



# Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

## Annual Report for 2012-13

State Fiscal Year:

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013



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The Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities is pleased to present our fourth annual report as required by **C.R.S. 24-45.5-101 CONCERNING CODIFICATION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

This report includes a summary record of activities of the Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. We have focused a great deal this year on strengthening our role in the broader disability community and been guided by our statutes and our on-going legislative responsibilities. This work includes:

- Educating communities and constituents on HB10-1019 – Parking Privileges for People with Disabilities;
- Participating the License Plate Auction Committee;
- Reviewing legislation and policy that impacts Coloradans with disabilities;
- Strengthening our understanding of the state of Colorado as it relates to implementing Title-II of the ADA and the Olmstead Decision; and,
- Developing stronger connections to appropriate state agencies, personnel, and other state disability councils in order facilitate a more efficient system of implementing these important civil rights statutes and completing our work.

As we look ahead to our next year, we are optimistic about our capacity to fulfill our responsibilities more innovatively. We hope you will be a part of this innovation. We are also looking for creative ways to grow the work of the Council, especially around employment. This seems apropos given all the work done by Governor Markell and the NGA this past year. This would greatly benefit the economy, the administration and the citizens of Colorado!

Respectfully,  
Tom D. Muniz, Chair



## Background & History

- The Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities was established by **C.R.S. 24-45.5-101, Concerning Codification of the Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities, and Making an Appropriation Therefore** and enacted July 1, 2008. Activities include:
  - a) Coordinating with state boards, advisory councils, and commissions established for or related to persons with disabilities;
  - b) Advising the Governor and General Assembly on legislation and state policy affecting persons with disabilities;
  - c) Issuing an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on the State's programs, services, and policies affecting and addressing persons with disabilities;
  - d) Monitoring the State's implementation of Title II for the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990", 42U.S.C. 12101 ET SEQ., as amended, including oversight pursuant to *Olmstead v. L.C.* and *E.W. 527<sup>th</sup> U.S. 581 (1999)*;
  - e) Acting as an additional entry point for public grievances regarding disability issues and referring those grievances to the appropriate state agency or personnel; and
  - f) Developing procedures relating to the Council's internal operations.

*The Council replaces the Governor's Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities that was established by executive order in 1988 by Governor Roy Romer.*





## Background & History, continued

- **Our Mission:** To serve in an advisory capacity to ensure the equality of opportunity, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for all of the state's citizens, including persons with disabilities, to the Governor's Office and General Assembly on issues relating to the need, problems and other concerns of people with disabilities.





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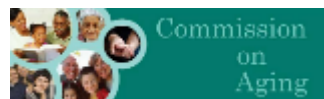
# a) Coordination with State Boards, Advisory Councils, and Commissions

- Maintained a distribution list of 61 current Colorado state boards, advisory councils, and commissions that relate to persons with disabilities. (Appendix B)



- Members represent the Council on other disability related councils, commissions and projects such as:

- AARP
- Access & Ability
- Advocacy Denver
- Aging Well in Jefferson County – Housing Work Group
- American Council for the Blind
- American Legion
- Arapahoe County Council on Aging
- The Arc of Colorado
- The Arc U.S.
- Arvada Community Food Bank
- Capitol Building Advisory Committee
- Colorado Alliance for Retired Americans
- Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Colorado Commission on Community Service, Disability Inclusion Team
- Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Colorado Division on Aging, Older Workers Task Force
- Colorado Education Advisory Council
- Colorado Human Resources Association – Workforce readiness Committee, Diversity Committee Professional Development Group
- Colorado Senior Lobby
- Colorado State Youth Council - Workforce
- Colorado Statewide Independent Living Council
- Colorado STEM Network
- Colorado Technology Association
- Community Preparedness Advisory Council
- Creative Careers Task Force
- Denver Commission on Aging



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# a) Coordination with State Boards, Advisory Councils, and Commissions, continued

- Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) – ARCH Advisory Council
- Denver Regional Mobility Advisory Counsel (DRMAC)
- Developmental Disabilities Resource Center – Aging Task Force
- Developmental Disabilities Resource Center –Self Determination Initiative
- Douglas County Local Coordinating Committee
- Douglas County Senior Council
- Douglas County Senior Foundation
- Douglas County Transit Solutions, Local Coordinating Council
- Down Syndrome Association
- Early Childhood Learning Commission
- Highlands Ranch Parks and Recreation Foundation
- Jefferson County Local Coordinating Council on Transportation
- Jewish Family Services
- Laura Hershey License Plate Auction Group
- Medicaid & Kids
- Metro Denver Fair Housing Center
- Metro Interagency Transition Team
- Mile High Down Syndrome Association
- National Association of Acting and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)
- National Association of Governors Committee (NAGC)
- National Association of Retired Educators
- National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
- National Youth Employment Coalition
- North Central Region All Hazards Committee – Special Needs Subcommittee
- Older Americans Coalition
- Older Workers Task Force
- Pikes Peak Interagency Transition Team
- Safe Kids Metro Denver
- Serve Colorado
- State Rehabilitation Council
- State Rehabilitation Council - Employment Subcommittee
- State Youth Council
- Under 26 Transitions Group



## a) Coordination with State Boards, Advisory Councils, and Commissions, *continued*

- United Veterans Committee
- Wheat Ridge Backpack Program
- Zion Senior Center





## **b) Legislation and State Policy Advisement**

- Reviewed 168 bills and resolutions dealing with disability throughout the 2012 session
- Closely tracked 10 bills dealing with issues related to disability
- Provided updates to Council members during the legislative session
- Legislative Committee continues to monitor state compliance of the Olmstead Decision through the PAS Center for Personal Assistance website [http://www.pascenter.org/olmstead/olmstead\\_refs.php?state=colorado](http://www.pascenter.org/olmstead/olmstead_refs.php?state=colorado), and the Olmstead: Recommendations and Policy Options for Colorado report, submitted by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheader=application%2Fpdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1251742176811&ssbinary=true>.
- HB 10-1019 CONCERNING PARKING PRIVILEGES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.
- HB 11-1216 -CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF PROGRAMS THAT HELP PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OBTAIN BENEFITS BY THE SALE OF UNIQUELY VALUABLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS FOR VEHICLES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR. ( "LAURA HERSHEY DISABILITY-BENEFIT SUPPORT ACT")





## c) Annual Report

- The Annual Report for fiscal year 2011-2012 was completed and submitted to the Governor, Lt. Governor and State Legislature.
- Contents included:
  - Background and History of the Council
  - Council members associations with other advisory council and commissions
  - ADA/Olmstead monitoring activities
  - Grievances received
  - Council Operation Procedures
  - Committee Reports
  - Disability related legislation tracked during the 2012 session
  - Council Officers & member list
  - Budget
  - Disability Mentoring Day update
  - Website update



## d) Monitoring of State's Implementation of Title II of the ADA & Olmstead Act

- Continues to maintain current list of State Department ADA Coordinators.
- Council Chair attended the National ADA Symposium held in San Antonio, TX May 12 – 15, 2013.
- All PowerPoint's from the symposium were posted on E-Colorado for access to all Council members.
- Updated language in the Model Traffic Code regarding Disability Parking.
- Council member attended "Designing Pedestrian Facilities for Accessibility (DPPA) Train the Trainer Workshop 4/29-5/3/2013 presented by FHWA in Lakewood, CO.
- Continues to perform cursory reviews of state agency websites for Effective Communication under CFR 28 Part 35.
- Continues to work with the Rocky Mountain ADA Center for Technical reference and training.
- Council member attended "Complying with New ADA Standards for Accessible Design presented by the Rocky Mountain ADA Center on May 31, 2013
- Council Member, Greg Martinez, continues through his primary position at the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to train Construction and Design Engineers and Local Agencies statewide ADA Requirements with respect to ADAAG and Facilities within the Public Right of Way, which include Curb Ramps and Blended Transitions, Pedestrian Access Routes, Accessible Pedestrian Signals, Movement Barriers, Detectable Warning Surfaces, Street Furniture, Pedestrian Street Crossings, and Work Zones.





