

Advisory Council Meeting

July 9, 2020

Minutes

<u>Members Present:</u>	Crystal Bloemen Jill Couch Ferri Erickson Lisa Hays Margaret Long Punkie Whitely	Boyce Boehrs Sharon Courtney Joe Glomboski Alexis LaHaie Ellen Pihlstrom Kristy Wygmans	David Born Myles Crane Kirsten Hartman Roy Lilley Jody Shadduck-McNally Sharon Zamora
<u>Members Absent:</u>	Jay Adams	Elaine Boni	Danita Nixon
<u>Staff Present:</u>	Tina Corrigan-Hugo Katy Mason Katie Stieber	Commissioner Kefalas Lori Metz Linda Rumney	Jennifer Lynn Eliza Piesman Mary Ward
<u>Guests Present:</u>	Dixie Huff	Tony Van Goor	Vara Vissa

CALL TO ORDER

Crystal Bloemen called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF June 11, 2020

Minutes stand as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Crystal asked everyone to give a brief introduction of themselves for the new members, Royce Boehrs and Alexis LaHaie.

OFFICE ON AGING STAFF UPDATES

Katie Stieber announced that after 15 years as Caregiver Support Program Coordinator, Lynette McGowan has decided to retire on July 31, 2020.

Eliza Piesman gave an update on the Ombudsman program.

- Ombudsmen are not able to go into facilities and are using technology to communicate with residents. Many communities have lifted some restrictions and are allowing families to visit with their loved ones in outdoor spaces.





- Commissioner Kefalas asked about visiting people in long term care. Eliza clarified that regulations do not state only family members can visit, but every facility has different rules about visits.

Linda Rumney reported that phone calls and hits to the Network of Care website are up.

PRESENTATION: COVID FUNDS DISTRIBUTION; FY21 BUDGET; OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Lori Metz gave an update on the COVID funding distribution. She commented on the template that all members should have received with the agenda. Lori will update the form before each Council meeting and send with the Agenda.

- Two Federal Awards:
 - Families First Coronavirus Act (FFCA) \$209,000
 - CARES Act \$677,000
- All initial COVID related contracts have been fully executed.
- First round of the FFCA funds have been expended.

Katie Stieber gave a description of the County-wide Request for Award (RFA) committee that will review the requests for the CARES Act funding.

- RFA announcement out mid-June.
- Community agency funding requests due July 12, 2020.
- Additional funding available through Federal Block Grants.

Lori gave an update on LCOA funding.

- Colorado General Assembly passed the Long Bill.
- State Unit on Aging has continued to provide updated draft allocations for the new AAA contract effective 9/1/20. Currently working on the two-month hold-over and using monies that were unspent during FY20.
- Grantee awards planned to remain at flat funding for SFY21.

Lori updated the Council on operational changes.

- 1501 Blue Spruce has been reopened.
- Planning is underway for staff to reenter the building.
- Facilities department has adjusted meeting rooms to accommodate social distancing.

COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Executive Committee

Crystal reported:

- Committee meeting times will change starting August 7.
- Sign-up for Committees will be done at the end of this meeting.

Public Policy & Education (PP&E) Committee

Sharon Courtney described the responsibilities and activities of the PP&E Committee.



Grantee Management & Evaluation (GM&E) Committee

Margaret Long described the responsibilities and activities of the GM&E Committee.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Kefalas shared:

- Senior Homestead Property Tax Exemption was kept in the state budget. Deadline to apply is July 15. Also, there is the Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption program.
- Solid Waste facility and Behavioral Health facility: Larimer County wants to build the Behavioral Health Facility on property near the where the current landfill is located. In 2024, the County will build a state-of-the-art solid waste facility near Wellington on County Road 9. A transfer station will be built on a 40-acre parcel of land that is set aside for the center.
- County started a broadband speed test survey on July 1. Go to www.speedtest.larimer.org. Survey will be active until August 15.

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Myles Crane sent the following email:

- The Fort Collins City Council authorized the first SAB meeting in three months which was held remotely on Zoom.
- Guest presenter Yvonne Myers discussed COVID-19 issues and provided recent insights concerning symptoms.
- Sue Schafer, Manager of City Volunteers discussed new programs offered and in process to assist Seniors.
- Aspects of the Colorado Open Meetings Law highlighted for the benefit of new LCOA members.

Loveland Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Dixie Huff stated that an update on SAB activities will be emailed to Council members with these minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynette McGowan was able to join the meeting to say good-bye to Council members.

ADJOURNMENT

Crystal adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.