

Community First Choice Full Membership Council Full Membership Announcement

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing is pleased to announce the names of the full membership for the new Community First Choice Council (CFC Council). The council will explore the feasibility of, and options for, implementation of a CFC program in Colorado.

About the Council

Due to the interest in council membership and the need to have broad representation, the CFC Council has 22 decision making members ensuring broad representation. The council also has advisory members. Decision making membership includes:

- 16 people with disabilities, the elderly and their representatives
- 1 state staff representative
- 1 rural county/Single Entry Point representative
- 1 CCB representative, also representing family members of children with disabilities
- 2 people representing long-term care providers
- 1 representative from a rural Mental Health Center

To prevent duplication and enhance coordination, the CFC Council will be incorporated within the structure of the Long-Term Care Advisory Committee (LTCAC) and will coordinate with LTCAC sub-committees. Recommendations will be presented and vetted through this structure, however, the LTCAC, and its sub-committees will not have decision making authority for the CFC Council's recommendations. Recommendations from the CFC Council will operate in a similar fashion to other changes to rule and policy and will be afforded a 30-day stakeholder feedback period in which the Community Living Advisory Group, LTCAC, its sub-committees, and the Participant Directed Programs Policy Collaborative (PDPPC) and other stakeholders will have 30 days to provide comment on recommendations made by the CFC Council. The CFC Council will then have up to 30 days to record and formally respond to concerns brought forward by these groups.

The Community First Choice option is a part of the Affordable Care Act, Section 2401, that amends the Social Security Act to allow states the option to provide person-centered home- and community-based attendant services and supports under their Medicaid State Plans. Colorado is one of 16 states that do not currently offer personal care services under its state plan. CFC is intended to target home- and community-based attendant services and supports to people with disabilities and elderly individuals.

The following represents the decision-making membership of the CFC Council (in alphabetical order):

Elisabeth Arenales, Colorado Center on Law and Policy, representing people with disabilities and the elderly

Maria Cabral, El Grupo Vida, representing people with disabilities and their families

Anita Cameron, ADAPT, representing people with disabilities

Patricia Cook, RN, BSN, Colorado Gerontological Society, representing the elderly

Louise Delgado, West Central Mental Health Center, representing the mental health community

Grant Jackson, Mesa County, representing a rural county eligibility site and Single Entry Point

Jeff Johnson, Imagine!, representing people with disabilities and their families and CCB/case managers

David Henninger, Bayaud Enterprises, representing people with disabilities with a focus on employment

Cathy Kaufman, Complete Home Care , LLC, representing home health providers

Ed Milewski, Center for People with Disabilities, representing the elderly

Nicole Miller, CRC, representing people with disabilities in rural Colorado with a focus on employment

Kyle Nash, ADAPT, representing people with disabilities

Keith Percy, representing people with disabilities

Jill Pidcock, representing families of children with disabilities

Julie Reiskin, Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, representing people with disabilities

Barry Rosenberg, representing Long Term Service providers, particularly IHSS and Certified Nurse Aides

Dawn Russell, ADAPT, representing people with disabilities and IHSS providers

Marijo Rymer, representing people with I/DD and their families

Jennifer Shook, The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People, representing people with disabilities and the elderly in rural Colorado

Lori Thompson, Colorado Division of Developmental Disabilities

Josh Winkler, Co-Chair, CCDC, ADAPT, representing people with disabilities

Patricia Ziegler, Atlantis Community, representing people with disabilities

The CFC Council will also have advisory members. While not having decision making authority, the advisory members will provide critical insight about the potential effect of design elements on service provision and provider operation.

The following represents the advisory membership of the CFC Council (in alphabetical order):

Martha Beavers, Co-Chair, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, CFC
Project Manager

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Candie Dalton, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

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Kelli Fritts, AARP

Jean Hammes, Alpine Area Agency on Aging

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