



Pikes Peak Area
Council of Governments
Communities Working Together

Area Agency on Aging
REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
10:00 – 12:00
September 22, 2022

Meetings will be held in a hybrid format to allow in-person attendance as well as a Zoom option.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM/INTRODUCTIONS** (Quorum is 5 members)
2. **CONSENT ITEMS**
 - A. **Agenda** – September 22, 2022
 - B. **Minutes** – August 25, 2022
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** For Items not on the agenda
4. **ACTION ITEMS**
5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. **Presentations:** New Vision Services, Rebecca Shields, Founder and iSight Connections, Tim Richard, Founder/CEO. October is Meet the Blind Month
 - B. **Membership Subcommittee**
 - C. **Strategic Review Subcommittee – quarterly (March, June, September, December)**
 - D. **AAA Director’s Report**
 - E. **RAC Chair Report**
6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. **By Law Addition of Emeritus Director Membership.** Vote in October.
7. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS & NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting – October 27, 2022
RAC Executive Committee meeting – First Wednesdays at 1:00, via Zoom.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**



**Area Agency on Aging
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MEETING MINUTES**

10:00 – 12:00

August 25, 2022

Meeting held via ZOOM ONLY

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1. **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM/INTRODUCTIONS** (Quorum is 5 members)
Chair Babbitt called the meeting to order at 10:00. A quorum was present.
2. **CONSENT ITEMS**
Mr. Aric Bidwell moved to accept the agenda and minutes. Ms. Jenn Nimmo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
 - A. **Agenda** – August 25, 2022
 - B. **Minutes** – July 28, 2022
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** For Items not on the agenda. Meeting was held at the Woodland Park Senior Center prior to the Four Year Plan Community Conversation.
4. **ACTION ITEMS**
5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. **Presentations**
 - B. **Membership Subcommittee**
 - C. **Strategic Review Subcommittee – quarterly (March, June, September, December)** Ms. Jenn Nimmo thanked all the work on behalf of the Four Year Plan and will look forward to results and reports.
 - D. **AAA Director’s Report** Mr. Jody Barker gave Four Year Plan updates: two Community Conversations done in Park County. Community of Caring is next week. We are discussing collaboration on the conversations with Innovations in Aging as they are hosting meetings in El Paso County around Age Friendly 2.0. Preliminary findings from the Community Assessment Survey of Older Adults (CASOA) should be in by the first of the year. It is PPACG budget time through November. The PP Commission on Aging is working through strategic planning and hope to have more crossover with the RAC.
 - E. **RAC Chair Report** Chair Babbitt has enjoyed facilitating the Community Conversations and we have had good turn out from RAC members.
6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7. CALENDAR OF EVENTS & NEXT MEETING

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8. ADJOURNMENT Chair Babbitt adjourned at 10:27.

Present	Name		Agency/Affiliation	Term off	Renew
X	Bea	Babbitt	Colorado Springs	12/22	N
X	Jody	Barker	AAA Director		
X	Bill	Boles	Park County	12/21	Y
X	Aric	Bidwell	Department of Human Services	12/21	Y
X	Joann	Ruth	Colorado Springs	12/22	Y
X	Marylyn	Massey	Colorado Springs	12/22	Y
X	Jenn	Nimmo	Colorado Community Health Alliance	12/20	Y
	Carol	Parks	Teller County	Appointed	
X	RoseMary	Jaramillo	Colorado Springs	12/23	Y
	Chris	Sheehan Larson	Park County	Appointed	
	Kimberly	Bryant	El Paso County	12/23	Y
X	Mary	Koepp	El Paso County	Appointed	
X	Maria	Cordova	El Paso, Park, Teller	12/24	Y
X	Debi	Levin- Stankevich	Colorado Springs	12/24	Y
X			PPACG Staff		



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REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AAA PROVIDER PRESENTATION

AGENCY/PROVIDER NAME:	iSight Connections
REPRESENTATIVE(S):	Jared Graham and Tim Richard
ADDRESS:	Itinerant
SERVICE AREA:	El Paso and Teller
PHONE:	719-229-8000
EMAIL:	Admin@isightconnections.org

PPACG AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUNDED SERVICES PROVIDED:

- VI-Blind and Visually Impaired Education
- VI-Case Management for Visually Impaired
- VI-Information and Assistance for the Visually Impaired
- VI-Material Aid Assistive Technology for VI

Briefly address your agency's accomplishments, challenges, and unmet needs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Hired on Jared Graham as a Volunteer Program Manager to create a continuum of services for our seniors.
- We have contracts with two new teachers, another Assistive Technology Instructor and Teacher of the Visually Impaired.
- We now have five teachers available for providing instruction in Orientation and Mobility, Daily Living Skills, Assistive Technology, and Low Vision.
- We started a pilot program to train volunteers to become companion readers for our seniors.
- With the capital funding from PPACG, we purchased 30 iPads to train seniors with vision loss how to access email, research, and use accessibility apps.
- We updated our website, www.isightconnections.org.

CHALLENGES:

- Finding Certified teachers and resources to meet our communities' vast needs
- Building the systems and infrastructure to expand services to our large and expanding needs within our community
- Building a volunteer program to serve the seniors with vision loss while they are on the waitlist for certified teachers.

UNMET NEEDS/WAITLIST:

- With our current teachers and staff, as well as funding, we can offer a few hours a month to roughly 18 seniors, as they are needed.
- Currently, an unmet need would be information and educational events in various locations to offer broad training to groups, as well as information on resources and our services.
- Another unmet need we currently face is offering extended interaction beyond initial training, as many of our seniors hope to maintain relationships and receive continued interaction beyond training. We are hoping to remedy this need as we develop our volunteer program and receive the volunteers needed to meet this need.
- Additionally, we are unable to meet the need for offering transportation out of their homes for purposes such as grocery shopping, outings and other activities. Many don't have options for getting around and are hopeful for ways to get around and are repeatedly requesting this service.
- With the great need for our services, we have reached a waitlist which we are currently monitoring as we attempt to bring in new teachers and volunteers to meet the need. We balance the waitlist through a combination of prioritization of geographical location with regards from teacher to senior location, schedules and current seniors they are serving. We keep track of those waiting to receive services through a spreadsheet and attempt to stay in contact to prevent anyone feeling like they fell between the cracks or have become forgotten.

WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE THE RAC TO KNOW?

- We are looking forward to growing a large sustainable volunteer companionship program to support our local seniors with vision loss for as long as they need
- We are working with a nonprofit consultant to develop and establish services in a sustainable way to build for the future and expansion of services for seniors with vision loss.
- We are growing our Board of Directors.



DATE: September 22, 2022
TO: PPACG Regional Advisory Council
FROM: Membership Committee
THROUGH: Membership Chair
SUBJECT: BY LAW AMMENDMENT: EMERITUS DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

SUMMARY

Mr. Jody Barker is seeking opportunities to further develop leadership on the RAC. One opportunity is around Chair succession. He has proposed that departing Chairs, if their 2nd RAC term is up, could stay on for another year in an Emeritus Director role. **An Emeritus Director** is a former board Chair who is invited to stay on board for another one year term as a nonvoting member in an advisory capacity.

PROPOSED MOTION

This motion is up for discussion as the RAC Executive Committee does support the addition of this membership role.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION – NONE

BACKGROUND

Frequently Chairs of councils are serving in this capacity during their final terms. Consequently, when the role is over, they typically are off the Council which can lead to a gap in leadership. Allowing them to remain as nonvoting and advisory members can help for continuity.

ATTACHMENT(S) - NONE

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.