



**MEETING AGENDA**  
**AREA AGENCY ON AGING REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**May 23, 2024, 10 a.m.**

In Person

PPACG Main Conference Room – 14 S. Chestnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905

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1. **CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM / INTRODUCTIONS** (Quorum is 4 members)
2. **AGENDA APPROVAL**
3. **CONSENT ITEMS** These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless they are called up for discussion by a council member or a citizen wishing to address the council.
  - A. Approval of the minutes from the April 25, 2024 meeting ☒
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**
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5. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. Membership: Approve Vincent Yanik to replace outgoing Department of Human Services staff Aric Bidwell.
6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
  - A. Presentations:
    - Colorado’s Digital Equity Plan – Ms. Melanie Colletti, Digital Equity Manager CO Dept. of Labor and Employment
  - B. Membership Subcommittee -
    - Resignation of Marylyn Massey and Mary Koepp. Need for additional members and availability of First Vice Chair. Mr. Bill Boles will continue as Second Vice Chair. Nominations at June meeting for Chair Stankevich to appoint.
  - C. Strategic Review Subcommittee ☒
  - D. TRS Subcommittee RFP dates and meetings.
    - Final PPACG Board approval May
    - Contracts prepared and executed by July 1, 2024
  - E. AAA Director’s Report
  - F. RAC Chair Report
7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**8. MEETING SCHEDULE**

**A.** Next meeting – June 27, 2024 **VIRTUAL ONLY**

**B.** RAC Executive Committee meeting – First Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., via Microsoft Teams

**C.** PPACG Schedule ☒

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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**AREA AGENCY ON AGING REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEMBERS**

Thirty percent of the current voting committee membership (rounded up to the nearest whole number) shall constitute a quorum.

**CITIZENS-AT-LARGE**

**CITY OF CALHAN**

Vacant

**CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS**

Marylynn Massey (Chair) Expires 12/31/25\*  
Joanne Ruth Expires 12/31/25\*  
Debi Levin-Stankevich (Vice Chair, TRS Chair)  
Expires 12/31/24

**CITY OF FOUNTAIN**

Gordon Rick City Appt.

**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS**

Vacant

**CITY OF WOODLAND PARK**

Vacant

**CITY OF VICTOR**

Vacant

**EL PASO COUNTY**

Mary Koepf County Commissioner Appt.  
Maria Elena Cordova incl. Park and Teller Counties  
(Membership Chair) Expires 12/31/24

**TOWN OF ALMA**

Vacant

**TOWN OF CRIPPLE CREEK**

Vacant

**TOWN OF FAIRPLAY**

Vacant

**TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS**

Vacant

**TOWN OF MONUMENT**

Laura Kronick (SRS Chair) Town appointment

**TOWN OF PALMER LAKE**

Vacant

**TOWN OF RAMAH**

Vacant

**PARK COUNTY**

Bill Boles (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair) Expires 12/31/24\*

**TELLER COUNTY**

Jim Woodard County Commissioner Appt.

**EL PASO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**

Aric Bidwell Expires 12/31/26\*

**COLORADO SPRINGS ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**

Rosemary Jaramillo Expires 12/31/25\*

**PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Melissa Marts  
Jody Barker

**AAA REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Regional Advisory Council of the Area Agency on Aging consists of laypersons and service providers who represent the interests of older adults in the AAA Planning and Service Area of El Paso, Park and Teller counties, and advocate on their behalf.



