Mill Levy Advisory Council

May 14, 2020

Denver Human Services
Agenda

• Introductions & Council governance
• Information sharing, DHS updates
• 2020 priorities
• [Discussion] COVID-19
• Public comment period
Introductions

• Council member introductions
  ○ Name
  ○ Affiliation (if any)
  ○ If you are a co-chairperson, announce this as well

• DHS Staff

• Guests in attendance
Introductions

2020 members:
- J.J. Tomash, Ph.D, BCBA-D, BehaviorSpan (co-chair)
- Courtney Foss, Terumo BCT
- Tim Lomas, Boulder County (RMHS CAC member)
- Brittany Murdock, Artist/ Self-advocate
- Kendall Rames, LPC, Licensed Therapist
- King Viteron, MPH, Denver Housing Authority
- Lauren Weinstock, Artist/ Writer/ Advocate
- Melissa Emery, RMHS – CCB Delegate (non-voting)
- Linda Brooks, AdvocacyDenver – Council Advocate (non-voting)

DHS Mill Levy Program Manager – Crystal Porter
Introductions

Courage

Loyalty

Council Values

Empowerment

Sustainability
Mill Levy Advisory Council Duties

• Make recommendations to DHS Executive Director on needs to address and project areas to fund.
• Liaise with Community Centered Board Advisory Council (aka CAC) to ensure coordination and avoid unintentional duplication.
• Voting members must recuse themselves from decisions that would create a conflict of interest.

All Council meetings are posted and open to the public.
Governance

- Robert’s rules
- Review and approve minutes from November 2019
- Review proposed updates to bylaws
- Co-chairpersons nominations, election
- CAC Member nominations, election
2019 DHS Mill Levy Program Activities

- **13** advisory council meetings convened in 2019 with **50+** unique guests
- Explored **9 recommendations** received from the advisory council
- Over **50** meetings with stakeholders and community partners **across 30+ organizations** (does not include advisory council or RMHS contract meetings)
- Developed an informal program contact list of over **100** stakeholders
- Continued management of RMHS contract, supporting access to essential services for individuals and their families
- Executed 3 contracts with local community providers totaling approx. $400k
DHS Mill Levy Program Pillars

Gaps (essential services)  
Housing  
Inclusion  
Mental Health  
Technology

Understanding the I/DD mill levy | Community feedback & engagement

ACCESS TO SERVICES & COMMUNITY LIFE
Community Counts!

-CTAT, LLC-

Click to review the Presentation Skills graphic recording, available in English and Spanish.
Excerpts* from panel comments at the first Diversity & I/DD training:

• “Stop to take the time to open your heart.”
• “I don’t like when people treat me like I am an idiot.”
• “I know how to be kind to people, I’m a good person. I am not [r-word]. I have different needs.”
• “[When]...they hold the door open for you, sit you down, give you a good seat. Ask you how you are and make you feel comfortable.”

*paraphrased from notes
Diversity Inclusion Program (DIP)

-Easterseals Colorado-
Focus group excerpts & comments:

- “I do not like to wear assistive tech when I am out, people make comments about me being rude for sunglasses inside or wearing headphones but those are things I need.”
- “People put us in a box of capable or incapable and there is nothing in between.”
- “People do not know what value we bring to the table.”
- “Talk to me like you would talk to anyone else. We notice the difference.”

Photo courtesy of Autism Community Store.

*Content from Autism Community Store’s focus group report.*
2020 Priorities

Currently in development:

- Housing Stabilization Assistance (Gaps)
- Mini projects fund RFA (Inclusion and Gaps) - cap of $10,000 per project
- START Services model (Mental Health)

Monitoring environment for:

- Home modifications
- Respite

What are the Council’s 2020 priorities? Let’s discuss.
Discussion

• How can mill levy funds serve our Denver residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in response to COVID-19?

• How have needs changed from what they were before the global pandemic?

• What do we believe is needed, now and in the future, to support families in this new environment?

1. Equity & Access
   Ensure every individual in Denver has access to the support that they need to live a healthy and high quality life.

