

State of the Colorado Disability Community 2003 Annual Meeting

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A Presentation to our Board, staff
and allies on the state of our
community and position of the
organization

Colorado Cross-Disability Co



DEPARTMENTS

Organizing 

Policy and Legislative 

Legal 

Youth Empowerment 

Education and training 

Operations 

Membership Services 

Executive Office

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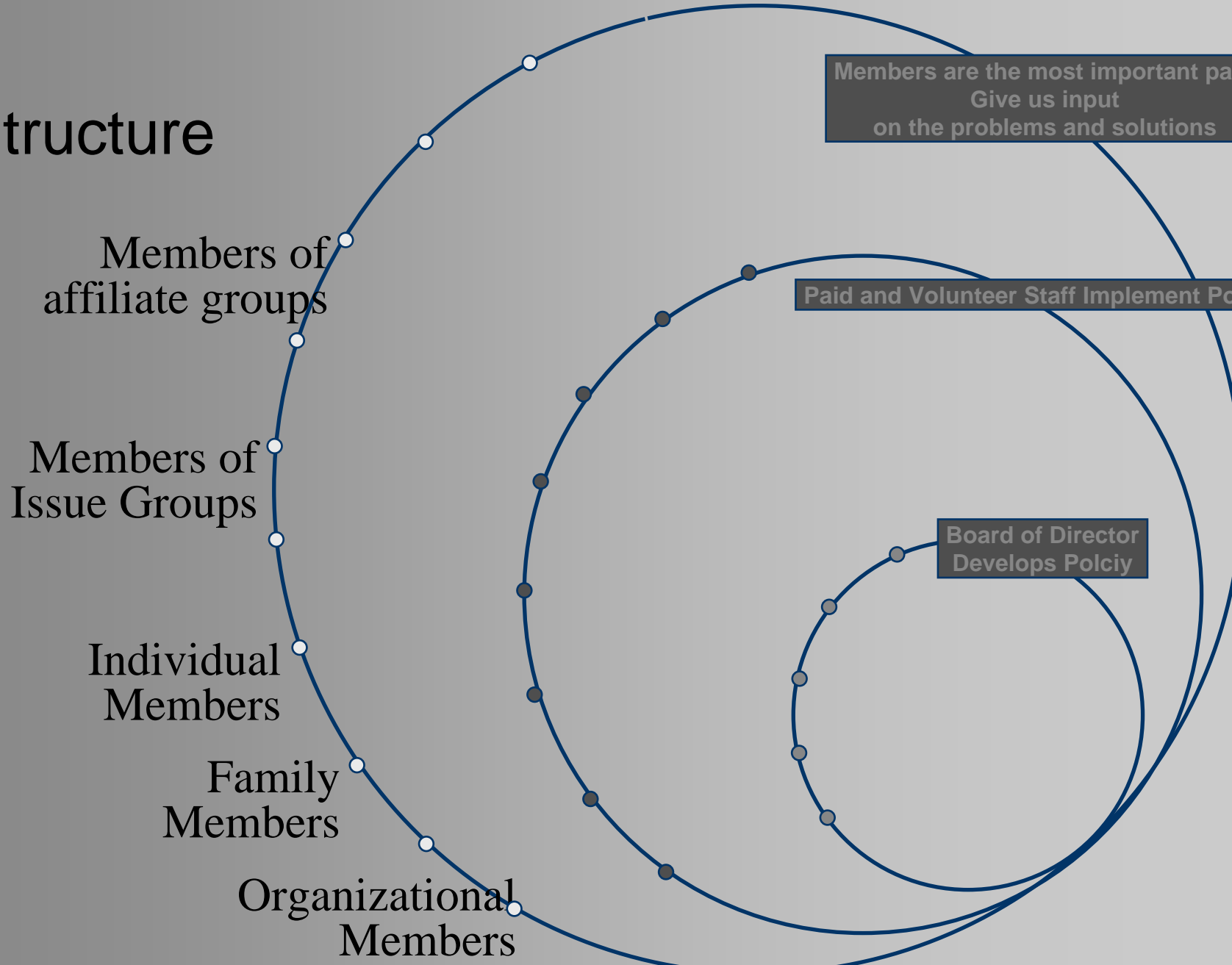
Robin Stephens Legal Researcher

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Kristin Castor Southern Colorado Organizer

