local government is not required to offer health benefits to its employees through the group benefit plans offered to state employees pursuant to the act.
Position	Support
MISC	
Bill #	HB17-1087
Title	Office Of Public Guardianship Pilot Program
H-Spon	D. Young
S-Spon	
Summary	The bill creates the office of public guardianship (office) within the judicial department to provide legal guardianship services to indigent and incapacitated adults who:

	<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	Monitor
Bill #	HB17-1284
Title	Data System Check For Employees Serving At-risk Adults
H-Spon	S. Lontine
S-Spon	I. Aquilar, R. Gardner
Summary	<p>The bill establishes a state-level program (program) within the department of human services (department) for a check of the department's Colorado adult protective services (CAPS) data system. The CAPS check verifies whether a person is substantiated in a case of mistreatment of an at-risk adult, as defined in the bill. On and after a date stated in the bill, the bill requires certain employers at facilities or programs that serve at-risk adults to request a CAPS check prior to hiring employees who will provide direct care, as defined in the bill, to at-risk adults. The bill grants immunity from civil liability for employers who make an employment decision based upon the information obtained in the CAPS check, unless the employer knows that the information is false. The bill requires the department to promulgate rules relating to the investigation of reports of mistreatment of at-risk adults and the notification of perpetrators of the finding and of the right to administrative appeal to the department. The department shall provide training to county departments of human or social services relating to investigations, the accurate entry of documentation into CAPS, and confidentiality of information. County departments of human or social services are required to conduct a CAPS check of county adult protective services employees. CDHS completes the check for all other employers (health facilities, adult day care facilities, etc.).</p>
Position	
Bill #	SB 17-244
Title	Retail Food Establishment Fees
H-Spon	M. Gray

S-Spon	K. Priola
Summary	Currently, retail food establishment license fees are established in statute. The bill authorizes a county or district board (local board) of health to establish fees that are lower than the fees set in statute as long as the local board is in compliance with current law regarding food safety. The bill removes language prohibiting a county government from supplanting funds from increased revenues based on increased license fees for other county programs.
Position	Support

OTHER BUSINESS

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In Case You Missed It – News Items from Previous ecountyline publications

Child Welfare Prevention Steering Committee Has Openings

CCI is seeking county leaders – 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 to 4 pm. Future meeting dates for 2017 are **May 5, August 10, and November 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, email [Gini Pingenot](mailto:Gini.Pingenot@coloradocounty.com) or call her at [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.