



# IDDEAS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

**Date:** 12/09/2025

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual (Go to the [IDDEAS Advisory Council website](#) to see meeting recordings)

## Summary:

- Opening and Introductions
- Guest Presentation: Sensory Friendly Denver
- Council Discussion on Big Picture and Scope
  - Council's Purpose
  - Clarification of Scope
- Subcommittee Framework and Planning
- Next Steps and Closing.

## Discussion topics for next meeting:

- Propose to shift to bi-monthly meetings to allow subcommittees to meet in between.
- Elections for Chair, Co-Chair, and RMHS CAC Member
- VOICES presentations



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## Attendance:

1. Alexa Gagner
2. Brian Be
3. Chris Patton
4. Michelle Dumay
5. Stefanie Gross
6. Julissa Soto
7. Alicia Cooper
8. Seth Grove
9. Adriana Delatorre
10. Kizzly Blue (non-voting member)

## Guests:

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## Absent:

1. Jessica Raichle
2. Molly Mason

## DHS Staff:

- Michaela Hennig
- Jordan Mulholland
- Lynn Kutner
- Tom Gamache
- Whitney Nettleton
- Annie Bagatsing
- Robert Wolf
- Jonathan Saadeh

## I. Call to Order

Meeting began at 1:05. Michelle called the meeting to order and Brian seconded. Council members introduced themselves.

## II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Seth voted to approve the minutes and Michelle seconded. 5 members voted yes and 2 abstained. Minutes were approved.

## III. Council Updates

This item was postponed because the meeting was running late and we did not have time .

## IV. Breathing in Uncertainty

Brian shared a brief personal reflection on starting new services.



## V. Sensory Friendly Denver

Shannon Sullivan, co-founder of Autism Community store, presented on Sensory Friendly Denver Project. Sensory Denver Project is a mill levy funded project to promote access and inclusion for Denver residents with IDD and sensory challenges at public spaces throughout Denver. See the PowerPoint for more information.

Question from Michelle: What Sensory Friendly Denver Project Sites included the design and implementation of sensory rooms/spaces:

Answer: Shannon responded that two are day programs, so they are not publicly accessible: Activities Options and Jewish Family Service ACE Day Program. Sie Film Center, Denver Central Children's Library, the Art Student League of Denver, The Clifford Still Museum and the Special Olympics Colorado (the last three are mobile sensory spaces that can be moved as needed).

## VI. Break

## VII. Big Picture Review – Revisiting Subcommittees

Michaela uses an image of a forest and uses it as a metaphor to encourage stepping back and seeing the "forest" the big picture as recent meetings have focused heavily on details "the trees" .

Michaela shares a snippet of the program's purpose from the Denver Revised Municipal Code. The purpose of our program is to procure services and supports for the benefits of eligible persons, this includes monitoring and evaluating those services and enforcing those contracts. Michaela clarifies purpose and role of the IDDEAS Advisory Council and what activities are outside the scope of the advisory council, as noted in the slide deck.

Subcommittee objectives and duties must align with purpose and scope of IIDEAS program and advisory committee. Motions or proposals to create a subcommittee must include information related to the subcommittee's objective, duties, and duration. A Subcommittee Proposal Form was introduced. The IDDEAS team requested that prior to bringing an idea for a subcommittee to the council, you write out your idea on the form.

Jordan shared an example of a completed form on a pilot housing project subcommittee. Michelle had a question regarding the duration of the subcommittee – do the bylaws allow for an extension/continuation of more than one 6-month extension? Michaela noted that the by-laws only allowed for one 6-month extension, but would not prohibit a consideration of creating a new subcommittee with similar objectives and duties, if subcommittee work was still warranted after the initial 6-month term and a 6-month term extension.

Seth asked for clarification on the process of using the subcommittee form. Michaela responded that if Council members want to propose a subcommittee, they should complete the form, send it to an IAC co-chair or IDDEAS staff person, and then they could present it to the Council at an upcoming meeting for a vote.

Alicia would like to submit a proposal on housing and would like to know if her proposal should be amended into the example shared. Michaela suggests that Alicia email her proposal to Jordan for the Council to consider during the next meeting in January .

Michaela would like council to revisit the Bridges Initiative subcommittee with the new framework.

Julissa asks for clarification duties and raises concerns about ensuring outreach to immigrant and underserved communities is included.

#### **VIII. Public Comment**

There was no public comment submitted for this meeting.

#### **IX. Forecasting next meeting**

Propose to shift to bi-monthly meetings to allow subcommittees to meet in between.

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#### **X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 pm motioned by Brian and seconded by Alicia.

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*A member of our team will respond to your inquiry as soon as possible.*



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*Thank you and have a great day!*