

Advisory Council Meeting September 9, 2021 Minutes

Members Present:

Anita Basham	Royce Boehrs	Elaine Boni
David Born	Colleen Conway	Jill Couch
Sharon Courtney	Myles Crane	Megan Finnerty
Steva Gay	Joe Glomboski	Kirsten Hartman
Lisa Hays	Alexis LaHaie	Margaret Long
Jason Morgan	Jacque Penfold	Ellen Pihlstrom
Janet Seeley	Sharon Thomas	Punkie Whitely

Staff Present:

Erin Alt	Tina Corrigan-Hugo	Dani DePas
Megin Harpstrite	Suzanna Hetchler	Nicole Limoges
Jennifer Lynn	Lori Metz	Carolina Quinonez
Commissioner Shaddock-McNally	Carol Seest	Mark Sleeter
Katie Stieber	Laura Walker	Tori Wimmer

Guests Present:

Lisa Hamilton	Tony Van Goor
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CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Courtney called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF August 12, 2021

Minutes stand as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Katie Stieber introduced Erin Alt, the new LCOA Program Manager.

LCOA PRESENTATION: Aging and Disability Resource Center

Mark Sleeter and the ADRC Team gave a presentation on the services available through the ADRC. At the next Advisory Council meeting, Suzanna Hetchler and Dani DePas will give a presentation on the Family Caregiver Support Program.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REVIEW SUMMARY

Nicole Limoges presented on the results of the Boards and Commissions Questionnaire.





OFFICE ON AGING UPDATE

- Katie reported on the completed budget for fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021).
- Nicole presented on the key accomplishments of the Four-Year Area Plan.

COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Executive Committee

Sharon reported the Committee:

- Reviewed agendas for the rest of the year.
- Discussed hosting a holiday lunch instead of a December meeting.
- Working to set up a meeting to review potential revisions to the Bylaws.
- Discussed Advisory Council roles for advising, advocating and communication.

Public Policy & Education Committee

Royce Boehrs reported the Committee:

- Final review and roll out of goals for FY22.
- Discussed reaching out to legislators to attend Committee meetings.
- Read confidentiality agreement and role of Council members.
- Brainstormed some ideas for community educational forums.
- Katie and Nicole gave updates.
- Discussed Larimer 101 training program.

Grantee Management & Evaluation Committee

Margaret Long reported the Committee:

- Final review and approving of functions and calendar.
- Discussed SB-290, Colorado bill passed last session that provides funding to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). Funding is focused on infrastructure.
- Reviewed funding cycle chart presented by Nicole.
- Nicole presented information on the new Ride NOCO website and regional transportation meeting.
- Reviewed confidentiality agreement and role of Advisory Council members.

LIAISON REPORTS

Larimer County Commissioners

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally reported on the following:

- Ensured that all the results of the Council Questionnaire have been read.
- County is working on Broadband in rural areas.
- Congratulated Office on Aging staff on passing the state audit with flying colors. Shared three favorable comments from audit.
- In middle of the budget process; will be attending the Big 10 Counties Budget Processing meeting next week.



- Announced the Commissioners are looking at raising fees for Parks and Natural Resources. Low-income programs for reduced fee access will continue. A program has been launched through the libraries that provides backpacks that individuals can check out with a book. The backpacks include wildflower guides and other information. Hoping to expand to senior centers and Boys & Girls Clubs.
- There will be several proclamations next month: Small Business Week, Constitution Week and honoring all the healthcare workers.

Myles Crane submitted the follow two reports via email:

Colorado Commission on Aging:

- Centenarian Celebration will be an online event.

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board

- Presentation from Lisa Melby, Executive Director, Good Samaritan Society (GSS) in Larimer and Weld Counties. Discussed:
 1. significant problems and successes for GSS and other LTC's during COVID
 2. action by GSS and other LTC's to address social isolation and related COVID dilemmas for residents.
 3. current situation with COVID variants at GSS and possible scenarios during next 3-6 months.
 4. quality of life issues for older adults in LTC's
 5. challenges recruiting, affording, and retaining qualified nursing/staff assistants and other employees at this time
 6. how might Larimer or Weld Counties and or Colorado's CDHS assist more?

Loveland Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Tony Van Goor gave the following report:

- Introduced himself as the new liaison.
- Discussed present and future impact of the Delta variant of COVID-19. Had several expert speakers on the topic. SAB unanimously adopted a resolution advocating support for COVID-19 vaccination, support for mask wearing and appropriate social distancing.

Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)

Kirsten Hartman provided the following:

- Sound Effects fundraiser at Odell's was successful.
- Virtual volunteer and tech buddy projects are moving along. September 29 is a follow-up tech buddy training.
- PAFC will be out and about in the community and develop more presence on FaceBook.
- Developing 2-minute elevator speech.
- Aging Workforce Center is involved with the Larimer County Business Symposium on September 21 at The Ranch.

ADJOURNMENT

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