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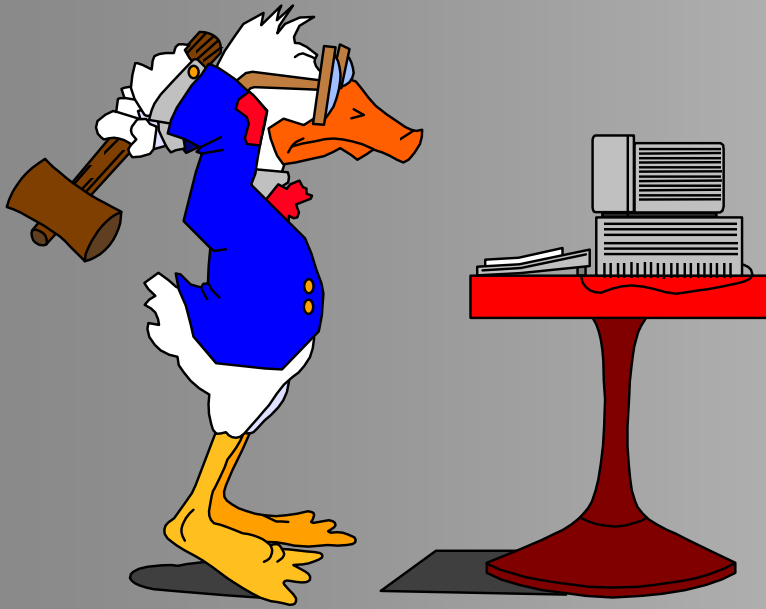
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2002 Success Stories

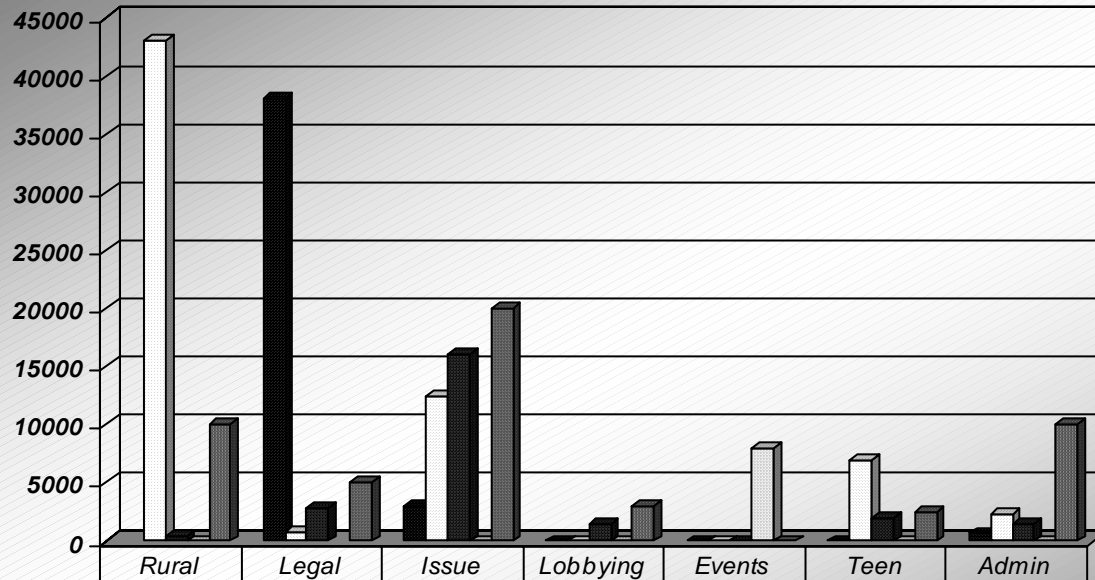
- Began efforts for statewide coordination for all affiliate groups.
- Provided extensive training for RTD and saw a noticeable improvement.
- Assisted new affiliate groups in Southern and Eastern Colorado.
- Hired 6 teens with disabilities over the summer, and supported three student interns during the school year.
- Published election edition newsletter.
- Coordinated large coalition to stop HCBS waiting list and cuts to home health aides.
- Successfully proposed alternatives to state for budget savings.
- Monitored over 500 bills, provided regular updates to members, stopped harmful legislation.
- Continued representation on numerous statewide boards.
- Reorganized to obtain a full time office manager position.

