Voting member description – Mill Levy Advisory Council

A voting member is a Denver Human Services appointed member of the Mill Levy Advisory Council that is entitled to make motions and vote on matters subject to vote, in addition to the information gathering and recusal duties of all members. The Council’s structure allows for up to seven (7) voting members which are selected through an open recruitment process. All voting members MUST be Denver residents. Half of the active voting member count is considered a quorum, or the minimum number of people that can be present in order for the Council to conduct official business.

Voting members provide a voice for and state the desires of citizens of Denver related to dedicated mill levy funds so that those funds best benefit persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families in the City and County of Denver. Voting members of the Council are responsible for:

- Developing a process for reviewing, analyzing, and recommending areas of focus for dedicated mill levy funds to support persons with I/DD in Denver.
- Serving as a sounding board to understand and convey the opportunities and challenges facing persons with I/DD in the City and County of Denver.
- Considering local and state statutes and/or regulations to ensure that recommendations align with applicable laws, both current and proposed.
- Engaging in discussion and responding to specific emerging issues and their potential impact, identifying the views of interested parties.
- Regularly attend Council meetings and notify DHS when attendance is not possible
- Review meeting minutes and other documents ahead of meetings
- Exercise recusal along with all other voting and non-voting members when a potential conflict arises

Voting members will use their background, expertise, connections, and resources to:

- Conduct outreach throughout their community to discover the challenges facing the greater I/DD community in Denver
- Connect with individuals with I/DD, families, and other stakeholders on issues vital to their community
- Engage their community on issues or topics before the Council
- Investigate models and programs that could meet the needs and gaps identified in Denver
- Report out on information learned to DHS and the citizens of Denver at open Council meetings
- Make motions and vote on issues before the Council
- Learn about and assist others in navigating the complex systems that serve people with I/DD in Colorado
- Connect those requesting and advocating for reasonable accommodations at Mill Levy Advisory Council meetings with the DHS staff liaison to support inclusive meeting practices

A Voting member will not:

- Solely champion their own issues or causes to the Council
- Advocate only from an individual needs or service perspective

Voting members are appointed to the Council from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. This gives the Council a greater perspective on issues vital to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Voting members are volunteers on the Mill Levy Advisory Council with Denver Human Services.