

# Advisory Council Meeting

## February 13, 2020

### Minutes

Held at **2573 Midpoint Drive, Ste. 108 Room 124**  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80524

**Members Present:**

Jay Adams	Crystal Bloemen	Elaine Boni
David Born	Jill Couch	Sharon Courtney
Myles Crane	Ferri Erickson	Joe Glomboski
Jan Gruber	Kirsten Hartman	Lisa Hays
Roy Lilley	Margaret Long	Ellen Pihlstrom
Jody Shadduck-McNally	Punkie Whitely	Kristy Wygmans
Sharon Zamora		

**Members Absent:**

Mary George	Danita Nixon
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**Staff Present:**

Tina Corrigan-Hugo	Commissioner Kefalas	Katy Mason
Lynette McGowan	Lynda Meyer	Stephanie Morris
Heather O'Hayre	Carolina Quiñonez	Linda Rumney
Wendy Schleppey		

**Guests Present:**

Sue Ballou	Jim Becker	Janice Blanchard
Alex Gordon	Ewo Harrell	Kim Hayes
Dixie Huff	Ruth Long	Cheryl Noble
Deanna O'Connell	Sue Schneider	Ernie Zamora

## CALL TO ORDER

Crystal Bloemen called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

## CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF January 9, 2020

Minutes stand as presented.

## LCOA PARTNER PRESENTATION: Janice Blanchard, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Polis

Janice Blanchard, Governor Polis' Senior Policy Advisor, discussed all the projects that are in process based on the recommendations of the Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging (SAPGA). Currently there are 24 Colorado communities in AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities or participating in the "Boomer Bond" Initiative through the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). Through the Lifelong Colorado Initiative, projects are being implemented that will add at least 100 more communities in the next five years.





## **OFFICE ON AGING UPDATE**

Lynda Meyer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. She also reported on the outreach event in the Red Feather Lakes community. More than 60 people attended on Saturday to talk about what is needed for senior services. Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC) organized the discussion on how to serve their unique community. Community members signed up to continue the work on committees. Lynda announced that a new Ombudsman will start on February 24 and she is currently interviewing for a new case manager. Suzanne Murray put in her resignation. Lynda stated that Heather O'Hayre is the new Director of Human Services and Lisa Silcox has resigned.

Linda Rumney gave an example of a currently Options Counseling case.

## **AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

Jill Couch gave a brief autobiography.

## **COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee**

Crystal reported that the Committee reviewed Council attendance. She announced that the Columbine Systems Center for Healthy Aging will give a presentation at the March Council meeting.

### **Public Policy & Education Committee**

Sharon Courtney reported that the Committee reviewed the congregate meal site calendar. They discussed the May 13 forum on Technology and Caregivers at the Fort Collins Senior Center from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed. The Older Americans Month awards ceremony will be on May 14. Nominations can be made on the Larimer County website [www.larimer.org/seniors](http://www.larimer.org/seniors). Sharon stated that a staff person from Congressman Joe Neguse's office will attend the next Committee meeting on March 6. Sharon commented that Joann Ginal expressed disappointment that there weren't more attendees from Larimer County at A Capitol Affair.

### **Grantee Management & Evaluation Committee**

Margaret Long reported that the Committee reviewed the supplemental funding requests. The Committee recommended to approve all requests. There was one request that the Committee has asked the provider for more information.



## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board (SAB)**

Myles Crane emailed a detailed SAB report which is summarized below: The SAB had guest speaker, Elizabeth Blythe, the City's recently hired Senior Coordinator for Public Engagement. The SAB completed its "Respectful Workplace" training required for all city employees and board members. The SAB also discussed the recent State of the City presentation by the Mayor and City Manager. In addition, the SAB voted its support for allowing only class 1 e-bikes (pedaling with e-assist) provided the e-rider has valid insurance to cover compensatory damages for injury to other cyclists or vulnerable pedestrians. SAB could not reach a consensus to support Class 2 e-bikes on paved trails for reasons of speed (20 mph) of these motorized vehicles and related safety concerns.

### **Loveland Senior Advisory Board (SAB)**

Dixie Huff reported that the SAB had a presentation from Peter Synder, Senior Behavior Health Services Director at McKee Medical Center. He shared information about their new 17-bed behavior health facility.

### **Colorado Commission on Aging (CCOA)**

Ruth Long distributed the CCOA annual report. The January meeting had a lot of presentations and the afternoon consisted of a joint meeting with the Area Agency on Aging (AAA's) Directors. Discussion included Homestead Exemption funding. A committee was formed between agencies, SAPGA members and Janice Blanchard to discuss how the funding should be spent. CCOA discussed the State Unit on Aging's (SUA) funding formula and met the new Aging & Adult Division director, Kara Harvey.

### **Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)**

Katy Mason reported that Jim Becker is stepping down to work part-time as a Project Specialist. The PAFC will be hiring a new full-time Executive Director. An update on current projects was given.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Crystal adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.