

**COMMUNITY OPTIONS, INC.  
BOARD MEETING 8/8/17**

**PRESENT:**

Darcy Arnold  
David Lane  
Mary Turner  
Mike Schottelkotte  
David Kienholz  
Peggy Day  
Kristi Garner

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:**

Trevor Harrison  
Julie Hilmes  
Carolyn Rettig  
Mary West

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Tom Turner  
Steve Dahlman  
Chris McDonald  
Kate Meyer (for Joyce Cockroft)

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President Darcy Arnold, who declared a quorum.
  
- II. **Absences:** See above.
  
- III. **Minutes**  
Motion was made (David Lane/Mike Schottelkotte) to approve July meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.
  
- IV. **Public Comment:** Darcy commented on the number of e-mails she has received; mostly on the Case Management issue. This agenda item will remain and members should bring e-mails dealing with local issues to Board meetings to be dealt with as a group.
  
- V. **Executive Director's Report: Tom reported on the following:**
  - A. Tom thanked the Board for approving the retention bonuses and said he had received grateful comments from employees, including a written note which he shared with the Board.
  - B. Tom shared a milestone with the Board: Georgianna Russell celebrated her 42nd anniversary with Community Options on August 6<sup>th</sup>. She began as a Direct Care employee at about the age of 17 and is now the Program Director for Delta/Aspen Crest.
  - C. Tom passed around his August 6<sup>th</sup> article, which he hopes will be the last time he talks about Medicaid for a while!
  - D. Two people from HCPF are currently at Community Options, examining the Case Management files to make sure the paperwork is in order.
  - E. Conflict-Free Case Management: Tom attended a meeting in Denver last Tuesday along with reps from 17 other CCBs as well as Squire Patton Boggs (the lobbying firm), who will be meeting with our congressional delegation in D.C. regarding rural exceptions. Tom was the only one who submitted comments, which have

been endorsed by the group and will be sent to Congress. If the Center for Medicaid Services would reverse their decision that a person's "right" to CFCM outweighs their right to make an informed choice, it would be a quick fix.

- F. Tom would like September's Board meeting to be held at Park Place so that members can see improvements that have been made.
- G. Community Options' Annual Meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion Senior Center. Tom received confirmation last week that the Keynote Speaker will be State Representative Millie Hamner, co-chair of the Joint Budget Committee. There was discussion about how the Board could honor Ms. Hamner for her work on our behalf -- perhaps an award or gift. Tom will follow up on this.

## **VI. Committee Reports:**

### **A. Finance/Audit Committee:**

- (1) Since it was the end of the FY and the Board doesn't generally meet in August, Steve presented an abbreviated financial report. Motion was made (David Lane/Mike Schottelkotte) to approve the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried.
- (2) Steve and Tom presented two Corporate Resolutions for the Board's consideration: The first involved a new client who is a member of the Ute Mountain Tribe and as such, receives a stipend from them which must be handled by Community Options and not the client personally. This necessitated opening up a new account just for this client at San Juan Mountains Credit Union. A motion was made (Mike Schottelkotte/Peggy Day) to authorize this account to be created. Motion carried. The other Resolution involved new signature cards to replace the current cards at San Juan's request: the signatories will be Tom Turner, Steve Dahlman and Flora Walls. Motion was made (Mike Schottelkotte/Mary Turner) to approve this request. Motion carried.

### **B. PR/Fundraising Committee:**

- (1) Mountain Film Festival, Nov 11th: Darcy attended a meeting ten days ago – the format is basically the same as last year. There will not be any food; all the underwriters are in place; they were tossing around some ideas about how to get attendees to pay more than the minimum. Trevor talked to Bob Tesch about being an Emcee to help encourage donations. Jim is excited about the lineup of films this year.
- (2) Fundraiser next September: Rachel has agreed to be the event coordinator. They're looking for a band since the Anders Brothers are retiring. Darcy suggested Chris Daniels, based in Denver. David suggested perhaps a local musician would be more affordable; he knows someone associated with Starr's Guitars.

## **VII. Old Business: None.**

**VIII. New Business:**

**Building Purchase:** Tom announced that thanks to David, a building has been located that will work very well for Second Impressions. This will also work well for moving Admin offices to the Park Place location if/when the Allinson Building is sold, instead of moving Second Impressions to Park Place.

The building is located at 420 North Townsend and is 4,880 sq. ft. David, Jim and Tom went to look at it on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Kim Taylor, who manages Second Impressions, also looked at it, and although it's smaller than the current Second Impressions store, she feels it will work just fine. The property was listed for \$235,000, but we were able to negotiate them down to \$225,000. After some discussion, a motion was made (Mike Schottelkotte/Peggy Day) to authorize Community Options to purchase the building. Motion carried, with David Kienholz recusing. Closing is set for August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. Announcements:** None

**X. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kate Meyer (for Joyce Cockroft)

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# Community Options and the Medicaid roller coaster

In the early morning hours of July 28, the United States Senate put a halt to the roller coaster ride of proposed massive cuts to Medicaid (at least for the time being).

