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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 01.08.2026. See Attachment 1 .
Human Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. COPG Staffing<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Vacant Positions: Employers Council continues to support COPG in filling vacant positions.<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Guardian/Benefits Enrollment and legal staff support.ii. Guardian Supervisorb. Employee Handbook<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Employers Council has completed a preliminary Employee Handbook. The OPG team is reviewing all Policies and Procedures for update.
Office Space	The office move date to Triad is scheduled for 4/1/2026. OPG leadership is scheduling a two-day staff retreat in the new office space. This retreat will include training from our partners at OASIA, Bridges,

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	<p>and APS. The board will be invited to attend and participate in a portion of the retreat. The date is being TBD.</p>
<p>Office of Administrative Services for Independent Agencies (OASIA)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OASIA and COPG <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. OASIA has been assisting the office in providing support for the following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Compensation review: OASIA’s team has been supporting updating job descriptions and review to ensure proper compensation, as required by statute. ii. New HRIS system (BambooHR). This system replaces the manual HR system used by OPG. Staff now have access to a full system for timekeeping, time off requests, employee document storage, admin structure. b. OASIA is still working to support a long-term learning management system that will integrate with BambooHR. This will be a critical need for OPG as we expand.
<p>Partnership Advancements</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Director McKeon and Executive Director Turner presented to the legislature on the importance of involvement for the office of OPG and Bridges involvement in criminal cases where incompetency and incapacity are present. In addition, McKeon has: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Met with Adult Protective Services to assist with their guardianship needs; b. OPG coalition building, including Executive Director Reiskin at Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, Executive Director Elizabeth Moran with the ARC, Disability Law Colorado, and others. c. Executive Director McKeon will focus on outside sustainable funding to be provided by counties, long-term care facilities, Program Approved Service Agencies (PASAs) and hospitals to support additional

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	<p>staffing needs and long-term residential community supports for OPG clients.</p>
<p>Colorado OPG Board and Operating Policies Updated</p>	<p>Please note that board and Operating Polices are available on the OPG website: https://colorado-opg.org/opg-in-depth/</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trainings and Projects – Ongoing (can be provided quarterly upon request) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff have received training from new service providers for behavioral health, geriatric neurologist providing a series of trainings to the team, legal training, and will receive training on evaluations. b. OPG has filed acceptance and will be receiving five new cases. 2. Intake Eligibility, Prioritization, and Referral Process <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update on number of registered users, referrals, accepted cases, etc. as of 2.20.2026 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i.Active guardianships – 63 ii.Referrals pending in court proceedings – 5 iii.Completed referrals pending review – 0 iv.Partial completed referrals – 1 v.Registered referring parties – 3 vi.Clients passing since COPG appointment – 40 vii.Terminated guardianships – 2 (one successor guardian appointed, 1 client no longer met the standard for continuing guardianship) viii.Hold status – 15 <p>AIPs in Hold Status: 15 on hold status (now includes OBH/CHMI-Ft. Logan/Pueblo referrals that are non-OBH/Momentum contract referrals)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. The OBH/Momentum dedicated caseload for one guardian is 12 guardianships; 10 are active (1 client passed and is included in the total passed) c. 7th Judicial District <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i.Accepted – 1 (Montrose)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ii. Declined (not incapacitated) – 2 (Montrose & Delta)iii. Withdrawn due to death – 1 (Delta)iv. OPG declined – 1 (Montrose)v. Withdrawn – 3 (Montrose)vi. Registered-1 (Montrose) *included in total above <p>d. Declined Referrals – Pre-hold Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Denver – 189 (note: some declined prior to reclassification of Hold status)<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Inappropriate for COPG – 112. Incomplete – 803. COPG declined – 114. Ineligible (Indigency) – 45. Ineligible (Age of AIP) – 56. Ineligible (Has capacity) – 27. Ineligible (Alt. guardian) – 108. Withdrawn (Death) – 89. Withdrawn (non-Denver) – 210. Withdrawn (inappropriate) – 811. Withdrawn (incomplete) – 612. Withdrawn (COPG declined) – 213. Withdrawn (Has capacity) – 1314. Withdrawn (Alt. guardian) – 3115. Withdrawn (Fort Logan) – 4ii. Colorado inquiries – 32iii. Out-of-state Inquiries<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Texas – 12. Nebraska – 13. Alaska – 24. Washington, D.C. 1iv. Non-Denver County – Declined – 149<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Adams – 82. Alamosa – 13. Arapahoe – 234. Baca – 15. Boulder – 9
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Broomfield – 1 7. Chaffee – 2 8. Crowley – 2 9. Delta – 2 10. Dolores – 1 11. El Paso – 27 12. Fremont – 1 13. Garfield – 1 14. Gunnison – 1 15. Huerfano – 3 16. Jefferson – 16 17. Lake – 1 18. La Plata – 2 19. Larimer – 6 20. Las Animas – 6 21. Mesa – 2 22. Montrose – 8 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Two referrals were declined prior to April 2023. 1 referral was declined in May 2023 due to the AIP residing in Otero County 23. Montezuma – 1 24. Otero – 8 25. Pueblo – 13 26. Weld – 9
<p>Legislative Update</p>	<p>Director McKeon has been working alongside our contracted lobbyists to track and contribute to two current bills on the office’s list: competency and the Uniform Guardianship Act language. OPG has met with the following entities: DLC, APS, DA, PD, Governor’s Office, and BHA. It is anticipated that the competency bill will be filed in the coming weeks.</p>

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