



**Weld County Area Agency on Aging**  
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## **Weld Area Agency on Aging - Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Location:** Zoom Invite & Area Agency on Aging, 315 N 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Bldg C., Greeley, CO

**Meeting Time:** January 12, 2023 (Thursday) 9:00 am – 11:00 am

### **1. Roll Call:**

Bert Speyer	Present	Jim Riesberg	Present	Ron Heil - C	Present
David Rusch	Present	Kay Broderius	Present	Ruth Leitel	Present
DeAnn Cure	Present	LeAnne Bodine	Present	Sandy Magnuson	Present
Gillian Smith	Present	Lynn Young	Present	Susan Collins	Present
Jami Shepherd	Present	Nancy Haffner - V	Present	Teresa Schunter	Present
		Nicole Buckles	Absent	Valeria Ortiz	Present
Commissioner					
Staff	Tami Grant, Kelly Morrison, Jill Colavolpe, Holly Darby, Robin Hastings				
Guests	Ruthie Rockwell				

**2. Nominating Committee:** Nominating Committee shared that there was one nominee for each position. Nancy was nominated as Vice-Chairperson and Ron was nominated as Chairperson. There were no other nominations and Ron and Nancy were approved by acclamation.

### **3. Program: Planning for 2023/Farewell to exiting board members**

Kelly requested that the board suggest ideas for presentations they'd like to see in the coming year in order to set the program schedule. She also noted that July would likely be a Summer Break due to a conflict with a conference at the same time. Suggestions were:

- Weld County Health Department
- Transportation: GET, Northern Colorado transportation options, changes, plans, rural needs
- Medicare Savings Program
- Medicaid/SEP
- State Demographer
- Refugee Center, possibly with Sunrise at the same time
- ACL – Percy Devine and/or the SUA (State Unit on Aging)
- Senior Policy Advisor on Aging – Jarett Hughes
- COAST-IT Program by Anschutz Multidisciplinary Center on Aging
- Housing Navigation Center/Homelessness/Assistant City Manager Juliana Kitten
- Tour of Toby Kendall
- Board meet and greet with one another to get to know experience of fellow board members
- Greeley Natural Areas presentation
- AARP Livable Communities/Subcommittees

Jim Reisberg and Bert Speyer were recognized for their service to the board for over 6 years each. Jim and Bert shared some of their experiences and encouragements with the board.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** It was asked that the minutes from December's meeting be amended to reflect the Art Show Opening Reception is September 20, 2023, and that the Film Fest will take place on May 16, 2023. Susan made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and DeAnn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

5. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Film:** The committee has been discussing the purpose of the Film Festival and watching movies. There is a possibility of a movie producer being part of the Film Festival, but it hasn't been decided on yet.
- b. **Nutrition:** Teresa shared that Wattenberg has not opened yet and it isn't determined when that may occur. Prime Rib was served on Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and over 1,000 prime rib meals were served during that time. Board members were encouraged to sign up and attend meals.
- c. **ADRC:** There was a meeting this past Monday and ADRC is busy working with clients.
- d. **Senior Symposium:** There is a Facebook page, if you are able, please like and share the save-the-date information.
- e. **AARP Livable Communities:** Meeting Friday from 9-10:30 where there will be a preview of the draft 3-year action plan report. The hope is to submit the report in February. It is important for community members to get involved and sit on the subcommittees to help implement the goals.
- f. **Scams/Fraud:** Board members noted an increase in text scams and shipping related scams. Greeley Police Department has a Fraud investigator and reports can be made to Robert Meisner. To decrease the number of Medicare mailings, one can contact the FCC.
- g. **Legislative:**
  - Local:** City of Greeley is seeking feedback on issues faced in the community. Register at [www.speakupgreeley.com](http://www.speakupgreeley.com).
  - State:** A new session just started. In the next 3 years, taxpayers should receive Tabor refunds.
  - Federal:** Health care: Medicare - some caps on medication pricing, especially insulin. Retirement: Changes to retirement related contributions.
  - CCA:** Jami reported that CCA will have weekly meetings on upcoming bills. One thing they are looking at is eliminating birthdates on job applications, as that can be a means for employers to discriminate against older workers.
- h. **Art Show:** They will meet next week and are welcoming a new committee member.
- i. **Beyond 60:** There is a need for articles. It was suggested that success stories from AAA might be nice. Articles can also include fables or stories from other countries, but they need to be attributed to the appropriate source.
- j. **Monitoring/Oversight:** SEP is working on the RFP to be the Case Management Agency. Bids are due February 28<sup>th</sup> and we may know if accepted by the end of May. OAA will be posting the RFPs for providers. It opens at the end of January and will close mid-February. Required meeting for applicants on Jan. 31. Holly will send information if anyone is interested in helping to review. The OAA State monitoring visit will be in April. The Ombudsman monitoring visit went very well, and the Ombudsman received kudos from the State.
- k. **Misc.:** Jim shared that Banner Health has opportunities for research volunteers for a 10-year health study.

6. **Board Participation Report and Assignments:**

The apartments behind the former Hope Center on 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue have been sold and residents

must be out by July 1<sup>st</sup>. There are 33 apartments and many of the residents need accommodations.

The inaugural public gathering of the Greeley Walks group is on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> (see handout for more information).

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Pampering Day held 12/14 was very successful. Participants and the salon had great things to say about the event.

Jill shared that during the PHE clients were receiving the maximum allotment for food benefits for individuals eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The state will discontinue this as of February 28, 2023, and clients will revert to the amount they received before the pandemic. The requirement for completing yearly redeterminations will also restart. We may see individuals lose their benefits and an increase in services such as the food banks.

Valeria is working on building a group of organizations that work specifically with older adults in the Latino community. Holly suggested she invite Olga from the Health Department as well.

Rather than the usual MLK Day March, the City of Greeley community is participating in a day of service instead. Volunteers are needed to help fill bags for trafficking victims and food bank boxes.

## 7. **Agency Updates/Events:**

Four year plan is due at the end of March.

Several people made it a point to praise the Ombudsman team.

### **EVENTS**

- AARP Shred Event \_\_\_\_\_ May 23, 2023
- Art Show Opening Reception: \_\_\_\_\_ September 20, 2023
- Carbon Valley Resource Fair: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD 2023
- Caregiver Appreciation Day \_\_\_\_\_ TBD 2023
- Erie Fair (If I Only Knew): \_\_\_\_\_ September 8, 2023
- Fall Prevention Week: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD 2023
- Film Fest: \_\_\_\_\_ May 16, 2023
- GRG Grandparent Pampering: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD 2023
- Greeley/Weld Senior Foundation: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD 2023
- Project Connect: \_\_\_\_\_ October 19, 2023
- Senior Symposium: \_\_\_\_\_ October 4, 2023

## 8. **Adjournment**

### **Next meeting**

February 9, 2023, 9:00 – 11:00 am (Thursday)