



**REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

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

February 22, 2018

PPACG Main Conference Room

- 1. Regular Meeting - Call To Order/Establish a Quorum/Introductions**
- 2. Consent items:**
 - A. Agenda approval**
 - B. Minutes approval – January 25, 2018**
- 3. Public Comments - Items not on the agenda**
- 4. Action Items:**
 - A. Vote on Membership Subcommittee**
 - B. Vote on Technical Review Subcommittee**
- 5. Provider Information Fair**

Informational sessions in which to interact with current providers of Older Americans Act services funded by PPACG AAA – Lisa Alldridge
- 6. Next RAC Meeting**

March 29, 9 AM – 12 PM;
PPACG Area Agency on Aging
Main Conference Room
14 S Chestnut St, Colorado Springs CO 80905
- 7. Adjournment**

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AREA AGENCY ON AGING

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
for Thursday, January 25th, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cynthia Aki
Jody Barker
Dave Betzler
Lucy Crandall
Wendy Farr
Norma Garbani
Dixie Herring
Phyllis Huggins
Margaret Hunter
Marylyn Massey
Jenn Nimmo
Frances St. Germain
Joyce Whittle

STAFF

Lisa Alldridge, PPACG AAA
Carrie Schillinger, PPACG AAA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bea Babbitt
Richard Elsner
Jerry Novak
Carol Parks
Jo Ruth
Nancy Stannard

GUESTS

Pat Ellis
Michelle Vacha
Laura Engleman
Sara Qualls
Rebecca Janecek
Carmela Schweer
Bobbi Gore
Nicole Caduff
Joanne McCoy
Tricia Thornton
Peggy Spaulding
Gail Gerig
Kathy Lowry

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

The January meeting of the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by RAC Chairperson Dave Betzler at the PPACG offices. 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 November 30, 2017 RAC meeting as written was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ACTION ITEM

Wendy Farr, Chair of the Membership Subcommittee, announced to RAC members the recent resignation of Cheryl Schnell, a representative from the Adult Division of El Paso County Department of Human Services. Ms. Farr then made a recommendation to RAC members that Joanne McCoy, also of the Adult Division of El Paso County Department of Human Services, be appointed to fill the vacancy. RAC members voted unanimously in favor of the Membership Subcommittee's recommendation.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Colorado Aging Network, the AAAs and the SUA – Peggy Spaulding, State Unit on Aging: Ms. Spaulding gave an informational presentation to RAC members describing the relationships between the Administration for Community Living, the State Unit on Aging and the Area Agencies on Aging in Colorado, which together comprise the Aging Network which serves Colorado older adults. Ms. Spaulding also explained the relationships between the federal and state legislation (Older Americans Act and Older Coloradans Act) which accounts for the majority of the funding for the Aging Network. Colorado's sixteen Area Agencies on Aging deliver services to the older adults living in all sixty four counties in the state. Ms. Spaulding also described the range of services these dollars may fund, as well as the eligibility requirements for older adults to qualify for services.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Provider presentations

- i. UCCS Aging Center – Sara Qualls: Dr. Qualls spoke to RAC members about the family caregiver program that the UCCS Aging Center staff operates. She also spoke about the Senior Outreach Services (SOS) program, which is a combination of screening, case management and counseling, delivered in partnership between UCCS Aging Center and Silver Key. Both of these programs serve older adults in El Paso and

Teller counties and are funded by Older Americans Act and Older Coloradans Act dollars.

- ii. YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region – Rebecca Janacek: Ms. Janacek gave a presentation to RAC members about the evidence-based classes offered by the YMCA to area seniors using Older Americans Act and Older Coloradans Act funds allocated by the RAC. YMCA provides two different classes that promote balance and safe movement by seniors, in both their El Paso and Teller county locations.
- B. AAA Director’s report – Joe Urban:
- i. Mr. Urban attended a joint meeting of the Colorado Commission on Aging and the Colorado Association of Area Agencies on Aging, at which attendees were introduced to the Chair of the Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging (SAPGA), Karen Brown.
 - ii. The continuing resolution in the US Congress continues to limit the amount of federal dollars that the State Unit on Aging is receiving, which in turns limits how much funding can be passed down to the Area Agencies on Aging. It is expected that eventually most of the allocated federal dollars will be received by Colorado.
 - iii. The new PPACG Executive Director, Andy Gunning, will relocate to Colorado Springs in February and start work on Tuesday, February 20th.
 - iv. The Innovations in Aging Collaborative continues to work on an information portal for the Colorado Springs community, which will be focused toward seniors and their caregivers to facilitate finding the resources they need. This portal development continues, with PPACG AAA staff participating in the process.
 - v. The SAPGA top priority when formed was to establish a cabinet level position in the Colorado governor’s office. Wade Buchanan, formerly of the Bell Policy Center, has been hired to fill that position and is the new Senior Advisor on Aging to the Governor’s office.
 - vi. The 2018 Senior Day at the Capitol will be held on Wednesday, March 21st.
- C. RAC Chair report – Dave Betzler: Senior Day at the Capitol is a fantastic event, which includes the opportunity to meet legislators and other professionals who serve the aging community in Colorado. It is worth attending just for the educational components, but even more valuable to spend the entire day and network with others.
- D. Community Information
- i. The annual Octogenarian Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, June 18th at the Colorado Springs Country Club. Former RAC member Al Williams has reached out to the AAA and the RAC to encourage everyone who can to support it.
 - ii. The Manitou Springs Health Fair will be held on Saturday, April 21st.

8. NEXT RAC EVENT: February Providers Fair
DATE: Thursday, February 22nd, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dave Betzler at 11:19 a.m.