



Pikes Peak Area
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AREA AGENCY ON AGING

**REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

January 25, 2018

PPACG Main Conference Room

- 1. Call To Order/Establish a Quorum/Introductions**
- 2. Consent items**
 - A. Agenda** – January 25, 2018
 - B. Minutes** – November 30, 2017
- 3. Public Comments** - Items not on the agenda
- 4. Action item**

RAC Membership Subcommittee recommendation – Wendy Farr
- 5. Special Presentations** – The Colorado Aging Network, the AAAs and the SUA
– Peggy Spaulding, State Unit on Aging
- 6. Information Items**
 - A. Provider presentations**
 - i. UCCS Aging Center** – Sara Qualls
 - ii. YMCA** – Rebecca Janecek
 - B. AAA Director’s report** – Joe Urban
 - C. RAC Chair report** – Dave Betzler
- 7. Calendar of Events**
 - A. PPACG AAA events**

- i. Classes at the Area Agency on Aging
- ii. Annual Provider Fair

B. Community information

- i. Planning for Senior Day at the Capitol

C. Next RAC Meeting – Annual Provider Fair!

February 22, 2018, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PPACG Area Agency on Aging Main Conference Room

14 S. Chestnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905

8. Adjournment

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REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
for Thursday, November 30, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cynthia Aki
Bea Babbitt
Dave Betzler
Lucy Crandall
Wendy Farr
Norma Garbani
Dixie Herring
Phyllis Huggins
Marylyn Massey
Jerry Novak
Carol Parks
Jo Ruth
Nancy Stannard
Joyce Whittle

STAFF

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barb Caudle
Clint Cooper
Richard Elsner
Margaret Hunter
Cheryl Schnell
Frances St. Germain

GUESTS

Pat Ellis
Laura Engelman
Ralph Power
Michele Chamberlain
Bobbi Gore
Jody Barker
Jenn Nimmo
Joe Farr
Marsha Unruh
Dave Somers

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

The November meeting of the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by RAC Chairperson, Dave Betzler, at the PPACG offices in Colorado Springs, 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 amended to include an Action Item for a vote on new RAC members.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Park County Senior Coalition Executive Director Bobbi Gore requested an update on the possibility of the RAC discussing taking a different approach to funding allocation. (This question was raised in a previous RAC meeting and referred to the Technical Review Subcommittee for their next meeting.) The current status is that the Technical Review Subcommittee will discuss the issue when it meets next, which will be in 2018. Jody Barker of the Alzheimer's Association announced the approaching deadline for the Senior Resource Council's annual Holiday Dinner Dance sponsorship opportunities. The Holiday Dinner Dance itself is on December 9th. Lisa Alldridge announced that the Fountain Valley Senior Center is holding a holiday dinner and show on December 15th.

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion to approve minutes from the October 26, 2017 RAC meeting as written was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Marsha Unruh of The Independence Center gave a presentation to RAC members about VIC, Veterans in Charge (a veteran-directed home and community-based services program). This home-based care program, in which the veteran hires and employee (who can be a friend or a family member) and also directs their own care, is funded entirely by the Veterans' Administration (VA). Launched nationally in 2008, this program was launched in Colorado on 2015, when The Independence Center initiated their VIC program with their first veteran referral from the VA. There are several criteria that a veteran must meet in order to qualify for the program, in addition to typical home and community-based program criteria. Some of these criteria are related to their service in the military and some are related to the degree of their disability. All functional eligibility determination is performed by the VA staff, which then refers individuals to The Independence Center for service coordination.

6. **ACTION ITEM**

Membership Subcommittee Chair Wendy Farr advised RAC members of the recent resignations from the RAC of Barb Caudle and Clint Cooper. On behalf of the Membership Subcommittee, Ms. Farr then recommended two candidates to fill the vacancies beginning in January 2018: Jenn Nimmo of Community Care Central Colorado and Jody Barker of the Alzheimer's Association. Both candidates were approved unanimously by RAC members.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Provider presentations

Silver Key – Pat Ellis: Ms. Ellis gave an informational presentation to the RAC about the case management, nutrition, and transportation services and the Senior Reach program at Silver Key, which are supported by Older Americans Act and Older Coloradans Act funds and serve local seniors.

B. AAA Director’s report – Joe Urban

- i. PPACG AAA has recently received a portion of the federal funds allocated for FY2018, and expects to receive all of the remaining funds in small increments throughout the remainder of the fiscal year. This will enable us to operate all programs for the entirety of FY2018.
- ii. PPACG is nearing the completion of the executive director search. The search committee has announced the names of the four finalists, all of whom will be interviewed in open session at the PPACG Board meeting on December 13th. Meet and greet events for both PPACG staff and Board of Directors will be held on December 12th.
- iii. The Innovations in Aging Collaborative met two weeks ago to discuss the concept of an information portal for the community, one to which seniors and their family members could be directed to find the resources they need related to aging. PPACG AAA staff participated in this meeting, highlighting the presence of the Network of Care website and collaborating with other community partners in order to strengthen the network of information portals used most frequently by area seniors and their family members. This process is continuing with a meeting the second week in December.
- iv. The Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging (SAPGA) top priority when formed, was to establish a cabinet level position in the Colorado governor’s office. SAPGA expects to meet the year-end deadline for identifying the individual to fill that position.

C. RAC Chair report – Dave Betzler: Thank you to all the members of the RAC for a good year working together to support the mission of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA). Thank you to AAA staff for all they do to serve our local seniors and support the work of the providers who deliver senior services in our community.

D. Community Information

Sole Dio Gloria Choir will be holding a Christmas concert on Saturday, December 9th at 3:00 at the First United Methodist Church at 420 N. Nevada Avenue. The concert is free and open to the public.

8. NEXT RAC EVENT

January RAC meeting

DATE: Thursday, January 25th, 2018

TIME: 9:00AM – 12:00PM

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dave Betzler 11:32PM.