## d) Monitoring of State's Implementation of Title II of the ADA & Olmstead Act

### Colorado's Olmstead implementation as of September 2012

Colorado spends slightly more than half of its total budget on (Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) programs for individuals with disabilities. From 2008 and 2012

Colorado made some progress increasing the number of individuals served in HCBS programs or through waivers, including increasing the number of people served by HCBS at the nursing home level of care by more than 5,000.

The state increased the number of individuals served by the Community Mental Health Supports waiver by almost 450 during the same time period.

Colorado has 15 different HCBS programs, including five for children with various types of disabilities and two specifically for individuals with (intellectual disabilities) ID.

However, Colorado served 14,545 individuals in nursing home facilities (NFs) in 2008 and 14,461 individuals in 2012 – a decrease of only 84 people.

Further, Colorado actually increased the number of individuals served in ICF/ MR facilities by 52 people.

Colorado 2012 HCBS and Institutional Expenditures			
HCBS Spending	Institutional Spending	Total Spending	Percentage HCBS
\$608,174,881	\$559,003,335	\$1,167,178,216	52%



## d) Monitoring of State's Implementation of Title II of the ADA & Olmstead Act

Individuals Served in Colorado by Program, Waiver, or Location				
Program, Waiver, or Location		2008 Individuals Served	2012 Individuals Served	Net Change
Nursing Home Level of Care	<b>HCBS for the Elderly, Blind, and People with Disabilities.</b> §1915(c) waiver for persons with disabilities who are 18 years old or older.	17,940	22,540	+4,600
	<b>Community Mental Health Supports.</b> §1915(c) waiver for individuals age 18 or older with a major mental illness.	2,399	2,847	+448
	<b>Children's HCBS.</b> §1915(c) waiver for children 17 and younger who are at risk of institutional placement but whose parents do not qualify for Medicaid.	1,205	1,379	+147
	<b>Children with Life Limiting Illness.</b> §1915(c) waiver for children age 19 and younger who are diagnosed with a life-limiting illness.	2	158	+156
	<b>HCBS for People with Spinal Cord Injuries.</b> §1915(c) waiver for individuals age 18 and older with a spinal cord injury.	0	16	+16
	<b>Persons with Brain Injury.</b> §1915(c) waiver that provides HCBS for people with brain injuries.	278	258	-20
	<b>Persons Living with Aids.</b> §1915(c) waiver for persons living with HIV/AIDS.	72	57	-15
	<b>Money Follows the Person.</b>	2	0	-2
	<b>§1915(j).</b> Program that provides self-directed personal assistance services.	40	33	-7
	<b>TOTAL HCBS</b>	<b>21,938</b>	<b>27,288</b>	<b>+5,350</b>
<b>TOTAL NURSING FACILITIES</b>	<b>14,545</b>	<b>14,461</b>	<b>-84</b>	
ICF Level of	<b>Children's Habilitation Residential Program.</b> §1915(c) waiver for children 21 and younger who are in foster care and have a DD.	157	124	-33



## d) Monitoring of State's Implementation of Title II of the ADA & Olmstead Act

Individuals Served in Colorado by Program, Waiver, or Location

Program, Waiver, or Location		2008 Individuals Served	2012 Individuals Served	Net Change
Care	<b>HCBS Children with Autism.</b> §1915(c) waiver for children younger than six who are diagnosed with autism and are at risk of institutional placement.	73	101	+28
	<b>Children's Extensive Support.</b> §1915(c) waiver for children with serious disabilities.	435	401	-34
	<b>HCBS Supported Living Services Program.</b> §1915(c) waiver for people with DD who need low or moderate support.	3,095	3,309	+214
	<b>People with Developmental Disabilities.</b> §1915(c) waiver for adults with ID/DD.	4,283	4,393	110
	<b>Money Follows the Person.</b>	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL HCBS</b>	<b>8,043</b>	<b>8,328</b>	<b>+285</b>
	<b>TOTAL ICF/MR FACILITIES</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>+52</b>



