



AREA AGENCY ON AGING

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2019 - 9 a.m.

PPACG Main Conference Room

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

The March meeting of the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Dave Betzler. Introductions were made. Let the record show that a quorum (i.e., minimum 30% of members) was present.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Agenda—March 28, 2019

B. Minutes— February 28, 2019

Ms. Cynthia Aki moved to approve the consent items. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jason DeBueno, Silver Key

Silver Key is hosting their first annual fund/fundraiser - *Engaged at Every Age* – April 8th, 11:30 a.m. at the Antlers Hotel.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Provider Presentations

I. Envida Cares – Mr. Dave Somers

Mr. Somers explained that Envida Cares was previously known as Amblicab but was rebranded last year. Envida provides transportation, In-home support services, personal care, homemaker services, home maintenance, and protective oversight throughout El Paso and Teller Counties. Envida hopes to expand services along Highway 94 as well as expand homecare services with the supportive living services waiver to assist those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

II. PPACG Area Agency on Aging

The PPACG offers several in-house programs. AAA representatives will present throughout the year at various RAC meetings to provide thorough information about each program. Ms. Gretchen Bricker, PPACG Case Manager, shared about the needs of seniors who are not on Medicaid. She explained that the AAA offers a voucher program that provides personal care and homemaker services. The AAA also offers a Lifeline reassurance voucher service for senior emergency assistance in El Paso and Teller Counties. Ms. Roma Costanza, PPACG SHIP Program, provided information regarding the State Health Insurance Assistance (SHIP)/Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) program. She explained that the

program helps individuals navigate their health insurance benefits and reviews issues involving fraudulent, abusive or mis-informative activity aimed at seniors.

B. AAA Director's Report

Mr. Joe Urban thanked the subcommittee who worked on the 4-year plan; the final draft was approved by the Board of Directors and will be sent to the State. He also thanked the TRS Subcommittee for their work on the funding allocations, which received approval at the March PPACG Board of Directors meeting. A request was made for an overview of the 4-Year Plan review process and hierarchy outline. Ms. Melissa Marts, PPACG Program Development Administrator, shared about the Ent Retirement series and provided fliers outlining the topics offered. Older American Act reauthorization – the process is underway, information will be coming out soon.

C. RAC Chair Report

Mr. Betzler also wished to thank the TRS and 4-year Plan Subcommittees. He shared that he recently attended a conference in Durango, Colorado for Fire Adapted Communities (FAC), which focused on fire mitigation improvement and forest health plans for communities both city and rural. Mr. Betzler shared that awareness and networking with neighbors in the community is very important; there are often seniors or individuals with limitations who may need assistance and being conscious of this is a critical component of community safety.

Mr. Betzler noted that the temporary review subcommittee will expire in June and invited discussion on how to proceed. Ms. Jen Nimmo proposed that the subcommittee meet again to review the direction and scope of work for the committee before April.

5. CALENDAR OF EVENTS/COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Seniorsbluebook.com – Affordable Housing Fair at the Colorado Springs Senior Center April 5th
Alzheimer's Association - Reason to Hope Luncheon April 2nd
25th Annual Senior Resource Council Senior Expo – June 1st 8:30 a.m. – Colorado Springs Marriott

6. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Joyce Whittle moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Attendees			
Present	Name		Agency/Affiliation
X	Cynthia	Aki	Colorado Springs
X	Bea	Babbitt	Colorado Springs
X	Jody Barker	Barker	Alzheimer's Association
X	Dave	Betzler	Northern El Paso County
X	Andrew	Bunn	Department of Human Services
X	Lucy	Crandall	Colorado Springs
	Richard	Elsner	Park County
X	Wendy	Farr	Colorado Springs
X	Dixie	Herring	The Independence Center
X	Phyllis	Huggins	Eastern El Paso County
X	Jenn	Nimmo	Community Health Partnership
	Jerry	Novak	Colorado Springs
X	Carol	Parks	Teller County
X	Frances	St. Germain	El Paso County
	Nancy	Stannard	Teller County
X	Joyce	Whittle	Park County
X	Dixie	Wodell	Southern El Paso County
X			PPACG Staff