Area Agency on Aging
REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
December 1, 2022

This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with in-person option in the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room, and remotely through Zoom.

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

2. CONSENT ITEMS
   A. Agenda – December 1, 2022
   B. Minutes – October 27, 2022

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS For Items not on the agenda

4. ACTION ITEMS
   A. Vote on Chair and Vice Chair

5. INFORMATION ITEMS
   A. Presentations
   B. Membership Subcommittee – welcome Teller County Appointee Jim Woodard
   C. Strategic Review Subcommittee – Four Year Plan updates
   D. AAA Director’s Report
   E. RAC Chair Report

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. CALENDAR OF EVENTS & NEXT MEETING
   Next Meeting – Jan. 26, 2023
   RAC Executive Committee meeting – First Wednesdays at 1 p.m., via Zoom.

8. ADJOURNMENT
1. **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM/INTRODUCTIONS** (Quorum is 5 members)
   Chair Babbitt called the meeting to order at 10:05. A quorum was present.

2. **CONSENT ITEMS**
   Ms. Jenn Nimmo moved to accept the agenda and minutes. Mr. Bill Boles seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
   
   A. **Agenda** – October 27, 2022
   B. **Minutes** – September 22, 2022

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

4. **ACTION ITEMS**
   A. **Vote**: Bylaw Membership category addition: At-large Past-Chair. Mr. Jody Barker made a motion to approve the new category, Ms. Jo Ruth seconded. It passed unanimously.

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
   A. **Presentations**: Colorado Legal Services. Managing Attorney Sarah Lipka and staff social worker Amy Keckler presented. Colorado Legal Services is a nonprofit that was founded in 1925. They provide advice, brief services, and full representation in the areas of housing, domestic relations, consumer law, public benefits. Housing takes up 42% of services. In July 2021 they added the services of a social worker in the El Paso County area, they are now adding a Client Director and two more positions to this role. On November 20th they are moving to a new and larger location at 102 S. Tejon. They will also be closer to the courthouse.

   B. **Membership Subcommittee**: It was shared that RAC member Carol Parks had passed away. We acknowledge the amazing support and guidance she provided the RAC in service to seniors over the past many years she served. Teller County is mourning her loss as well. Mr. James Woodard has been referred to the RAC.
for membership from the Teller County Senior Coalition. His name was shared with the Teller County Commissioners to see about a formal appointment from the Commissioners for his membership.

C. **Strategic Review Subcommittee – quarterly (March, June, September, December)** Ms. Jenn Nimmo and other RAC members listened in to the CASOA (Community Assessment Survey of Older Adults) finding presentation at the State AAA Director meeting on 10/20. These results will be shared in the December meeting.

D. **AAA Director’s Report**

i. **Four Year Plan.** We are finishing up the Community Conversations with much interest from attendees. We will soon begin the next steps with the Strategic Review Subcommittee. Consider joining in on this effort.

ii. **ARPA funding** The Technical Review Subcommittee will begin work around allocating this funding by 9/30/24.

iii. **Carryover Funding** This will be available again this with year but next year will be capped. It is critical that the Area Agency on Aging and providers spend down their allocated funding, once the cap is established we will not have access to recoup our unspent contracted funds.

iv. **Homestead Funding** This source of funding will expire 6/30/2023. For our region it has been approximately an extra $300,000 for the past three years.

v. **FEMA Major Disaster declaration** We are currently still operating under the more flexible service provision allowed with the declaration. It is expected to be removed in the near future. There will be a 30 day notice period with an additional 60 days to adapt back to the traditional service delivery. We are taking steps now to be prepared for that.

vi. **Golf Acres** the commercial space where the Colorado Springs Senior Center and other senior businesses operate will be closing to allow rebuilding of the Senior Center. New Vision and Community Dental Health are 2 of our contracted providers who have to relocate by March 31. Everyone be on the lookout for space. New Vision needs approximately 1300 sq. ft. and Community Dental Health 2900 sq. ft. Both need space that accommodates for mobility needs.

vii. **Quarterly Provider Meeting** hosted on 10/19. Next one 1/18/23. RAC members can attend.

E. **RAC Chair Report** Chair Babbitt shared about the Community Conversations and the diverse needs being brought up. Most important is, how do we get the word out to seniors? The Yellow Book is a great resource and we need additional avenues to reach our target population.
6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. CALENDAR OF EVENTS & NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting – December 1, 2022. To accommodate Thanksgiving break.
RAC Executive Committee meeting – First Wednesdays at 1:00, via Zoom.

The Independence Center is a fully accessible polling location at 729 S. Tejon for the upcoming election. They also have staff to help with Connect 4 Health Colorado insurance at 719-471-8181.

8. ADJOURNMENT Chair Babbitt adjourned at 11:24.

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