2002 Challenges



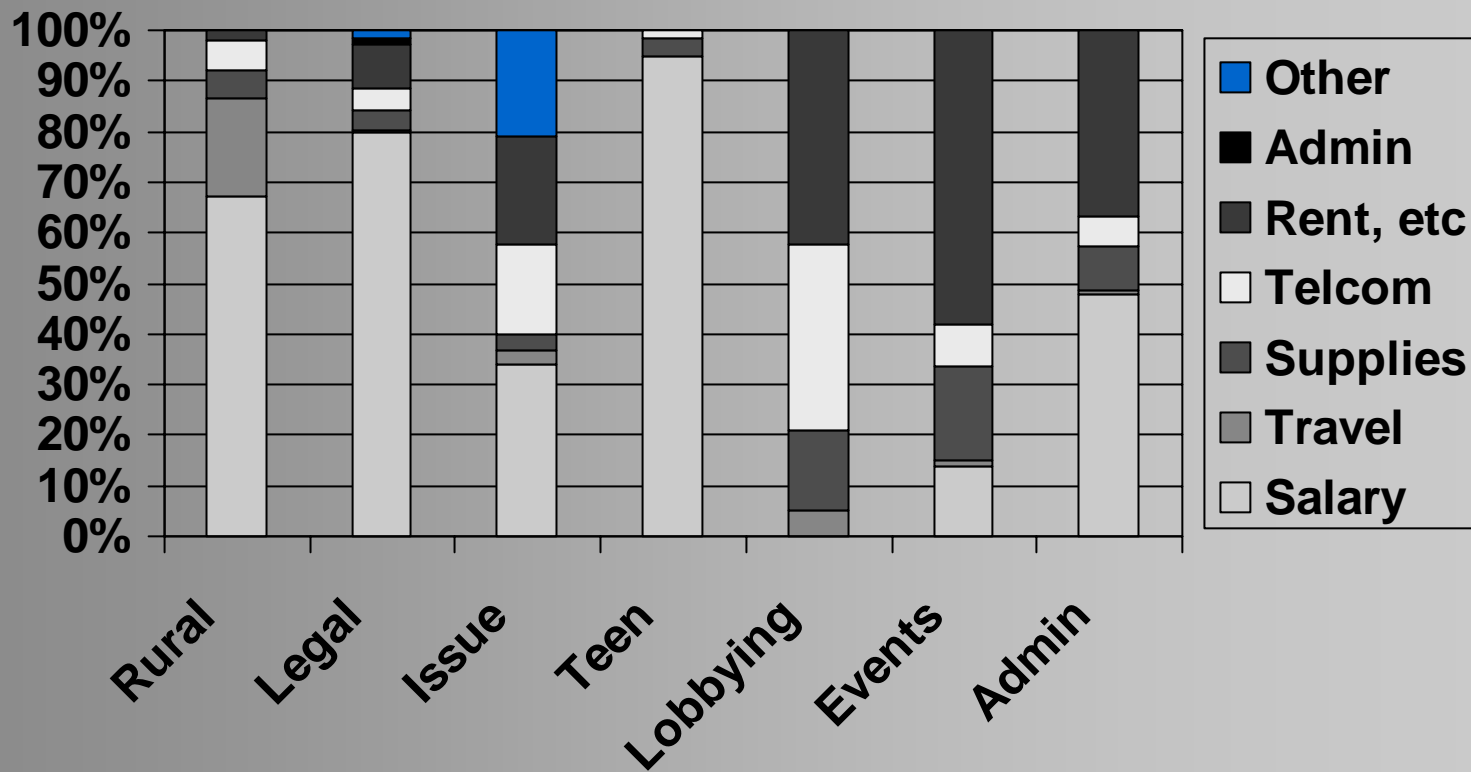
- Overwhelming fear by members about potential budget cuts; fueled by rumors by providers.
- Reorganization: necessary but difficult.
- Death and illness within the organization.
- Lack of adequate funding.

Revenue: Approximate numbers



	Rural	Legal	Issue	Lobbying	Events	Teen	Admin
■ Earned		38,000	3,000	0	0	0	700
□ Grants	43,000	750	12,500	0	0	7,000	2,300
■ Donations	400	2,800	16,000	1,500	0	2,000	1,500
□ Events	0		0	0	8,000	0	0
■ In Kind	10,000	5,000	20,000	3,000	0	2,500	10,000

Expenses



Reflections

- *Strong values, perseverance and lots of work does get results.*
- *The amount of giving, financial, time, expertise, in our community is amazing.*
- *People with disabilities become even poorer and more disenfranchised in difficult economic and social times.*
- *Constant vigilance is required to stay alive*
- *We are the best people to reform systems*

Next Steps

- Regional forums in June and July to discuss what was cut from the budget, what never existed, prioritize community unmet needs and develop creative solutions.
- Statewide meeting and training in August to bring local proposals together and to meet with policymakers regarding implementation.
- Teen Program begins 6/16 and this year will focus on state legislative and regulatory processes.
- We will hold our ADA celebration on July 26
- We will offer training throughout the state from May-September.
- We plan to publish an edition of our newsletter in May.