

LARIMER COUNTY INTERAGENCY OVERSIGHT GROUP (LCIOG)

JULY 9, 2015

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

LARIMER COUNTY COURT HOUSE

200 WEST OAK STREET

LAKE LOVELAND ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

FORT COLLINS, CO 80521

Voting Members in attendance: Dale Lake, Kay Dechairo, Chris Gastelle, John Rattle, Michelle Brinegar, Averil Strand, Cyndi Dodds, Josi McCauley, Charlie Carter, Randy Ratliff, Jenny Ellison

Non-Voting Members in attendance: Thad Paul, Greg Otte, Lori Stearns, John Jostad, Judy Rodriguez, Steve Johnson, Laura Walker, JoAnn Ginal, Jeni Arndt

Guests: Peggy Reeves

Recorder: Deb Bowen

I. Call to order by Thad Paul at 11:45 AM

II. Welcome and introductions around the table.

III. Review and approval of minutes from May 14, 2015. *Motion to approve minutes by Randy Ratliff, seconded by Kay Dechairo. All in favor, motion passed, minutes approved.*

IV. Peggy Reeves Award

- Welcome to Peggy Reeves. Averil Strand presented an award to Peggy Reeves for her work in helping pass HB-1451 when she was a Colorado State Legislator and for her advocacy of children and families of Larimer County. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our children and families. Peggy Reeves congratulated our LCIOG on the outstanding collaboration we have for working together.

V. Review Response from Director Reggie Bicha's Office of Colorado Dept. of Human Services re PSSF Concerns

- A letter was received from Julie Krow re our concerns but there has been no change in addressing our concerns. We are talking to our State Legislators and asking them for additional help. We are also reaching out to federal child welfare staff to verify if they have approved the PSSF tool the State has required our providers to use. Our PSSF providers have agreed to offer the tool to families. We want our families to get the same message from each PSSF provider.
- We are waiting to hear from Colorado Dept. of Human Services if our PSSF application has been accepted.
- Judy Rodriguez and JoAnn Ginal will meet to discuss any other actions the LCIOG Board may want to take up with Director Reggie Bicha and Colorado Dept. of Human Services. Some talking points about our concerns were given to Representative Jeni Arndt for a discussion she will have with Director Bicha. Jeni will share that document with Representative JoAnn Ginal.
- Judy Rodriguez will start attending the State Early Childhood groups hosted by the Colorado Dept. of Human Services so she may stay ahead of the information being sent out to Counties. Judy will also start attending the Family Resource Center meetings hosted by the State.

VI. [Recommended By-Law Changes](#)

- Judy Rodriguez reviewed the changes to the By-Laws. Our LCIOG MOU/Plan was praised by the State Committee.
 - Page 2. IV. C. The Board of County Commissioners make the appointments to serve on the LCIOG Board.
 - Page 4. IX. D. This paragraph was newly added to the By-Laws
 - Page 4. XI. C. Voting rights for both mandatory and non-mandatory members are eligible to vote.
 - Page 4. XI. D. Non-mandatory members may sign the MOU but their signature is not required.
 - Page 5. XII. D. If a member's agency is seeking funds, such member will abstain from voting on their proposal.
- *A motion was made by Randy Ratliff to approve the changes to the By-laws. Motion seconded by Kay Dechairo. All in favor, motion passed.*

VII. Congregate Care Committee

- A LCIOG sub-group will be formed to address the funding issue brought by new Congregate Care rules. Jim Drendel and Cyndi Dodds will co-chair this group. Additional members to join them are: Jenny Ellison, Chris Gastelle, Lori Stearns and Charlie Carter. An initial look will be to delve into a sample of 50 children in congregate care and why they ended up there. Charlie Carter finds it a dilemma for the school district to meet the needs of district children while making community partners aware of the significant needs of these children. Thompson School District is hoping for funding help from a mill levy.

VIII. [Budget](#)

- Thad Paul discussed the budget and a conservative view of the budget forecast was presented.

- We may want to look at our budgets in a public policy view in the future. If the federal government drops congregate care funding we hope the funds are re-directed to other family services. We will need to be creative.
- *A motion was made to approve the same proposed budget moving forward with amendments coming throughout the year for FY15-16. John Rattle approved the motion with Cyndi Dodds seconding. All in favor, motion passed.*

IX. Old Business – None

X. New Business

- Randy Ratliff made the announcement that Touchstone Health Partners will change their name to SummitStone Health Partners effective July 27, 2015.
- Randy Ratliff also invited everyone to attend the open house for the new Mental Health Crisis Center at 1217 Riverside, in Fort Collins on July 28, 2015 from 4 – 7 PM. The mental health crisis center will be open 24/7.
- Laura Walker invited all the LCIOG members to a Colorado Dept. of Human Services town hall meeting/strategic planning session to be held in Larimer County on August 17 9:30 – 11:00 AM at the Court House, 200 West Oak, Hearing Room, 1st Floor, Fort Collins. Registration is required and you may register at: www.colorado.gov/CDHSstrategicplan ([flyer attached](#))

XI. Next LCIOG Meeting

August 13, 2015 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Larimer County Court House

200 West Oak Street

Lake Loveland Room, 2nd Floor

Fort Collins

Adjourn 12:35 PM

Notes Submitted by Deb Bowen