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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 05/22/2026.  See <b>Attachment 1</b> .
Human Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. COPG Staffing: All OPG staff have completed training and are able to take new cases.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Vacant Positions: Employers Council continues to support COPG in filling vacant positions.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Guardian Supervisor – Michelle Trejo has been hired in this role.</li><li>ii. Guardian Lead – Offer made</li><li>iii. Guardian for 18<sup>th</sup> – Offer made</li><li>iv. Expansion area guardians (2) – In interviews for 17<sup>th</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup></li><li>v. We continue to retain our guardian staff at 100% and are excited about expansion.</li></ol></li></ol></li></ol>

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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"> <li>1. OASIA has completed staff position description reviews and are in the final phases of the compensation study review.</li> <li>2. We are working on the year-end closeout, which will be provided to the board for review. We reallocated position dollars from the cash fund to GF for FY 25-26.</li> </ol>
Legislative Update	<p><b>1. General Assembly Request from OPG</b>                  The two expansion positions granted by JBC made it into the long bill and were approved by the Governor! It is an additional \$190,144.00.</p> <p><b>2. Guardianship (Mini UCGOPPA)</b>                  Currently in review for signing. The only pieces that made it into the bill were the bill of rights, disclosure of move to a person under guardianship. And SCAO reporting. This did not have a fiscal impact on OPG.</p> <p><b>3. Competency Legislation</b>                  Competency bill has passed, with OPG receiving an additional \$632,440 in the first year up to \$912,497 in the out year.</p> <p><b>Total additional new dollars for FY 26-27: \$822,584.00</b></p>
Colorado OPG Board and Operating Policies Updated	<p>Please note that board and Operating Policies are available on the OPG website: <a href="https://colorado-opg.org/opg-in-depth/">https://colorado-opg.org/opg-in-depth/</a></p> <p>Intake Eligibility, Prioritization, and Referral Process</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Update on number of registered users, referrals, accepted cases, etc. as of 05.22.2026                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Active guardianships – 68</li> <li>ii. Referrals accepted in court proceedings – 11</li> <li>iii. Completed referrals pending review – 15</li> <li>iv. Partial completed referrals – 0</li> <li>v. Registered referring parties – 0</li> <li>vi. Clients passing since COPG appointment – 40</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>vii. Terminated guardianships – 2 (one successor guardian appointed, 1 client no longer met the standard for continuing guardianship)</li><li>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"><li>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)</li><li>c. 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Accepted – 1 (Montrose)</li><li>ii. Declined (not incapacitated) – 2 (Montrose &amp; Delta)</li><li>iii. Withdrawn due to death – 1 (Delta)</li><li>iv. OPG declined – 1 (Montrose)</li><li>v. Withdrawn – 3 (Montrose)</li><li>vi. Registered-1 (Montrose) *included in total above</li></ul></li><li>d. Declined Referrals – Pre-hold Status<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Denver – 189 (note: some declined prior to reclassification of Hold status)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Inappropriate for COPG – 11</li><li>2. Incomplete – 80</li><li>3. COPG declined – 11</li><li>4. Ineligible (Indigency) – 4</li><li>5. Ineligible (Age of AIP) – 5</li><li>6. Ineligible (Has capacity) – 2</li><li>7. Ineligible (Alt. guardian) – 10</li><li>8. Withdrawn (Death) – 8</li><li>9. Withdrawn (non-Denver) – 2</li><li>10. Withdrawn (inappropriate) – 8</li><li>11. Withdrawn (incomplete) – 6</li><li>12. Withdrawn (COPG declined) – 2</li><li>13. Withdrawn (Has capacity) – 13</li><li>14. Withdrawn (Alt. guardian) – 31</li><li>15. Withdrawn (Fort Logan) – 4</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ii. Colorado inquiries – 32</li><li>iii. Out-of-state Inquiries<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Texas – 1</li><li>2. Nebraska – 1</li><li>3. Alaska – 2</li><li>4. Washington, D.C. 1</li></ul></li><li>iv. Non-Denver County – Declined – 149<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Adams – 8</li><li>2. Alamosa – 1</li><li>3. Arapahoe – 23</li><li>4. Baca – 1</li><li>5. Boulder – 9</li><li>6. Broomfield – 1</li><li>7. Chaffee – 2</li><li>8. Crowley – 2</li><li>9. Delta – 2</li><li>10. Dolores – 1</li><li>11. El Paso – 27</li><li>12. Fremont – 1</li><li>13. Garfield – 1</li><li>14. Gunnison – 1</li><li>15. Huerfano – 3</li><li>16. Jefferson – 16</li><li>17. Lake – 1</li><li>18. La Plata – 2</li><li>19. Larimer – 6</li><li>20. Las Animas – 6</li><li>21. Mesa – 2</li><li>22. Montrose – 8<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Two referrals were declined prior to April 2023. 1 referral was declined in May 2023 due to the AIP residing in Otero County</li></ul></li><li>23. Montezuma – 1</li><li>24. Otero – 8</li><li>25. Pueblo – 13</li></ul></li></ul>
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