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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	<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. Senior Guardian Supervisor – Currently interviewingii. Guardian (flex) – Started on 04/20/2026iii. Expansion area guardians (2) – Currently advertisingb. 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 Attorney

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	iv. Legal Assistant v. Additional Case Aid
Office Space	Furniture is being delivered to the new office space on 04/22. Offering for May COPG Board Meeting to be in person at the new office on 05/27/2026.
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 is working to assist us in position descriptions and compensation study. We are thankful for the continued partnership!
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. UCHHealth 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 OPG has been following figure setting closely. The positions granted by JBC have remained in budget recommendations.</p> <p>2. Guardianship (Mini UCGOPPA) The guardianship bill passed its first committee (House Judiciary) on 03/24 unanimously. OPG has led stakeholder groups with the county</p>

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	<p>attorneys, CBA, and board comments to address concerns with the bill. DLC has been amenable to recommended changes. We see significant changes to mandatory appointment of attorneys, protective arrangements, reporting requirements, appointment in competency hearings, and OPG requested amendments.</p> <p>3. Competency Legislation</p> <p>Competency had its first hearing in Senate Judiciary on 04/13 with a reading of amendments on 04/20. The ED presented on a panel in support of the competency bill with DLC and CDHS. We worked directly on amendments with HCPF and BHA to help with service connectivity. OPG has been amended in the language from “may” to “shall” for appointment in indigent cases where guardianship services are needed. There is still significant work around the fiscal note, which the writers and sponsors are still negotiating.</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> <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 04.20.2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i.Active guardianships – 64 ii.Referrals accepted in court proceedings – 12 iii.Completed referrals pending review – 0 iv.Partial completed referrals – 3 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>

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	<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) – 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 – 8
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. 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<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 County23. Montezuma – 124. Otero – 825. Pueblo – 1326. Weld – 9
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