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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 03/19/2026. See Attachment 1 .
Human Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. COPG Staffing: All OPG staff have completed training and are able to take new cases.<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 (3 positions)ii. Senior Guardian Supervisorb. We have requested 24 new positions for expansion under competency. These positions include:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Guardians for all judicial districtsii. Senior Guardian Supervisorsiii. Additional Staff Attorneyiv. Legal Assistantv. Additional Case Aid

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Office Space	OPG has moved from LawBank effective 03/21/26. OPG takes possession of Triad on 04/01/2026.
Office of Administrative Services for Independent Agencies (OASIA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OASIA, through Chelsie McNalley, has continued to support employee relations, new staff on-boarding, and employee benefit enrollment. 2. OASIA, through Mike Henthorn, has supported budget requests and analyses for upcoming legislation and tracking/reporting for figure setting.
Partnership Advancements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Director McKeon has continued to focus on partnership building, and has completed the following since last board meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presented to the Denver Forensic Collaborative on OPG and ability to take cases. b. Supporting the Bridges of Colorado program with the development of guardianship guides for participants and assisting on family guardianship cases. c. Supporting community member referrals from Behavioral Health Administration for alternatives to guardianship and family guardianship matters. d. Presented to the Colorado Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) e. UCHealth connection, who will be presenting to the COPG staff. f. Partnership and collaboration with Denver Health. We will be working on an agreement/process to assist with expedited referrals from DH alongside APS.
Legislative Update	<p>1. General Assembly Request from OPG</p> <p>Despite a challenging budget year, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) approved funding for two additional guardian positions, allowing OPG to expand into two new judicial districts. As part of this approval, the JBC included a bill footnote requiring OPG to report intermittently throughout the year on implementation progress, caseload growth, and outcomes. This reflects strong legislative interest in the program’s expansion and accountability as we continue to scale.</p>

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	<p>2. Guardianship (Mini UCGOPPA) OPG has been actively engaged with Judicial, the Colorado Bar Association (CBA), Adult Protective Services (APS), and other stakeholders to provide feedback on the guardianship bill led by Disability Law Colorado. The introduced version carried a fiscal note of approximately \$500,000 for OPG and \$3.1 million for Judicial. While some of OPG’s recommended changes were incorporated—most notably the removal of the APS case restriction—several key concerns remain unaddressed. We are continuing discussions with bill sponsors and drafters ahead of the bill’s first hearing on March 24. OPG will be present to testify and advocate for necessary amendments.</p> <p>3. Competency Legislation OPG has been formally incorporated into the competency bill language, positioning the office to accept referrals for individuals whose cases are dismissed from the competency system across all judicial districts. This inclusion creates a pathway for OPG to request the remaining funding needed for full statewide expansion through the bill. OPG worked in partnership with OASIA to develop the associated fiscal estimates. The bill is expected to undergo significant stakeholder input and amendment, and a hearing date has not yet been scheduled.</p>
<p>Colorado OPG Board and Operating Policies Updated</p>	<p>Please note that board and Operating Policies are available on the OPG website: https://colorado-opg.org/opg-in-depth/</p> <p>Intake Eligibility, Prioritization, and Referral Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update on number of registered users, referrals, accepted cases, etc. as of 2.20.2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Active guardianships – 63 ii. Referrals pending in court proceedings – 14 iii. Completed referrals pending review – 0 iv. Partial completed referrals – 3 v. Registered referring parties – 3 vi. Clients passing since COPG appointment – 40

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">vii. Terminated guardianships – 2 (one successor guardian appointed, 1 client no longer met the standard for continuing guardianship)viii. Hold status – 15 AIPs in Hold Status: 15 on hold status (now includes OBH/CHMI-Ft. Logan/Pueblo referrals that are non-OBH/Momentum contract referrals)<ul 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<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Accepted – 1 (Montrose)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 aboved. Declined Referrals – Pre-hold Status<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) – 4
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ii. 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 – 96. Broomfield – 17. Chaffee – 28. Crowley – 29. Delta – 210. Dolores – 111. El Paso – 2712. Fremont – 113. Garfield – 114. Gunnison – 115. Huerfano – 316. Jefferson – 1617. Lake – 118. La Plata – 219. Larimer – 620. Las Animas – 621. Mesa – 222. Montrose – 8<ul 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 County23. Montezuma – 124. Otero – 825. Pueblo – 13
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