

Advisory Council Meeting

August 12, 2021

Minutes

<u>Members Present:</u>	Anita Basham Colleen Conway Megan Finnerty Kirsten Hartman Margaret Long Ellen Pihlstrom Punkie Whitely	Royce Boehrs Sharon Courtney Steve Gay Lisa Hays Jason Morgan Janet Seeley	David Born Myles Crane Joe Glomboski Alexis LaHaie Jacque Penfold Sharon Thomas
<u>Members Absent:</u>	Elaine Boni	Jill Couch	
<u>Staff Present:</u>	Tina Corrigan-Hugo Nicole Limoges Katie Stieber	Amber Franzel Lori Metz	Suzanna Hetchler Commissioner Shaddock- McNally
<u>Guests Present:</u>	Barbara Pennell Jaynes	Tony Van Goor	

CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Courtney called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF July 8, 2021

Minutes stand as presented.

LCOA PROVIDER PRESENTATION: Colorado Talking Book Library and SafeAna

Barbara Pennell Jaynes gave a presentation on Zoom about the Colorado Talking Book Library. Colorado Talking Book Library is turning 90 this year. Barbara described the services and equipment.

SITE VISIT OVERVIEW

Margaret Long stated that 2020 was a challenge because of the site visits were done virtually. A binder with all the documents is available for all members to review. There was a total of 26 reviews and no deficiencies were found with any agencies. Margaret commented that the outcome of these site visit is twofold; one, members get to know the agencies and services delivered and the other is that members hear about the needs of seniors in our community.





OFFICE ON AGING UPDATE

Nicole Limoges reported on the State Unit on Aging (SUA) audit. The SUA selected to review the following services: transportation, home-delivered nutrition, and caregiver support programs. No compliance issues were found, and three areas of strength were noted on the audit. The first strength listed was the ability to be flexible and creative with programming throughout the Pandemic. The second strength was with VOA quickly being able to switch from congregate to grab and go meals. The SUA stated that Larimer County Office on Aging added the most contracted agencies with COVID funding throughout the state. The only critique was obtaining client data and assessments from the new COVID providers. A plan has been put into place to obtain the correct client data going forward. Katie Stieber and Nicole worked on better reporting of fixed assets as well.

Amber Franzel announced that Kara Marang has join the Ombudsmen team. Kate Poppenhagen is now officially a certified Ombudsman; Kara will be certified next month. Katie gave her appreciation to upper management who approved the extra Ombudsman position. Amber went on to report on the art contest for Residents' Rights month in October. We will be working to put the artwork on yard signs which will be placed around the county.

Nicole thanked Council members who volunteered for the two upcoming events: delivering the new Answers on Aging Resource Guide and the Caregiver Pampering Day in September.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

David Born gave a brief autobiography.

COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Executive Committee

Sharon reported the Committee:

- Reviewed annual goals and advanced planning calendar.
- Katie reviewed the new Program Manager position.
- Commissioner's survey results presentation on August 25.
- Discussed Answers on Aging Resource Guide update and distribution.

Public Policy & Education Committee

Royce Boehrs reported the Committee:

- Excited for new members.
- Reviewed annual goals.
- Discussed meeting with legislators and attending Congregate Meals sites.

Grantee Management & Evaluation Committee

Margaret Long reported the Committee:

- Discussed two funding streams; American Rescue Plan and Colorado Senate Bill 21-290 COVID funding to extend projects. The Federal American Rescue Plan funding must be allocated by 2024. The state funding is shorter term.
- Reviewed annual goals and calendar.
- Reviewed annual unit numbers.



LIAISON REPORTS

Larimer County Commissioners

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally reported on the following:

- Department of Health came out with the recommendation of wearing masks in public spaces. Hospitals are getting overloaded with the Delta variant.
- Still in the middle of budget season. Discussing how to use American Rescue funding as well another pot of funding.
- Will miss September's in person meeting because of state meetings to discuss budget as well as October's meeting because of memorial in Washington DC for Ranger Brendan Unitt who drowned in Horsetooth Reservoir during a rescue mission.
- One-Year anniversary of the Cameron Peak fire. Reviewing burned areas and removing debris. Lost 4 individuals to the Black Hollow flood.
- Attended Larimer County Fair and Rodeo; honored first responders.

Myles Crane submitted the follow two reports via email:

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board

- Presentation by City Councilmember Susan Gutowsky, Council Liaison to SAB. She addressed issues facing City Council with focus on neighborhood livability, health, wellness, housing, and mobility access for older adults.
- Debrief on recent Council meetings and request from the Bicycle Advisory Board.
- Motion to recognize City Manager Atteberry for his 17 years' service.
- Discussion of email requesting City Attorney opinion for proposed SAB letter to Governor. City of Fort Collins Municipal Code mandates one of SAB's functions is: "to establish and maintain communication with local, state and national groups and government agencies concerning senior citizens." SAB accomplishes this thru LCOA, the PAFC, and CCOA.
- Future speakers:
 - September 8th, Lisa Melby, Executive Director, Good Samaritan Society, Loveland
 - October 13th, Dr. Nicole Erhart, Executive Director, Columbine Health Systems Center for Healthy Aging

Colorado Commission on Aging:

- The meeting in August will focus on Modernizing the Older Coloradoans Act and budget discussion for FY 22.
- Thanked Amber for helping spread the word about the Centenarian Celebration. This will be the first time in 20 years that the celebration will take place in Larimer County.

Loveland Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Tony Van Goor gave the following report:

- No meeting in August, next meeting September 1.

Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)

Kirsten Hartman provided the following:

- First training for Technology Buddies is on August 21. Still looking for volunteers.
- Intergenerational Conversations with Lynette McGowan is in the planning stages, most likely take place in February and be a Zoom event.



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- Sound Effects announced that they have musical supplies for six long term facilities. Program continues to grow and is scheduled for many presentations. Sound Effects will be having a fundraising at Odell Brewery on September 7.
 - Colorado Center for Aging is now a 501(c)3. Andrew Davies is the Executive Director and will be looking at success for agencies dealing with aging and their challenges. A state survey will be conducted.
 - Looking for grants to pay expenses on personnel and overhead.
 - Market Days has been very successful. Concerned with funding for the next season.
 - Steering Committee meeting on October 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: Next Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Loveland building located at 200 Peridot.

ADJOURNMENT

Sharon adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.