2. Safety & Wellness
   Support and advance sustainable health, wellness, and safety outcomes for the community.

3. Connectivity
   Increase connectivity as a department to improve community partnerships, reduce internal silos, and work collaboratively with city and state partners.
Public Comment

If you are signed up, please wait for the co-chair to recognize you before beginning to comment. The Council recognizes members of the public by following the order in which they signed up.

We ask any persons making public comment to state:
  o Your name and any organizational affiliation
  o Whether you are a resident of the City & County of Denver
  o The topic you are addressing
  o Proceed with full comment

Public commenters have 2 minutes to speak.

Please be respectful of the time allotted so that all persons that are signed up may have the same opportunity to comment.
Thank you for coming!

Stay up to date by visiting us online.
Resources

Mill Levy Advisory Council
COVID-19 Resources

The City and County of Denver [2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) updates](#)

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)


RMHS | [https://www.rmhumanservices.org/covid-19-resources-1](https://www.rmhumanservices.org/covid-19-resources-1)
Where to Find the Needs Assessment

The full needs report is available on DHS’ website:


Additional needs assessment details can be found on slides 16-19.
Habilidades de Presentación

-versión en español-

**HABILIDADES DE PRESENTACIÓN: Contando Tu Historia**

¿QUIÉNES?

- Hacer un podcast
- Diseño gráfico
- Comunicación

¿QUÉ MÁS ACERCA DE MÍ?

- Amigo/a
- Interesado/a en el tema

¿POR QUÉ ESTÁS AQUÍ?

- Ayudar a la comunidad a entender acerca de las discapacidades

¿QUÉ PUEDES HACER?

- Proyecto bien
- Hace buen contacto visual
- Respira, relájate

¿CUÁLES SON SU TEMORES?

- Mi voz va a temblar
- Mi cara se pondrá roja
- Mi corazón late mucho rápido

ENTONCES

- Ruego ayuda a las personas en las que confías
- Pide ayuda a tus temores
- Acompaña a tus temores

CONSEJOS DE PRESENTACIÓN

- Hablar con claridad

SE TÚ MISMO

- Usa ropa adecuada
- Asegúrate de que la energía positiva entre
- Mantén las cosas desenrolladas

¿QUÉ HACE BIEN?

- Sonreí
- Muestra pasión
- Buena energía

INSCRIBESE COMO PANELISTA

- Nuestras contribuciones pueden parecer diferentes
- Crear comunidad es importante
- Nosotras, los detractores

¿PREGUNTAS PARA EL PANEL?

- Estando dispuesto a aprender cosas nuevas
- Quiero un poco de trabajo adecuado y entender...

EMPLEO

- Bachelet/Arquitectura
- Carrera técnica
- Diseño gráfico
- Diseño arquitectónico

DIVERSIDAD

- ME VEO INCLUSIVO
- Todo/a como un adulto/viejo

ACCESO A LA COMUNIDAD

- ¿Cómo benecent? Muertean... o bien benecent? ¿Cómo...?
- Tomar fotos, escribir, hacer videos...

VIDA COMUNITARIA

- Nuestras contribuciones pueden parecer diferentes
- Crear comunidad es importante
- Nosotras, los detractores

¿QUÉ ACERCA DE MI?

- Soy alegre
- No juzgo a la gente
- Soy amigable

PASATIEMPOS

- Me gusta el arte
- Como a mi inclinación

¿QUÉ ACERCA DE MI?

- ¿Cómo te llamas?
- ¿Cómo nos conocimos?

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- ¿Cómo nos conocimos?

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- ¿Cómo nos conocimos?

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Denver Residency Guidelines

• Informed by D.R.M.C. § 53-550 (c) and Medical Services Board Rule 8.607.1(F)

• Denver’s City and County limits are the same; however, a person could have a Denver mailing address and not be a Denver resident, or vice versa. DHS primarily uses the Assessor’s Office property records to determine residency.

• DHS has provided guidance for mill levy funded services that may result in indirect or spillover benefits, as well as transition of services (90 days).

• Children with I/DD in DHS custody are considered Denver residents regardless of their current placement.