

Advisory Council Meeting

March 11, 2021

Minutes

<u>Members Present:</u>	Jay Adams David Born Myles Crane Lisa Hays Ellen Pihlstrom	Royce Boehrs Jill Couch Joe Glomboski Alexis LaHaie	Elaine Boni Sharon Courtney Kirsten Hartman Margaret Long
<u>Members Absent:</u>	Punkie Whitely		
<u>Staff Present:</u>	Shilo Christiansen Amber Franzel Lori Metz Mark Sleeter	Tina Corrigan-Hugo Suzanna Hetchler Eliza Piesman Katie Stieber	Dani DePas Nicole Limoges Commissioner Shadduck- McNally
<u>Guests Present:</u>	Alex Gordon Tony VanGoor	Dixie Huff	Cory Schmitt

CALL TO ORDER

Ellen Pihlstrom called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF February 11, 2021

Minutes stand as presented.

LCOA PROVIDER PRESENTATION:

Ellen introduced Alex Gordon and Cory Schmitt from the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Alex gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the MPO. They are a regional transportation planning agency that covers Fort Collins to Berthoud and LaSalle to Eaton based on census defined areas. Alex went on to explain the coordinated public transit human services transportation plan that is updated every four years. During discussion, Council members noted transportation gaps in specific neighborhoods, including the new Behavioral Health facility being built.

Cory Schmitt gave an update on the One Call/One Click Center - "Ride NoCo". The service will launch in the summer. A marketing campaign will proceed the launch.

Alex commented that if there are any questions, Council members can email him at agordon@nfrmpo.org.





OFFICE ON AGING STAFF UPDATES

Katie Stieber introduced Mark Sleeter, ADRC Lead, Dani DePas and Suzanna Hetchler, Caregiver Program Case Manager.

Katie asked Amber Franzel to give a presentation on the Ombudsman program. Amber introduced the other two Ombudsman, Eliza Piesman and Shilo Christenson. Amber stated there is also one volunteer Ombudsman. The main purpose of the Ombudsman program is to be an advocate for people living in long term care facilities. Because COVID, personal visits to assisted living and nursing facilities have been suspended, however, the Ombudsman have worked to have online visits available. The number of cases have gone up especially because of the confusion about COVID.

Shilo and Eliza gave updates on several projects such as the “Hug Tunnel” and Sound Affects.

Katie announced:

- Application process for new Council members is now open.
- Older Americans Month Awards nominations are open. Two nominations have been received.
- Supplemental funding has been approved for nine projects. Four more projects are being discussed.
- Working on a project with the Health Department on getting vaccinations to homebound. Lori reported on a project between Medicaid and Options for Long Term Care homebound clients.

COUNCIL MEMBER AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Royce Boehrs gave a brief autobiography.

COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Executive Committee

Ellen Pihlstrom reported:

- Elaine Boni volunteered to be interim Vice-Chair for three months.

Public Policy & Education (PP&E) Committee

Sharon Courtney reported:

- Jill Couch attended to work on the Caregiver Forum.
- Reviewed presentation from the Colorado Senior Lobby on funding.
- Received update on Older American Month Awards. Need more nominations.

Grantee Management & Evaluation (GM&E) Committee

Margaret Long reported:

- Discussed budget. LCOA has done a good job on allocating COVID funding.
- Reviewed supplemental funding requests.
- Reviewed six site visit summaries.



LIAISON REPORTS

Myles Crane submitted the following reports via email.

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board

- Thanked Mark Sleeter, new ADRC Lead, for attending and introducing himself.
- Received presentation by Alex Gordon and Cory Schmitt from the MPO.
- A member associated with NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness) discussed proactively responding to mental illness during crisis.
- Senior Center is slowly opening. Hosting vaccination clinics with Salud.
- Discussed Intergenerational Conversations.
- Officer elections: Myles is Chair and Sarah Schliz is Vice-Chair.

Loveland Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Dixie Huff submitted the following reports via email.

- Brian Canning from CSU Aging Clinic of the Rockies gave a presentation on Caregiver Programs.
- Discussed members attending other boards and commissions so we can find out issues that will be affecting seniors before the last minute. Several members signed up for various boards.
- Discussed the possibility of surveying seniors about what issues they would like us to advocate for.

Larimer County Commissioners

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally reported on the following:

- Working on equity distribution of vaccines.
- Larimer County Recovery Collaborative, building long term partnerships.
- Announced grant of \$10M to Neighbor to Neighbor for rental assistance.
- Working with Loveland Planning Commission to change buildings at The Ranch.
- Working with Larimer County Planning Department on sign codes.
- Hosting a Meet & Greet in Estes Park.
- Toured the new landfill.
- Tracking 80 different legislative bills. One particular bill is about piloting the Larimer County Child Protection differential response model for Adult Protective Services.

Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)

- Myles stated that PAFC has released a thorough report on social isolation.
- Kirsten stated they are looking at applying for an AARP challenge grant for up to \$10,000 for innovative ideas.
- Intergenerational conversations event was held in February and had 39 participants.

ADJOURNMENT

Ellen adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.