In a drama-filled vote that rivaled any John Grisham novel, Sen. John McCain cast the decisive vote that drew a deep breath of relief from disability advocates nationwide, and I sincerely hope this is the last column I write on this topic for a long, long time.

As I have expressed previously, I want no part of the divisive partisan rancor over the health care aspects of this debate. But what has been so frustrating, and at times infuriating, about all of this is the Medicaid funds through which we provide crucial services and supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have nothing to do with the Affordable Care Act. Unfortunately, however, our funding for Home and Community-Based Services got pulled into the debate, and given that these services are "optional" for states to provide, they were the most in jeopardy if the cuts to Medicaid had materialized.



## Community Options Ink

By Tom Turner

It seems ironic that all of this is playing out as we celebrate the 27th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This landmark civil rights legislation prohibited discrimination against people with disabilities in all aspects of their lives, and was signed into law by President George H. W. Bush on July 26, 1990. The law was then updated and amended, and signed by President George W. Bush on Sept. 25, 2008. One of the major concerns with the proposed Medicaid cuts and their potential impact on funding for Home and Community-Based Services has been the possibility that people with

disabilities would be forced to leave their homes in the community and move into nursing homes or state-run institutions. This is also ironic, in that these are far more expensive than community settings. If the intent has been to reduce Medicaid costs, this would have accomplished just the opposite, and in the process would have undoubtedly prompted a flurry of discrimination lawsuits under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Our nation, and in particular Colorado, has worked long and hard to reduce reliance on expensive and undesirable institutional settings for our friends and family members with intellectual disabilities. In their place, we have supported them to live happy, productive, and interconnected lives in their communities. It is my most sincere hope that in the fervor over health care reform, community-based services for people with disabilities will be extricated from that debate. I seriously doubt all of this is over, but for now, I am very happy to put it to rest.

*Tom Turner is executive director of Community Options Inc. in Montrose.*

## Community Options Inc.

## Balance Sheet

For the Twelve Months Ending Friday, June 30, 2017

## ASSETS:

## Current Assets

Operating Cash Accounts	\$863,252
Cash Investment Accts	992,900
Prepaid Expenses	133,729
SME Trade Receivables	3,511
Miscellaneous--Var. Progs	53,161
Medicaid A/R	816,194
Client R&B A/R	9,049
State Services A/R	17,373
Miscellaneous A/R	2,045

Total Current Assets: 2,891,214

## Long Term Assets

Work in Progress--Park Place	197,932
Notes Receivable	206,125

Total Long Term Assets: 404,057

## Fixed Assets (Net):

Office Equipment	32,930
Transportation Equipment	89,771
Land	584,626
Land Held for Sale	1,087,471
Buildings & Improvements	2,332,132
Program Equipment	15,241
Current Year Capital Purchases	46,425

Total Fixed Assets: 4,188,596

## Restricted Assets:

## TOTAL ASSETS:

7,483,867

## LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES:

## Liabilities:

Current Liabilities	1,082,207
Long Term Liabilities	1,912,157

Total Liabilities 2,994,364

## Fund Balances

Fund Balances	4,609,669
Net Income (Loss)	(120,165)

Total Fund & Income Balance 4,489,504

## TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES

\$7,483,868



Working Capital @ 6/30/17 = \$1,809,007  
Down \$194,000 from 5/31/17.

Interim F/S pending  
year end close & audit  
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**Community Options Inc.**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
 For the Twelve Months Ending Friday, June 30, 2017

	June	Y-T-D
<b>REVENUE</b>		
GROSS OPERATING REVENUES	\$634,891	\$8,383,190
IN-KIND & RESTRICTED REVENUES	1,700	221,723
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$636,591</b>	<b>\$8,604,913</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
OPERATING EXPENSES	(670,695)	(7,519,159)
PROJECT OUTLAYS		(24,910)
PURCHASED SERVICES	(78,243)	(908,206)
RESTRICTED PURCHASES	(\$100)	(\$7,809)
IN-KIND USAGE		(6,947)
DEPRECIATION	(21,504)	(258,048)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$770,542)</b>	<b>(\$8,725,078)</b>
<b>NET INCOME &lt;LOSS&gt;</b>	<b>(\$133,951)</b>	<b>(\$120,165)</b>



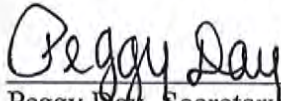
Interim F/S for 6/30/17  
 pending year-end close  
 and audit.

Steve K. Dahlman 8/8/17



## BOARD RESOLUTION

Be it hereby resolved that, at the regular meeting of the Community Options Board of Directors on August 8, 2017, the Board authorized Tom Turner, Executive Director of Community Options, Inc., to purchase the building at 420 N. Townsend in Montrose, Colorado for the purchase price of \$225,000. Furthermore, the Board also authorized Mr. Turner to negotiate any details related to closing, and to execute all documents on behalf of the agency to complete the transaction.

  
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Peggy Day, Secretary  
Community Options Inc. Board of Directors

