



## **MEETING AGENDA**

### **REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RAC) MEETING**

**Thursday, October 27, 2016**

**9:00AM – 12:00PM**

**Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments  
Area Agency on Aging  
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM  
15 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905**

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and enter the east entrance to the lower level.  
(This entrance faces Chestnut Street.)*

- 1. 9:00-CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM(6 RAC members)/ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. 9:05-PUBLIC COMMENTS – (Items not on the agenda)**
- 4. 9:10-APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 29, 2016 minutes**
- 5. 9:15-SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS  
Consumer Directed Nutrition Services – Leighanna Konetski,  
State Unit on Aging**

**6. 10:00-INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Provider presentations:**
  - i. Colorado Legal Services – Sarah Lipka**
  - ii. Community of Caring – Ted Borden**
  - iii. Peak Vista Community Health Centers – Kristin Ackor**
  - iv. Prospect Home Care & Hospice – Mary Barrowman**
  
- B. FY2016 carryover funding/TRS meeting(s) – Lisa Alldridge**
  
- C. Community information – RAC members**

**7. Next RAC Event: Final 2016 RAC meeting**

**DATE: TBD**

**TIME: 10:00AM – 1:00PM**

**LOCATION: PPACG AAA  
14 S. Chestnut Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905**



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AREA AGENCY ON AGING

**REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**for Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard Elsner  
Wendy Farr  
Norma Garbani  
Phyllis Huggins  
Margaret Hunter  
Marylyn Massey  
Jerry Novak  
Jo Ruth

**STAFF**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Betsy Anderson  
Dave Betzler  
Lucy Crandall  
Dixie Herring  
Carol Parks  
Cheryl Schnell  
Frances St. Germain  
Aisha Young

**GUESTS**

Bobbi Gore  
Tina Rose  
Carmela Schweer  
Frank Romero  
Catherine Grove  
Betty Leach  
Laramie Ulam  
Lori Leach  
Bonnie Mithuen  
Carla Ruth Lloyd EPC  
Mel Schulman  
James Price  
Glenda Marshall  
Dolores Bacon  
Joyce Whittle  
Penny Johnson  
Sandra Weitzel

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

The September meeting of the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) was called to order at 10:09AM by RAC Chairperson Jo Ruth at the Shawnee Community Center in Shawnee, 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**

There were no public comments.

**4. MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion to approve minutes from the August 25, 2016 RAC meeting as written was made. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

The Bell Policy Center – Natalie O’Donnell Wood, Senior Policy Analyst: Ms. Wood described for RAC members the mission of The Bell Policy Center and the service it provides to the citizens of Colorado through research and advocacy. The work of the center focuses on promoting family economic security, transforming post-secondary education and training, ensuring that Colorado has a long-term strategy on aging, and increasing financial support for effective public services. Ms. Wood elaborated for RAC members on the long-term strategy the center envisions for addressing the anticipated steep increase in seniors that is the result of the aging Baby Boomer population. Strategies offered by The Bell Policy Center to address the aging of Colorado’s population include ensuring stability of funding, supporting aging in place, developing partnerships to increase collaboration and coordination of services, create efficiencies wherever possible, closely tracking revenue and expenditures related to aging services. Areas to watch as potential trouble spots include an increase in chronic health conditions, lack of adequate vaccinations against preventable disease, financial abuse, caregiver fatigue and the resultant impact on the health of the younger generation.

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Provider presentations:

- i. PPACG AAA Family Caregiver Support Center – Kent Mathews – Mr. Mathews addressed the RAC about the different services available to seniors and their caregivers through the Family Caregiver Support Center. The program provides a variety of services, to include counseling, information and assistance, support groups, caregiver mentoring, the Powerful Tools for Caregivers class, community outreach, public presentations, and vouchers for homecare, personal care and adult daycare.
- ii. PPACG AAA Information & Assistance Center –Joe Urban  
Mr. Urban described for RAC members the function of the year-old position of volunteer coordinator in the Information & Assistance Center. He also reviewed the Network of Care website hosted by PPACG AAA and its purpose, both as a community resource and the database from

which the listings in the Senior Information & Assistance Directory (the Yellow Book) are drawn.

- B. AAA Director’s Report/Advocacy issues – Joe Urban:
- i. The Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging subcommittees will be meeting next week to narrow down the approximately thirty possible actions to a much smaller number of recommendations to give to the governor by the due date in October.
  - ii. The final steps for implanting new software and processes for the PPACG AAA personal care/homecare/homemaker/respite care voucher programs are being implemented. In a month’s time the entire voucher program will be online and easily accessible by both providers and PPACG AAA staff.
  - iii. The position of Direct Services Team Lead will be filled and an announcement made by the end of September.
  - iv. Carrie Schillinger was invited to provide an update on the No Wrong Door collaborative effort the AAA is currently engaged in in El Paso and Teller counties. The work with the consultant is moving forward. Three meetings with stakeholders have been held to date, with more anticipated as the response to the proposal to be issued by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing is developed.
- C. Community information:  
Senior Resource Council Holiday Dinner Dance will be Saturday, November 12th. Reservations are being taken starting October 15th via e-mail, as well as by telephone.

7. **NEXT RAC EVENT** **October RAC meeting**  
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8. **ADJOURNMENT**  
The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jo Ruth at 12:11pm.

