



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 11th Ave., Bldg C., Greeley, CO

Meeting Time: October 13, 2022 (Thursday) 9:00 am – 11:00 am

1. Roll Call:

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

2. Program: Budget Updates, SB290 Grant update: Holly Darby and Kelly Morrison

Holly shared that compared to the 2021-2022 budget, the 2022-2023 budget increased by about \$27,000 in Federal funding and approximately \$11,000 in State funding. AAA is subject to 3 different funding cycles which can be confusing. Holly explained what each category of funding was and how it is used and the conditions of receiving the money. ARPA funds will cease in 2024 as will Homestead money.

Regarding our internal programs, funding is increasing for the Chore, Dental/Vision/Hearing, and Respite programs. We are adding a new Home Safety Program. Funding is decreasing for the In-Home and Low Visibility programs.

With regard to SB290, the architect's drawings of the facility were shared, and things are in the permitting stage. The Hill N Park seniors are very excited about the new facility. Timeline is dependent on permitting.

3. Approval of Minutes: DeAnn Cure moved to accept the minutes; Nancy Haffner seconded. Minutes were approved.

4. Committee Reports:

- a. Film: Decreasing Festival to a one-day event.
- b. Nutrition: Teresa shared that a new Registered Dietician, Jessi Like, has started. The Mead site is open in a new location and has already doubled attendance from its previous location. There is a turkey shortage so Thanksgiving meals will be ham. Prime Rib will be served in December on Monday, Dec. 12th, and Thursday, Dec. 15th. Board members were encouraged to sign up and attend.

- c. ADRC: Ron reported that there is a shortage of respite providers.
- d. Senior Symposium: Valeria reported that it was the best attendance with 208 people registered. Several board members mentioned how impressed they were with the symposium.
- e. AARP Livable Communities: Still writing plan. If you are interested, committee volunteers are needed
- f. Scams/Fraud: Jim said that fraud is expected to increase because the window for renewal of Medicare is open and scammers take advantage of that. Colorado ranks #1 for elder fraud.
- g. Legislative: Blue books have gone out. Ballots will be mailed starting October 17th. League of Women Voters was having a Ballot Issues Forum virtually on 10/13.
- h. Art Show: LeAnne reported that they are still looking at locations. The application for the Tointon Gallery has been submitted and the new library may also be a place it could be held.
- i. Beyond 60: Some new authors have been submitting articles. They always need articles! Consider submitting one!
- j. Monitoring/Oversight: Kelly reported that they will receive data from the CASOA report next week at the C4A meeting. We will begin work on Provider RFPs toward the end of the calendar year. The monitoring visit from the State will either be in March or April of 2023.

6. Board Participation Report and Assignments:

Jim shared that Omicron boosters are available, and you can get the flu shot at the same time. AARP has a town hall event tonight (10/13) at Zoe's. They sent out 12,000 invitations and only have 6 RSVPs.

Jim also shared that a program called America Walks seeks to help make communities more walkable. They are offering training throughout the state. Training takes 6 months and includes working with planners, connecting trails, etc. Greeley Walks and Evans Walks are both getting started. There will be a Walk Audit on 10/26 at 5 pm from Immanuel Lutheran to Centennial Library and back. All are welcome to join.

Valeria mentioned that Medicare is in open enrollment right now and there are several new Medicare Advantage plans to be aware of.

Project Connects is 10/20 from 12:30-6:30 and they are still looking for navigator volunteers.

GRG Holiday event. Kinship will be working on the gifts for the grandchildren. For the grandparents, there will be an open house style set up at Brickhouse Salon on December 14th. They will be offering services at a reduced price and the grandparent will have an amount they can spend.

7. Agency Updates/Events:

Staffing: Kelly spoke about the RFP to combine our SEP services with Envision to create more of a "one-stop shop". If Weld AAA wins the bid, it could mean 25-30 additional staff and a different location. Implementation would not be until 2024.

Several new SEP Case Managers are starting with more positions to fill. APS is also hiring. OAA and LTC are fully staffed.

We are planning speakers for the 2023 Advisory Board meetings with a request for suggestions from the board

EVENTS

- AARP Shred Event _____ TBD 2022
- Art Show Opening Reception: _____ TBD 2023
- Carbon Valley Resource Fair: _____ TBD 2023
- Caregiver Appreciation Day _____ November 15, 2022
- Erie Fair (If I Only Knew): _____ Sept 8, 2023
- Fall Prevention Week: _____ TBD 2023
- Film Fest: _____ TBD 2023
- GRG Grandparent Pampering: _____ December 14, 2022
- Greeley/Weld Senior Foundation: _____ TBD 2023
- Project Connect: _____ October 20, 2022
- Senior Symposium: _____ TBD 2023

8. Adjournment

Next meeting

November 10, 2022, 9:00 – 11:00 am (Thursday)