## d) Monitoring of State's Implementation of Title II of the ADA & Olmstead Act

### **Colorado's Olmstead implementation vision...**

- Colorado believes the following recommendations would make it easier to effectively implement Olmstead

### **Olmstead's integration mandate:**

- Affordable and accessible housing is a major barrier to assisting individuals to transition from nursing homes and other types of institutions. Increasing access to vouchers and other subsidized housing options for people with disabilities would greatly enhance Colorado's ability to integrate people in the community.
- The 811 Application that Colorado submitted to HUD in July is for an 811 demonstration program that requires that only 25 percent of the units in a building be allocated to people with disabilities and does not tie services directly to the units that are subsidized. These new requirements promote community integration and should be adopted for all future Section 811 funding opportunities.
- Money Follows the Person (MFP) is a great opportunity for states to build their infrastructure for transitioning clients from institutional placement to their own home. However in the law that authorizes MFP, patients of psychiatric hospitals are not eligible to receive MFP services unless they transition to a nursing home first. For some clients, this requirement to transition from one institution to another does not seem to be aligned with the Olmstead decision. For those clients where it may make sense for a short-stay in a nursing home before they return to the community, the Medicaid rules around medical necessity for nursing home placement creates a barrier for some of these clients in the psychiatric hospitals to move to a less restrictive environment. In many cases the transition process for people with mental illness may need to follow a step-down process from a restrictive environment to a less restrictive environment and finally to the least restrictive setting.
- The law authorizing MFP also have restrictions on housing that prevent clients from discharging to most assisted living facilities or other secure arrangements that may be necessary for transitioning a nursing home resident with dementia into a less restrictive environment that is secure and provides supervision. Consequently, states have been challenged with transitioning clients with dementia through MFP.



## d) Monitoring of State's Implementation of Title II of the ADA & Olmstead Act

- To support the client's preparation for transition, some of the HCBS services should start prior to the transition, such as case management or behavioral health support, or be completed prior to the transition, such as home modifications. Due to Federal Rules, these services cannot be reimbursed until after the client has transitioned. Consequently, the local agencies that assist individuals with transitioning are expected to cover the costs upfront and bill Medicaid retroactively. For Colorado's local service provider agencies, covering these costs upfront presents a financial burden. Greater flexibility in allowing overlap of essential HCBS pre-transition services while the client is still in the nursing home or other type of institution would make it easier to comply with the Olmstead mandate.
- Colorado was not eligible for the Balancing Incentives Payment Program (BIP) because the state's investments in HCBS exceeded the eligibility threshold for the program. BIP is a great opportunity that encourages states to create a more customer friendly entry point system for LTSS, establish a conflict-free case management system and develop a universal assessment for LTSS eligibility and service planning. Many states need to do this fundamental work, including Colorado, to create more responsive, person-centered LTSS systems that provide services in the most appropriate settings based on the clients' choices and needs. Because changing these entrenched systems will be a political, lengthy process at the state level, the Federal government might consider creating more opportunities to encourage more states to change their systems as required in the BIP.
- The transition process requires careful planning and coordination by the client, family, Medicaid case managers, housing authorities, service providers and other community agencies that provide non-Medicaid supports. The Federal and state rules, regulations and funding streams create obstacles in the transition process or fragment the process. For example, HIPPA and privacy laws/regulations concerning mental health data may create real and perceived barriers to coordinating or arranging community resources. Other areas that create obstacles include multiple application processes, eligibility restrictions and documentation requirements when many clients in institutional placement do not have documentation. A Federal inter-agency regulatory review to identify and eliminate barriers or regulatory conflicts that create unnecessary barriers for clients who wish to transition may assist states in supporting transitions from institutional placement.



