

Advisory Council Meeting

August 13, 2020

Minutes

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| <u>Members Present:</u> | Jay Adams Elaine Boni Sharon Courtney Joe Glomboski Margaret Long Jody Shadduck-McNally Sharon Zamora | Crystal Bloemen David Born Myles Crane Kirsten Hartman Danita Nixon Punkie Whitely | Royce Boehrs Jill Couch Ferri Erickson Alexis LaHaie Ellen Pihlstrom Kristy Wygmans |
| <u>Members Absent:</u> | Lisa Hays | Roy Lilley | |
| <u>Staff Present:</u> | Amber Franzel Lori Metz Katie Stieber | Commissioner Kefalas Heather O'Hayre | Katy Mason Linda Rumney |
| <u>Guests Present:</u> | Dixie Huff | Todd Coffey | Tony Van Gorr |

CALL TO ORDER

Crystal Bloemen called the meeting to order at 1:41p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF July 9, 2020

Minutes stand as presented.

LCOA PARTNER PRESENTATION:

Todd Coffey, State Unit on Aging Manager gave a presentation on Colorado's Intrastate Funding Formula and legislation impacts on funding for the next several years. Areas of the state are growing at different rates which could affect funding, though these amounts are adjusted with Hold Harmless policies (shown in several graphs).

Todd reviewed the Coronavirus Relief Act, CARES Act and CARES Act ADCR Grant funding received and distributed throughout the state, with a focus on Larimer's allocation. Funding in FY21 should remain stable because of these additional funds, but FY22 is still in flux.

Advisory Council members asked questions and gave feedback on the presentation.





OFFICE ON AGING STAFF UPDATES

Katie Stieber shared information, based on Advisory Council member questions, about contracts with agencies to get Grab and Go meals out to community members. The Chilson Center will likely begin doing this in August. The group asked for a specific focus on the northern area of the county, like Bellvue, Wellington and Red Feather Lakes.

Katie shared information on the first round of COVID funding that has been allocated into the community through a detailed RFA process. New contracts have been drawn up for new agencies. Questions were answered about several of those agencies and projects.

Katie also shared and reviewed the LCOA SFY2021 Budget Projection.

Both documents were sent to the Advisory Council prior to the meeting.

Katy reminded the Advisory Council members that their primary role is to help implement LCOA goals and objectives and expand the reach into the community through public relations. Council members must keep in mind any conflicts of interests and discuss this with Katie Stieber if they come up. The council is not permitted to represent the council to grantees or elected officials. Requests for information from individual staff members should go through Katie Stieber. As these are public meetings, negative feedback or concerns about grant funded partners should not be shared in the council meetings but in the committee meetings. Internal operations of grantees are confidential, even if learned during a site visit.

Amber gave an update on the Ombudsman program and work being done even when not being able to visit buildings in person.

Linda gave an update on ADRC work, increase in calls, increase in traffic to Network of Care site.

COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Executive Committee

Crystal reported:

- Working on scheduling presentations. December gathering at The Ranch will be postponed until June 17, 2021.
- January committee meeting is scheduled for New Year's Day, so this will be moved to January 8, 2021.
- Roy Lilley has resigned from the Council.

Public Policy & Education (PP&E) Committee

Sharon Courtney reported:

- Reviewed and approved the goals for the coming year.
- Elected a chairperson.
- Talked about inviting state law makers to meetings in the Fall, focusing on those that are not involved in a reelection campaign.
- Will continue to plan for the Candidates Forum which will be held virtually on October 7 and 8. It will be recorded.



Grantee Management & Evaluation (GM&E) Committee

Margaret Long reported:

- Reviewed the year's grantee unit report, no issues seen, though the impact from the pandemic could be clearly seen.
- Stephanie provided COVID funding information to the committee.
- GM&E will be looking at new providers during the COVID funding process.
- Will be going over goals during the next meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Kefalas shared:

- On Tuesday, Commissioners provided direction to Behavioral Health Staff regarding the BH facility on Taft and Trilby. A search was conducted for other potential sites, but after deliberation, the facility at Taft and Trilby will still be planned for.
- A plan for improved community engagement will move forward around this issue.
- A letter was received from the state three (3) days ago, asking for a mitigation plan for an increase in COVID positive cases. This was written and provided to CDPHE; it was approved for two weeks while the state watched the trajectory. A revocation of the variance was not needed at this time.
- Schools will be virtual for the time being due to the delay in community testing. If this turnaround time can improve, the school board could change their decision.
- NISP hearings begins on Monday, August 17. They will be broadcasted publicly. If you wish to offer public comment, you can register to speak.

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Myles Crane reported:

- PowerPoint was sent regarding the city budgeting process and changes with COVID.
- City Council met Tuesday and talked about re-imagining boards and committees.
- The next SAB board meeting will be held on August 29. Sen. Ginal will be speaking about legislative successes and updates. City Communications Director, Amanda King, will be asked to speak as well about seniors and their inability to keep up to date with county and city information, due to lack of internet access. One idea was to speak with long term care activities directors and ask them to put detailed updates in newsletters.

Loveland Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Dixie Huff reported:

- The mayor gave updates at the last SAB meeting regarding tax income and budget cuts in the city. There was talk of building a homeless center in Loveland. There is a new hospice facility in West Loveland, though it's still looking for funding. The mayor toured the meat packing plant after a COVID outbreak and was impressed with the progress made. Mirasol 3 is filled, but many folks still on the waitlist for affordable housing.
- Chilson Senior Center still has a budget shortfall, despite continued use.
- VOA is planning on curbside meals distribution later this month at Chilson. Library received a grant to provide services to those over 65. Circulating memory-friendly reminiscence kits for caregivers.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Myles presented on the Colorado Commission on the Aging meeting and gave an update on topics of conversation.
- The Governor will be asked to drop the age-related consideration when treating COVID positive admits.
- PAFC's new executive director is up and running and priority groups are continuing their planning/projects.
- Katy's 23 years of service to the LCOA was honored and celebrated.

ADJOURNMENT

Crystal adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.