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Colorado Office of Public Guardianship Executive Director Report

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Purpose:

The Director Report will provide updates on new matters, the status of ongoing matters from the previous month, and the planned next steps for the upcoming month. The Director will distribute the report to all Board members in advance. Questions may be addressed during Board meetings as needed, and Board members are encouraged to contact the Director directly between meetings with any inquiries.

Report Agenda	Director Report Updates
COPG Monthly Budget	Mike Henthorn, OASIA Deputy Director, Budget, and Finance, provided the monthly summary as of 07/20/2026. See Attachment 1 .
Human Resources	1. COPG Staffing: All OPG staff have completed training and are able to take new cases. a. New OPG Positions: i. Director of Guardian Services – Michelle Trejo ii. General Counsel – Brad Turner, Esq. iii. Guardian – Aaron Dix (17th JD) iv. Guardian (4th JD) – Starting in September v. Pueblo – Juanita Tidwell to cover b. OPG Staff Resignations i. Janelle Cantu, Deputy Director effective 07/17/2026



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	ii. Peter Harris, Staff Attorney effective 07/20/2026 c. We have continued to retain all guardian staff since 12/2025
Staff Retreat	1st Annual Staff Retreat for OPG 07/21/26 – 07/22/26 Included training from Adult Protective Services, Dr. Sheri Gibson on capacity evaluations and assessments, legal training and mock trial, OPG updated operating procedures.
Office of Administrative Services for Independent Agencies (OASIA)	a. OASIA has completed the OPG Compensation Study. You should have received an e-mail with the preliminary compensation study, for your review. This was a request from the Joint Budget Committee with the Governor's Office to be more competitive in compensation for any state employee. b. OASIA will be sharing with you the updated reporting structure and titles for OPG staff and career pathing plan.
Partnership Advancements	1. Executive Director McKeon has continued to focus on partnership building, and has completed the following since last board meeting: a. BHA has partnered with OPG to provide services to Fort Logan and has put limitations on their contracts with other providing entities. We are working to support those needs. b. OPG is working directly with the Public Defender's Office as our newest partnership. c. Working to expand our BHA contract to provide services to Pueblo state hospital clients. d. Guardianship Alliance – we are supporting any anticipated needs for GAC and have offered to support case transfer on a case-by-case basis
Legislative Update	a. OPG is working to identify legislative initiatives over the next month. Legislative session returns in August to begin budget discussions and next year's initiatives. We are asking that the board provide feedback on those initiatives presented at the next meeting.



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	i. Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS) with ELS of the CBA and Tyler Mounsey ii. Statute language cleanup for OPG for ability to support petitioners, filing requirements, and public guardian limitations with APS iii. Professional Guardian Registration b. FY 27 budget – We will be submitting our request no later than August 2026 for the coming fiscal year. This will include the new positions, competency dollars, and existing funds. We will also be requesting a rightsizing of the guardian compensation.
Colorado OPG Board and Operating Policies Updated	Please note that board and Operating Policies are available on the OPG website: https://colorado-opg.org/opg-in-depth/ 1. Intake Eligibility, Prioritization, and Referral Process a. Update on number of registered users, referrals, accepted cases, etc. as of 07.20.2026 - i.Active guardianships – 71/77 (4 new/6 appointed in coming weeks) - ii.Referrals accepted in process– 38 - iii.Total after completed:115 cases 2. Focus on accepting higher acuity caseload. We anticipate serving several of the clients in competency, but also those in crisis for mental health incapacity and intellectual and developmental disabilities. 3. We will be changing our data reporting to the board, as we are now accepting referrals statewide, pending availability of staff to serve in that area.



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	4. Many of our guardians are working on studying for their NCG. Staff is receiving financial fiduciary training in preparation for this. 5. Board Vacancies: We would like to ask our representative for OPG, Carl Glatstein, to announce that there are board vacancies next year on the OPG board.
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