## e) Public Entry Point For Grievances And Issues For Persons With Disabilities

- Maintained phone lines (303-866-5816 and 888-887-9135) for messages only to receive citizen comments, feedback, and grievances
  - Dialogued with individual regarding issues surrounding persons with disabilities within the criminal justice system, housing, healthcare, employment, emergency disaster communications, and civil rights
  - Received an average 10 calls per month
  - Counties calls originated from: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Delta, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Mesa, Weld
  - Referrals to: Rocky Mountain ADA Center, The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older Persons, The Client Assistance Program, Social Security Administration, Independent Living Centers, Department of Motor Vehicles, equipment vendors, handicapped parking issues, housing issues







## f) Procedures for Council Internal Operations

- Monthly meeting scheduled and held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 1pm-4pm at the Arc Thrift Corporate Office, located at 12345 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228.  
The following individuals were guests at our meetings and/or provided informational presentations:
  - Vicki Sims, HCPF
  - Teri Bollinger, HCPF
  - David Schaad, Regional Disabilities Integration Specialist/Advisory, FEMA Region VIII
  - Kim O' Donnell, Colorado Serve Disability Inclusion Specialist
  - Martha Mason, Southwest Center for Independence
- Continued to recruit potential individuals to be members of the Council.
- Identified additional persons to represent state agencies that provide services to persons with disabilities.
- Continued to identify Associate Members to add to the membership.
- Maintained standing committees
  - Executive committee
  - Finance committee
  - Membership committee
  - ADA committee
  - Outreach and Communication committee
    - Parking Privileges for People with Disabilities
    - License Plate Auction Group
- Council chair participated in National Governor' s Advisory Councils monthly teleconference calls
- Maintained a team room on E-Colorado Portal (<http://www.e-colorado.org>) for maintaining council documents
- Maintained contact with Governor' s office for addressing issues and providing information





# Committee Reports

## ***Executive committee***

- Held annual planning retreat
- Worked with Governor's office for Council Member appointments and budget issues

## ***Finance committee***

- Developed and monitored annual budget (Appendix C)
- Purchased camera and associated equipment
- Developed relationship with new State finance staff

## ***Membership committee***

- Cooperated with the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions to establish a full membership roster (APPENDIX D)
- Recruited new members
- Continue to work on Title II of the ADA representation
- Developed an Associate Membership roster

## ***ADA committee***

- Updated list of state department ADA coordinators (APPENDIX E)
- Planned and provided trainings through CDOT
- Planning for citizen trainings at the local level
- Reviewed department websites to evaluate accessibility for persons with disabilities. Plans are to continue to work with each department to increase accessibility.
- Presented CDOT with a certificate of appreciation for their work with the Council in support of changes to the Model Traffic Code





# Committee Reports

## ***Outreach and Communication committee***

- Co-sponsored statewide Disability Mentoring Day (APPENDIX F)
- Communicated with 130 disability boards, commissions and disability organizations.
- Disseminated Council brochures
- Maintained PO Box with US Postal Service
- Developed a website plan and completed initial work to launch our site: <http://coloradodisabilitycouncil.org/>
- Hosted 2 training sessions with web vendor, 303 Creative, LLC to train our communication team on website maintenance
- Began to post content on our Facebook page in preparation for a combined web and Facebook launch:  
<https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoAdvisoryCouncil>
- Worked with disabled parking committee to produce disabled parking video, pending approval release
- Maintained team room on [www.e-colorado.org](http://www.e-colorado.org) to keep the committee work, membership, and vital documents organized and in one location that all team members can access



## Committee Reports *continued*

HB 10-1019 CONCERNING PARKING PRIVILEGES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

### Challenges

- To date the funding source (Disabled Parking Education and Enforcement Fund C.R.S. 42-1-226) created with HB10-1019 for implementation and ongoing efforts with persons with disabilities has received less than \$900.00 to fund the requirements of HB10-1019. Cities and Municipalities are not willing to share the fine dollars with the State, which does not allow for complete implementation of the program statewide.

- HB10-1019 authorized 0.5 FTE to the Council for Persons with Disabilities for educational and outreach efforts as well as a 0.5 FTE to be placed in Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles. These FTE have not been filled because the funding is not available. Costs, as outlined below, continue to take up any available funding. As of June 2013, the Division of Motor Vehicles is owed more than \$180,000 in additional costs for running the program.

