Laura Gabbay joined the full-time team at the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC) in October 2015. Ms. Gabbay has more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit field, with an extensive background in all aspects of resource development, as well as several years working as a program officer at two major national foundations. From 2009 to 2014, Ms. Gabbay was the executive director of Project WISE (a Women’s Initiative for Service and Empowerment), a women’s mental health nonprofit in Denver. Before her tenure with Project WISE, she was the director of development for Mi Casa Resource Center. Five years ago, she became one of the founding volunteer advisory board members of the Colorado Participation Project, an innovative non-partisan program supporting human service nonprofits to build their civic engagement and advocacy efforts, now a part of the Community Resource Center. Ms. Gabbay’s professional experience also includes positions with the Daniels Fund, Child Health Advocates/CHP+, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation. Ms. Gabbay holds her B.A. in Communications from Indiana University-Bloomington and graduated from Columbia University in New York with her MBA. She is the proud single mother of two children under the age of sixteen. In 2015, she graduated from the prestigious community service project, the Colorado Family Leadership Training Institute, hosted by the Colorado Dept. of Public Health & Environment. In 2012, she was named the volunteer chair of the Women and Family Action Network, a coalition established by the Women’s Foundation of Colorado in 2005.

Michelle McHenry-Edrington joined the Individual Advocacy team as the Advocacy Coordinator at CCDC in July. Michelle is a native of Texas and veteran of the United States Air Force USAFE. She was a researcher at the Burnes Institute on Poverty and Homelessness. She is an active member of C-PAWW (Canines Providing Assistance to Wounded Warriors) and Veterans Voices, which is a mental health advisory board for the Denver VA. Listed among her credits is being one of the authors of the book, "Ending Homelessness." edited by Donald W. Burnes and David L. DiLeo.
Allison Neswood joined the Colorado Center on Law & Policy (CCLP) in July 2014. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in political science from Yale University and her law degree from Columbia Law School in New York City. In law school, Allison contributed to the development of social justice initiatives through which Columbia law students provided pro bono legal services on Native American reservations. She also served on the boards of Columbia’s Native American Law Student’s Association and the National Native American Law Students Association to increase awareness within the legal education community regarding the issues facing Native American communities. After graduating from law school, Allison worked for a private law firm that represents tribal governments and tribal organizations on issues related to Native American rights, water rights, tribal governance, and tribal economic development. In that role, Allison researched a variety of issues important to the firm’s tribal clients including the impact of the Affordable Care Act on tribal governments and tribal members. Allison brings to CCLP a passion for defending the rights and interests of underserved populations.

Lisa VanRaemdonck is Executive Director of the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials. Her work is dedicated to encouraging system-level improvements through strategic partnerships, workforce development, peer networking, capacity building, practice-based research and dissemination, and policy development. Prior to her public health career, Lisa worked in public relations and marketing, and has experience with non-profit and business-to-business communications. She earned a Master’s in Public Health and a Master’s in Social Work from the University of Michigan.