1. **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM/INTRODUCTIONS** (Quorum is 5 members)

2. **CONSENT ITEMS**
   A. Agenda – May 26, 2022
   B. Minutes – April 28, 2022

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** For Items not on the agenda

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
   A. Presentations
      Diabetes Prevention Program with the Denver YMCA
   B. Membership Subcommittee
   C. Strategic Review Subcommittee – quarterly (March, June, September, December)
   D. AAA Director’s Report PPACG Board Approval of FY 22-23 Funding
   E. RAC Chair Report

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS & NEXT MEETING**
   Next Meeting – June 23, 2022
   RAC Executive Committee meeting – First Wednesdays at 1:00, via Zoom.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
DATE: May 26, 2022
TO: PPACG Board of Directors
FROM: Mr. Jody Barker, PPAAA Director
THROUGH: Mr. Andrew Gunning
SUBJECT: Regional Advisory Council FY 2022-2023 Vote

**SUMMARY** The Technical Review Subcommittee (TRS) held their FY 2022-2023 funding review on April 12, 2022 to recommend where to allocate funding for this coming year. They had requests totaling $8,035,773 (last year’s request was $7,494,510) and estimated available funding of $5,400,000. At the time of meeting, PPAAA did not have the State contract confirmed yet with funding. We operated at this time with the flat rate from last year. We acknowledged that the contract could come in higher or lower and will adjust at that time if needed.

Evaluation began with looking at overall cuts based on the program service. Once this figure was determined, additional increases or decreases were given to services based on Four Year Plan/Strategic Review Subcommittee priorities, the current funding usage rates, compliance with contractual processes and provider funding allocation from the previous year.

The final amount recommended by the TRS and approved by the RAC on April 28, 2022 for contracted providers is $3,324,771, PPAAA services $2,045,908 for a total of $5,370,679 with $29,321 in reserve to allocate later.

**RECOMMENDATION** The final amount recommended by the RAC for contracted providers $3,324,771, PPAAA services $2,045,908 for a total of $5,370,679 with $29,321 in reserve to allocate later.

**PROPOSED MOTION** The attached TRS – RAC Recommendation shows what the TRS is proposing.
ALTERNATIVES
The PPACG Board has the following alternatives to consider:
1) Approve the item as presented.
2) Disapprove the item.
3) Refer the item back to staff and recommending committee.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION  None at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS  Process ensures continued Older American Act services in El Paso, Park and Teller Counties.

BACKGROUND  This funding process reflects the annual efforts to support services to older adults in the region.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS  The Regional Advisory Council appoints members to the Technical Review Subcommittee annually to participate in this process.

ATTACHMENT(S)
1) TRS - RAC RECOMMENDATIONS

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS
☐ Advocacy: Serve as an effective advocacy voice for common ground issues.
☐ Information Sharing: Serve as a significant resource for PPACG members to collect and share information with regional partners.
☒ Aging: Expand and extend senior access, awareness, education, and connectivity to support age-friendly communities and empower individual seniors.
☐ Transportation: Maintain and improve a coordinated, validated plan for transportation needs across the PPACG region.
☒ Program Excellence: Continue to excel in the key fundamental areas of PPACG: Military support, Environmental programs, Transportation, Area Agency on Aging, and regional communication and collaboration.
1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM/INTRODUCTIONS (Quorum is 5 members)
Chair Babbitt called the meeting to order at 10:04. A quorum was present. (i.e., minimum 30% of members.)

2. CONSENT ITEMS Mr. Bill Boles moved to accept the agenda and minutes. Ms. Chris Larson seconded. The motion passed unanimously
   A. Agenda – April 28, 2022
   B. Minutes – March 24, 2022

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS For Items not on the agenda. Ms. Jolene Hausman shared her resignation from the Fountain Valley Senior Center effective May 27, 2022. Mark Bowers will be the interim executive director.

4. ACTION ITEMS
   A. Technical Review Subcommittee – Program Service Funding
      Recommendations for FY 2022 – 2023. TRS Chair Chris Larson noted the dedicated work of the TRS with one meeting running for six hours. She moved for funding contracted providers at $3,324,771, PPAAA services $2,045,908 for a total of $5,370,679 with $29,321 in reserve to allocate later. Ms. Debi Levi Stankovich seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This recommendation will go to the Board for approval on May 11, 2022.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS
   A. Presentations Behavioral Health Services – Kick off for May: Mental Health Awareness Month
      1. PEARLS of Colorado. Founder Cynthia Margiotta highlighted the difference of therapy vs. case management vs. empowerment. PEARLS is focused on empowerment. The Hartford Foundation reports 46% of individuals receiving counseling do not follow up on recommended treatments, PEARLS works with clients to create their own goals and coaches them through a 19 week program. They are serving rural El Paso County in addition to
Colorado Springs. Next year hope to add support groups, caregiver education and a coach for Western El Paso County.

2. Silver Key, CEO and President Jason DeaBueano shared they have provided 3787 sessions of counseling, screening and case management between July – March. Unique accomplishments include becoming a Colorado Health Services Corporation location that allows them to hire behavioral health providers who can be eligible for loan forgiveness. Also setting up groups that work on housing, utilities and other issues. Volunteer hours for all the Silver Key programs total 35,725.

3. UCCS Center on Aging. Dr. Magdalene Lim started the discussion with awareness around behavioral health vs. mental health vs. cognitive needs. The Center on Aging programs address these subtly different needs. Lori Rossi, advocated for the additional funding requested this year to support the neuropsychological evaluations to provide better understanding of needs and therefore more appropriate services. They are growing a caregiver counseling and resiliency program. Continuing with memory screenings and clinic.

B. Membership Subcommittee Committee acknowledged past RAC member Wendy Farr is moving to Utah and will be working for the Alzheimer's Association.

C. Strategic Review Subcommittee – quarterly (March, June, September, December)

D. AAA Director’s Report Mr. Jody Barker acknowledged the collaboration spirit in the contracted providers. He reminded RAC members and visitors to sign in and track mileage as it is crucial to help with the Older American Act funding match needed to draw down all the funding available. Thank you to TRS Chair Chris Larson and committee. ARPA funding is coming and staff is doing additional planning along with quarterly provider meetings to look at infrastructure and capital projects. Spend down can go through September 2026.

He attended the US Aging Policy Briefing in Washington DC and the match requirement was one of the topics. There was advocating on regional, state ad national levels. Senator Casey from PA is proposing new aging funding package and the Biden Administration did make a funding difference for Ombudsmen and APS services. Mr. Jody Barker has a phone call appointment with Senator Bennet's office.

April 26, 2022 Mr. Jody Barker spoke at the Capital on the Senior Homestead Exemption bill which has failed at this point, but will continue with planning for next year.
New Yellow Books are available through PPAAA staff Lucy Jacobs. The State has begun planning for the new Four Year Plan process.

Funding will be coming through the PPAAA to provide scholarships for CNA training.

E. **RAC Chair Report** Chair Babbitt thanked TRS and noted that with 17 proposals with 1 hour of review results in a minimum of 17 hours of service, then add on the meetings. Additionally, the group reviewed transportation proposals. She shared a flyer tool that agencies can use to create for home repair and home modification ideas and services. She mentioned the idea of RAC meetings starting to go on the road again to visit other sites.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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8. **ADJOURNMENT** Chair Babbitt adjourned at 12:15.

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