



REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
for Thursday, June 29th, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cynthia Aki
Bea Babbitt
Dave Betzler
Richard Elsner
Norma Garbani
Dixie Herring
Phyllis Huggins
Margaret Hunter
Jerry Novak
Carol Parks
Nancy Stannard

STAFF

Joe Urban, PPACG AAA
Carrie Schillinger, PPACG AAA
Kent Mathews, PPACG AAA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barb Caudle
Clint Cooper
Lucy Crandall
Wendy Farr
Marylyn Massey
Jo Ruth
Cheryl Schnell
Frances St. Germain
Joyce Whittle

GUESTS

Bobbi Gore
Dorothy Novak
Carla Ruth Lloyd

1. CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM/ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

The June meeting of the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) was called to order at 10:16AM by RAC Chairperson Dave Betzler at the Park County Fair Barn in Fairplay, Colorado. Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves. **Let the records show that a quorum was present.** (Quorum constitutes 30% of members.)

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved unanimously as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Park County Commissioner Richard Elsner welcomed the group to Park County.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion to approve minutes from the May 25, 2017 RAC meeting as written was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rocky Mountain Rural Health – Barbie McBee: Ms. McBee gave a presentation to RAC members on the many ways in which her agency provides services to the residents of Park County. RMRH is a 501(c)(3) which has served the region since the 1980s, trying to fill the gaps created in local health care services by the lack of a medical provider of any kind or a pharmacy. The RMRH staff of three are all community health workers who work at over 50 outreach events each year to engage community members. They do this through offering health navigation services, health insurance assistance, breast health literacy and wellness checks, health screenings and education, and limited financial assistance. RMRH partners in Park County with the Department of Public Health, the Park County Senior Coalition and the South Park Activities Association. There will be a local ballot measure up for vote in November to provide sustainable funding for RMRH, which if passed will add 1% to the local sales tax, potentially resulting in as much as \$250,000/year in funding for the agency. This influx of funding would provide much needed fiscal support to the health services available to the county's residents.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Provider presentation:

PPACG AAA Family Caregiver Support Center – Kent Mathews

- i. Access Assistance (Information & Assistance)
- ii. Counseling (individual counseling, support groups, caregiver mentoring, Powerful Tools for Caregivers)
- iii. Information services (outreach/public presentations)
- iv. Respite (vouchers for personal care, homecare and adult daycare)

B. AAA Director's Report/Advocacy issues – Joe Urban

- i. The 2017 legislative cycle is over. This year's Colorado Senate Bill 11 established a study of technology usage to both access and support transportation services for adults living with disabilities in

El Paso and Teller counties. The final report is due to Governor Hickenlooper's office by December 31, 2017.

- ii. Forecasting funding for FY2018 has been very uncertain, creating challenges for the Technical Review Subcommittee and AAA staff. We have received the final budget numbers from the State of Colorado, which were exactly what was forecasted. We have also received a tentative budget figure number from federal government, which is slightly higher than we forecast. The annual federal carryover funds will come in October, and will no longer have a 10% cap. This means all federal funds can be carried over, which is the first time this has been possible in several years.
- iii. The healthcare bill currently being drafted in Washington D.C. will have cuts to Medicaid funding and we don't know how that will impact local service delivery. We are keeping a watchful eye on the work of our federal legislators regarding this measure.

C. RAC Chair's report – Dave Betzler

- i. Carrie Schillinger and Jessica McMullen of PPACG are engaged in discussions with the RAC Chair on how RAC members can promote the work of the AAA and agencies and services that support seniors in the region. The goal is to develop a single page document that offers easily digestible information describing the need for services for seniors in the region served by PPACG AAA.
- ii. The village model of community living is being tested in Woodland Park, with the creation of the Village Above the Clouds.
- iii. A groundbreaking was held last week at the Jackson Creek Senior Living facility in northern El Paso County. When completed, the facility will include a combined total of 137 units dedicated to independent living assisted living and memory care.

D. Community information:

- i. Mackenzie Place is sponsoring the 6th Annual Octogenarian Golf Tournament, to be held July 24th at the Colorado Springs Country Club. This event, which includes 9 holes of golf, use of a golf cart, and lunch, is free to women and men age 80 and older.
- ii. A tour of the Park County Senior Center will immediately follow the RAC meeting today. Bobbi Gore will lead a group to see the improvements currently underway at the senior center in Fairplay.

7. **NEXT RAC EVENT**
DATE:

July RAC meeting
Thursday, July 27th, 2017

TIME: 9:00AM – 12:00PM

**LOCATION: PPACG Area Aging on Aging
14 S. Chestnut Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80905**

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dave Betzler at 12:32 p.m.