- Requirements on the design and features of the placards required a different type of placard material than previously used. New placard material cost is \$0.05 more than the previous material raising the per placard material fee from \$0.27 to \$0.32.

- Current issued license plate year tab was insufficient to adhere to placard material. Per placard validation tab cost is \$0.15.

- Issuance of persons with disabilities placards and plates has increased 2.30% since the effective date of HB10-1019.

- Increased manufacturing cost projections are below:
  - FY' 13 - \$42,343.96
  - FY' 14 - \$45,627.05

- Updates to the Model Traffic Code (MTC) have been completed by Colorado Department of Transportation.



## **Committee Reports continued**

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### **Challenges**

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- HB10-1019 authorized 0.5 FTE to the Council for Persons with Disabilities for educational and outreach efforts. This 0.5 FTE has not been filled, because the funding is not available. Costs, as outlined below, continue to take up any available funding.

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### **Wins**

- Arvada will implement a city lead parking program with a total of 1 FTE. They will hire staff and after an educational period, will begin issuing tickets in October 2013.

- While Wheat Ridge adopted the MTC, they have not enforced it with a formal program like Arvada.

- Golden is patrolling the city for violators, but have not yet adopted the MTC updates.



## Committee Reports *continued*

License Plate Auction Subcommittee, HB 11-1216 -CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF PROGRAMS THAT HELP PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OBTAIN BENEFITS BY THE SALE OF UNIQUELY VALUABLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS FOR VEHICLES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR. ("LAURA HERSHEY DISABILITY-BENEFIT SUPPORT ACT")

- The Council has been participating on this committee and expects the first auction to take place no later than the end of this fiscal year.

### ***Legislative committee***

- Monitored Colorado bills related to disability issues and concerns (APPENDIX H)





# Appendix A

## Council Officers

- Chair: Tom D. Muniz
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Gina Robinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Julia Beems Miller
- Secretary: Steve Wright
- Treasurer: Dwight Roinestad
- Immediate Past Chair: Sharon “Ann” Pearce, PhD

### Committee Chairs

- Executive Committee – Tom Muniz
- Finance Committee – Dwight Roinestad
- Membership Committee – Ann Pearce
- ADA Committee – Greg Martniez
- Outreach and Communication Committee – Gina Robinson
- Disabled Parking Committee – Gina Robinson
- License Plate Auction Committee – Gina Robinson



# Appendix C Budget

## Budget Total and Expenditures for FY 2012-2013

### Expenditures (Actual Payments Made)

#### Communications Committee

•Web Development and Maintenance	1345.40	
•P.O. Box Rent and Key Fee	97.00	
•Telephone Service	209.64	
•Youth Mentoring Conference Sponsorship	255.00	
•ADA Sponsorship	930.67	
•Annual Report	1452.68	
Total Actual Expenditures to Date		\$4290.39

### Budget Requests Pending

#### Communications Committee

•PSA	3500.00	
Total Authorized Pending Payment		\$3500.00
Total Spent or Pending Payment		\$7790.39

Budget Amount Not Spent for FY \$1239.61

The Council again kept expenditures under budget for the fiscal year. Effective use was made of the limited funds available, leaving enough funds late in the year to allow payment for production of a public service announcement (PSA) for television showing in the months ahead. It was a successful year for the Council but, in the months ahead, additional funding will be needed to fully meet the responsibilities of the Council, particularly as relates to it's public information and education responsibilities.

