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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 04/20/2026. 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: Employers Council continues to support COPG in filling vacant positions. i. Lead Guardian – Emily Bowers (started 06/15) ii. Guardian (4th JD) – Starting in September iii. Pueblo – Juanita Tidwell to cover b. We have continued to retain all guardian staff
In-Person Board Meeting and Open House	You should have received an invitation for the open house that will occur on 07/22/2026 following the in-person Board of Directors meeting at our office.
Office of Administrative Services for	OASIA has completed the OPG Compensation Study. You will be able to view that compensation study in the coming weeks. This was a

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Independent Agencies (OASIA)	request from the Joint Budget Committee with the Governor's Office to be more competitive in compensation for any state employee.
Partnership Advancements	- Executive Director McKeon has continued to focus on partnership building, and has completed the following since last board meeting: - We have partnered directly with Denver Health to support their needs. - OPG staff members attended the Denver Elder Abuse Awareness Day Summit at Denver University. - Partnerships continue to expand with Adult Protective Services in new areas. - 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.
Legislative Update	Existing Legislation - The Governor has convened a workgroup to address the competency bill outcomes. OPG will be a close working partner of the workgroup, as we were heavily involved in the bill. - 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. New Legislation - As this is a heavy election year, we will be working over the summer to develop relationships with current legislators and anticipated new elected officials. - We will begin working on defining our legislative goals going into next session. Some of these initiatives include: - Additional expansion dollars - Public guardianship statute clean-up - Professional guardianship registration

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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 06.22.2026 - i.Active guardianships – 68 (4 new) - ii.Referrals accepted in court proceedings – 22 - iii.Total after completed:100 cases 2. We have updated our website and are currently opening for referrals statewide. With our flex guardian, we can enter new areas in anticipation for hiring a fulltime guardian in that space. 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. 4. Training update: We are working with Cara Greek to update our training at OPG and to secure a Learning Management System (LMS) to make statewide training more efficient and replicable for remote staff. 5. We are currently reviewing all Policies and Procedures. We will also review Board P&Ps for the start of the fiscal year to align with any changes, pending BoD approval. 6. Many of our guardians are working on studying for their NCG. All guardians must be nationally certified by year 2 of employment at OPG.
Expansion Demographics	Grant Yoder has been working on distribution for staffing across the state and will share the methodology for expansion.

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