

## Advisory Council Meeting October 8, 2020 Minutes

<b><u>Members Present:</u></b>	Crystal Bloemen Jill Couch Joe Glomboski Margaret Long Punkie Whitely	Royce Boehrs Sharon Courtney Kirsten Hartman Danita Nixon Kristy Wygmans	Elaine Boni Ferri Erickson Lisa Hays Jody Shadduck-McNally Sharon Zamora
<b><u>Members Absent:</u></b>	Jay Adams Alexis LaHaie	David Born Ellen Pihlstrom	Myles Crane
<b><u>Staff Present:</u></b>	Tina Corrigan-Hugo Katie Stieber	Amber Franzel Mary Ward	Commissioner Kefalas
<b><u>Guests Present:</u></b>	Dixie Huff	Lorye Mcleod	Tony Van Gorr

### CALL TO ORDER

Crystal Bloemen called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

### CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF September 10, 2020

Minutes stand as presented.

### LCOA PARTNER PRESENTATION:

Lorye Mcleod, Executive Director of the Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC) gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Advisory Council. The presentation is included with these minutes emailed to the Advisory Council on November 5, 2020.

### OFFICE ON AGING STAFF UPDATES

Katie Stieber reported:

- In process of hiring a new Program Coordinator, we should get person up and running by the end of October.
- Today is Ombudsman Appreciation Day. We have a dedicated team who is currently working virtually with residents through use of tablets and other forms of technology.
- Katie reported on a OOAAC survey to members regarding the functionality, purpose, successes and opportunities for improvement. Excellent response. This data and other findings via Malia's assistance will be reported out to members at the next meeting.
- Note email sent with another survey from the Commissioners' office regarding holiday appreciation event.





## **COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee**

Crystal reported:

- Discuss yearly planning.
- Annual report discussed. Decided not to create an annual report this year.
- A lot of work completed on the Candidate Forums. Appreciate all the work PAFC has done to make the technology work. Playback of forum's can be found on the PAFC website.
- No holiday lunch in December.

### **Public Policy & Education (PP&E) Committee**

Sharon Courtney reported:

- Discussed Candidates Forum and planning another forum on Caregiving in a High-Tech Age to take place in the spring.
- Discussed Colorado Senior Lobby and LCOA staff updates.
- Shared annual goals for the Committee.

### **Grantee Management & Evaluation (GM&E) Committee**

Margaret Long reported:

- Discussed how to conduct site visits for all the grantee's including the extra COVID funded partners. This would be a total of 43 site visits. Looked at overlapping funding and possible ways to combine some sites visits which could get it down to 36 visits. Will contact Advisory Council members to sign up for visits to be conducted through Zoom.
- Shared annual goals for the Committee.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Board of County Commissioners**

Commissioner Kefalas shared:

- Met with Laura Walker and reviewed the Committee Support Services Report. This report highlighted results of a survey that sent out in August regarding unmet needs. Looked at six sectors: housing stability, homelessness, early learning and childcare, voluntary agencies and faith-based organizations, food and essential needs and behavioral and physical health care aspects. The older adult unmet needs are staffing shortages of care providers; lack of placement options; issues related to behavioral health and social isolation; access to services; and loss of financial assistance and greater impacts on family caregivers. This report will help guide how we prioritize future resource allocations in the short term and long-term projects. Commissioner Kefalas discussed one of the issues to providing a facility for homeless during the winter months.
- Behavioral Health Facility update: Building facility at Taft and Trilby, ground-breaking ceremony will take place in December. There is a traveling exhibit "Mental Health Mind Matters" is open at the Museum of Discovery.
- Annual Boards & Commission recognition event is planned to be virtually this year in December. Theme is 2020 Oh What a Year, Counting Our Blessings and Challenge. Feedback will be taken from surveys.
- Commissioners are looking at legislation in upcoming session that would allow us to have differential response in Adult Protective Services. This would give us more flexibility regarding level of risk.



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

No report given.

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

No report given.

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

No report given.

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

Dixie Huff provided the following written report:

- Leah Johnson on Yes on 2A presentation: This is a 1% sales tax increase on the ballot on everything except food. Loveland currently has 3% sales tax, and it has been 36 years since it has increased. Leah is visiting all 24 boards and commissions to get a resolution of support from each one and had gotten to visit 20 so far. Our board voted to give its support. Her email is Leah.eg@gmail.com.
- Becky Folks, Senior Care Specialist for Older Adults from SummitStone and Anna Richards from the Colorado Spirit Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) is funded by FEMA and SAMHSA and creates community-based crisis counseling teams. This program supports Coloradans with disaster recovery needs and goals. It is anonymous, operates in non-traditional settings and strengthens existing community services.  
<https://covid19.colorado.gov/get-help/coping-with-covid-19/crisis-counseling-program>
- Senior Law Project is legal assistance for low income and seniors on civil legal matters only. Senior Law Project - donation based legal services for Larimer County residents age 60+ on legal issues related to Medicaid, public assistance benefits, long term care, powers of attorney, general estate planning, landlord tenant and consumer issues. Does not include creating wills and trusts.
- A LITTLE HELP, Steve Courts is the Loveland coordinator. Currently 40-45 already getting services.
- Senior Center is planning drive-in bingo in the parking lot of the Senior Center. Not sure of date.
- Loveland Library has given every student within the Thompson School District a library card. Providing computers to Workforce Center, Loveland Small Business Development, Silverleaf and Orchard House.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Crystal adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.