

Advisory Council Meeting

October 10, 2019

Minutes

Held at **2573 Midpoint Drive, Ste. 108 Room 124**

Fort Collins, Colorado 80524

Members Present:	Crystal Bloemen	Elaine Boni	David Born
	Jill Couch	Sharon Courtney	Myles Crane
	Joe Glomboski	Kirsten Hartman	Lisa Hays
	Margaret Long	Danita Nixon	Jody Shadduck-McNally
	Punkie Whitely	Sharon Zamora	
Members Absent:	Jay Adams	Ferri Erickson	Mary George
	Jan Gruber	Roy Lilley	Ellen Pihlstrom
	Kristy Wygmans		
Staff Present:	Tina Corrigan-Hugo	Eileen Brittingham	Commissioner Kefalas
	Lynda Meyer	Stephanie Morris	Eliza Piesman
Lisa Silcox	Laura Walker		
Guests Present:	Dixie Huff	Delaney McNally	

CALL TO ORDER

Crystal Bloemen called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF TODAY’S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF

September 12, 2019

Minutes stand as presented.

LCOA PARTNER PRESENTATION: LARIMER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

Lori Stolen gave an update on the Sales Tax Initiative for Behavior Health Services. An Open House on Behavior Health Services is planned for December 5, 2019 at Embassy Suites in Loveland. Lori distributed a flyer describing the three funding pathways for behavioral health. The first funding path is for existing services, the second for client assistance fund and the third is for a facility. The 64-bed facility will be located on Trilby Road and open by the first quarter of 2022.

SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM UPDATE

Laura Walker gave a brief history of the Senior Tax Work-Off program. She introduced Eileen Brittingham, Human Resource Specialist, who gave an update on the transition from the Office on Aging. Eileen is certified for screening and assessment for employment and has good connections to other departments in the county. *See specific data points and demographics attached with minutes.*

OFFICE ON AGING UPDATE

Lynda Meyer reported that she attended the first Adult & Aging Services Division meeting. The Office on Aging was moved into the new division in June of this year that includes Adult Protective Services (APS), Options for Long Term Care (the Single-Entry Point) and the Long Term Care Financial Unit. In addition, she attended the first All-Staff Human Services Department meeting that has been held in 10 years. Staff were treated to a national speaker, Shawn Ellis, discussing resilience and dealing with the stress of the work the department is engaged in. Lynda reports the LCOA is preparing for site visits and a review by the State Unit on Aging (SUA) in the spring. Lynda sponsored a Case Management Roundtable meeting, bringing together community leaders to explore the need for no-cost/low-cost case management. Lynda stated the LCOA hosted a quarterly nutrition meeting which included Meals on Wheels of Loveland/Berthoud and Volunteers of America. In the future, the LCOA is planning to include Meals on Wheels Fort Collins and Greeley. Lynda announced a new meal site will opening in Berthoud in January.

Eliza Piesman gave a brief case study from the Ombudsman Program.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Danita Nixon gave a brief autobiography.

COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Executive Committee

Crystal distributed a copy of goals and objectives for all three committees. She also distributed an invitation for the Boards & Commissions Reception on October 23. Crystal announced that the annual holiday lunch will be at 12:00 at The Ranch Bar & Grill on December 12, 2019.

Public Policy & Education Committee

Sharon Courtney reported that committee members are signing up to attend congregate meal sites. Sharon reminded the Council that the congregate meal attendance is open to everyone. Sharon went on to report that the Committee is planning a forum with a Caregiver focus in the spring. If anyone is interested in being on this sub-committee, contact Sharon. Sharon announced that Joann Ginal will be at the December 6 committee meeting.

Grantee Management & Evaluation Committee

Margaret Long reported that the Committee reviewed the scope of service packets and flowchart for site visits. Lynda updated the Committee on the quarterly nutrition meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Myles Crane stated that Commissioner Kefalas was the guest speaker at the recent SAB meeting. Myles reported that support was given by Mayor Troxell and Mayor ProTem Stephens for the Intergenerational Conversations (IGC) Project. In addition, the SAB received a response from Amber Franzel, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, to questions raised by State Senator Ginal at the last meeting. The SAB viewed a Ted Talk video on Ageism.

Loveland Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Dixie Huff reported that the SAB discussed the Loveland Housing Authority's 13 apartment complexes. Currently there are more than 600 people on the Section 8 waiting list and there is no emergency transition housing for the elderly. In the next three years, there will be three new Green Houses built, one of them will be specifically for memory care. Dixie announced that an Intergenerational Conversation is planned for November 9 at the Loveland High School. The topic will be on traditions.

Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Kefalas announced that the Commissioners will meeting with the Governor on October 11. The County budget proposal will be completed on October 15 and public hearings will start in November. Based on community input the budget will be adopted at the end of the year. Commissioner Kefalas reported on work being done in relation to the strategic plan.

Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)

Myles Crane reported that the Senior Access Points contact cards are in 89 clinics throughout Larimer County. Myles announced that the community coupon for the farmers market has been widely successful.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crystal stated that a representative from the City of Fort Collins will attend the November Council meeting to talk about their strategic plan.

Jill Couch announced that the CarFit Event has been canceled due to low registration.

Jody Shaddock-McNally introduced her daughter, Delaney McNally, at the beginning of the meeting to give an update on the Intergeneration Conversations project. The next couple of events are scheduled for October 26 at the Fort Collins Senior Center and November 9 at the Loveland High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Crystal adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.