Dwight Roinestad, Treasurer





# Appendix D

## Council Membership

### Council Members

#### **10/12-10/14**

- 1. Peggy Brown-Clark**, Colorado Department of Education, 1<sup>st</sup> Term
- 2. Tracy Creekmore**, Colorado Department of Personnel & Administration, 1<sup>st</sup> Term
- 3. Jennifer McPherson**, Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Civil Rights Division, 1<sup>st</sup> Term
- 4. Sharon “Ann” Pearce**, Community Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term
- 5. Dwight Roinestad**, Community Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

#### **10/12-10/15**

- 1. Rick Ellsmore**, Glass Hearts and parent of an individual with a disability, 1<sup>st</sup> Term
- 2. Greg Martinez**, Colorado Department of Transportation, 1<sup>st</sup> Term
- 3. Jo Lynn Osborne**, The Arc of Jefferson, Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties and parent of an individual with a disability, 1<sup>st</sup> Term
- 4. Joseph W. Sims, Jr.**, Community Member with a disability, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term
- 5. Nancy R. Snow**, Community Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term
- 6. Rebecca Sposato**, Community Member, 1<sup>st</sup> Term

#### **10/12-10/16**

- 1. Julia Beems Miller**, University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus - Assistive Technology Partners, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term
- 2. Robert “Bob” Epstein**, Community Member and Grandparent of an individual with a disability, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term
- 3. Teri Izquierdo**, Community Member and individual with a disability, 1<sup>st</sup> Term
- 4. Tom D. Muniz**, Community Member and individual with a disability, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term
- 5. William F. Muth**, Community Member and parent of an individual with a disability, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term
- 6. Gina Robinson**, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, spouse and parent of individuals with a disability, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term
- 7. Judi Stein-Stutman**, College Living Experience, State Rehabilitation Council and parent of an individual with a disability, 1<sup>st</sup> Term
- 8. Steve Wright**, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term



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# Appendix D

## Council Membership

### Associate Members

1. **Steve Allen**, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
2. **Frank Lombardi**, Community Member and parent of an individual with a disability
3. **Morgan Carroll**, Colorado State Senator



## Appendix E

# State ADA Coordinators

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# Appendix F

## Disability Mentoring Day

### COLORADO DISABILITY MENTORING DAY 2012

- Last year's Colorado Disability Mentoring activities saw lots of reorganization and refocusing of its mission. This year, though we didn't see a large job one-on-one job shadow or business tour program as in years past, we did continue to provide outreach to companies and information to local communities on this initiative.
- Business Outreach:
  - We provided a presentation to the Aurora Sam's Club staff during their Disability Employment/Mentoring emphasis in October. There were 25 team members as well as supervisor and leadership there. We provided information on disability etiquette and awareness.
  - We also provided technical assistance to 3 other local businesses (Bark, NREL, and Lockheed Martin) and one national sponsor restaurant (Olive Garden) on disability recruitment and company tour information. These employers were provided recruiting resources and introduced to other past DMD participants to facilitate possible tours.
- Looking ahead to 2013:

The Colorado Disability Mentoring Committee is looking forward to renewed statewide outreach to establish new job shadow and tour activities. We are also piloting a new initiative called Neighborhood Works designed to facilitate work, job shadow, intern, and other experiences for young people as they transition from middle school to high school and beyond so that they are more prepared for work!



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# Appendix G Website



<http://coloradodisabilitycouncil.org>



# Appendix H 2013 Legislation

- 613 Bills were introduced.
- 10 Bills affecting individuals with disabilities signed by the Governor (2 in the House and 8 in the Senate)

## SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 13-039 - Concerning The Regulation of Audiology Practice  
Senate Bill 13-058 - Concerning Permanent Disability Parking  
Senate Bill 13-111 - Concerning Mandatory Reporting of Elder Abuse  
Senate Bill 13-127 - Concerning Sales Tax Revenue to Older Colorado's Fund  
Senate Bill 13-167 - Concerning Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities  
Senate Bill 13-228 - Concerning Deceptive Trade Practices Hearing Aid Dispensers  
Senate Bill 13-238 - Concerning Regulate Hearing Aid Providers Sellers  
Senate Bill 13-276 - Concerning Disability Investigational and Pilot Support Fund

## HOUSE BILLS

House Bill 13-1008 - Concerning Preference for the Hiring of a Spouse of a Disabled Veteran  
House Bill 13-1065 - Concerning Federal Professional Mental Health Authority