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**AREA AGENCY ON AGING REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**April 25, 2024, 10 a.m.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM / INTRODUCTIONS** (Quorum is 4 members). Mr. Jody Barker called the meeting to order at 10:00. A quorum was present.
2. **AGENDA APPROVAL** Mr. Bill Boles motioned to approve, Ms. Laura Kronick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **CONSENT ITEMS** These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless they are called up for discussion by a council member or a citizen wishing to address the council.
  - A. Approval of the minutes from the March 28, 2024 meeting  Ms. Jo Ruth motioned to approve, Mr. Bill Boles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. Public Comments. Public comment can be made before or during the meeting. Public comment during the meeting is limited to three minutes and can be done at the meeting location or remotely by using the posted Microsoft Teams link. Individuals are encouraged to notify the meeting organizer at [ppacg@ppacg.org](mailto:ppacg@ppacg.org) before the start of the meeting with the agenda item they would like to comment on. Public comments can be submitted before the meeting via email to [ppacg@ppacg.org](mailto:ppacg@ppacg.org) for distribution to the committee members.
  - B. Mr. Jason DeaBueno mentioned the week is volunteer recognition time and he acknowledged the work of Silver Key volunteer. Silver Key is hosting two events in May. The Senior Sunrise on May 10 at the Marriott and Senior Summit on May 16 at Great Wolf Lodge.
5. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. Technical Review Subcommittee present 2024-2026 funding . Mr. Jody Barker motioned to approve and Ms. Jo Ruth seconded. Discussion included Jody reminding the RAC that the new providers recommended will be officially determined once the final state allocation comes down. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
  - A. Presentations:
  - B. Membership Subcommittee
  - C. Strategic Review Subcommittee
  - D. TRS Subcommittee RFP dates and meetings
    - Meeting February 1, 2024
    - Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and 30-day comment period for RFPs through the Federal Transportation Authority (FTA)
    - Final RAC review April 2024

- Final PPACG Board approval May
  - Contracts prepared and executed by July 1, 2024
- E.** AAA Director’s Report. Mr. Jody Barker thanked all the providers in attendance for the Provider Fair and for their advocacy at the state level to assist with funding. PPAAA is working to get contracts finalized by July 1. Ms. Melody Hannah is building out processes in OASYS. Any changes done after 7/1/24 will be through Contract Amendments. The PPACG Board will do an Older Americans Month proclamation at the May meeting. PPAAA will celebrate 50 years of the Older Americans Act in the fall.
- F.** RAC Chair Report. Chair Stankevich thanked the RAC for their support as she steps into her 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting as Chair and welcomed the providers. Introductions for all the providers was completed.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**8. MEETING SCHEDULE**

- A.** Next meeting – May 23, 2024 at PPACG.
- B.** RAC Executive Committee meeting – First Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m., via Microsoft Teams
- C.** PPACG Schedule

**9. ADJOURNMENT** Join Annual Provider Fair. Chair Stankevich adjourned at 10:30.

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**PPAAA 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2027**

**Primary Blueprint of Action – RAC Priorities and Interests for 2024**

**Quarterly Meetings: 10/2023, 2/2024, 5/2024**

AAA Service Delivery	Area of Need from CASOA, staff, community mtgs	Action Item	PPACG Goal	Watching 2024	Product 2024	Outcome 2024
Transportation Coordination	Transportation Rural	Refine transportation services and increase access	Transportation	<p>Watch medical and non-medical</p> <p>Strategies from Park county meeting.</p> <p>Neighbor to neighbor</p> <p><b>**Service providers to central agency and transport people to agency – pay more to El Paso county transit provider to go to Park</b></p> <p>TSC bus run</p>	<p>TRS proposed to fund CarePool using 5310 funds.</p> <p>Funding approved as a voucher pending additional state funds.</p> <p>Fairplay is starting a circulator. Lack of funding overall makes this difficult</p>	

<p>Transportation Coordination</p>	<p>Transportation Urban</p>	<p>Improve a coordinated plan for transportation needs with emphasis on equity</p>	<p>Transportation</p>	<p>Expectations for providers to be more accessible</p>	<p>PPACG updating Long Range Transit Plan. 2 open houses held. 5/17/24 virtual office hours with consultants for input. Final plan due in Sept.</p> <p>Ecolane is starting with Envida leading mid April. Agencies and participants need new model and new training.</p> <p><b>Laura Crews will oversee VISTA for Travel Training.</b></p>	
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Caregiver Support	Caregiving coordination and respite	Increase caregiver base and resources for them	Aging objectives			
Caregiver Support	Caregiving outreach	Increase caregiver services to communities of color and LGBTQ+	Aging objectives			
Case Management Material Aid	Preserve housing Homemaker Chore Home modifications	Increase emphasis on short term case management of qualifying individuals, with special emphasis on equity outreach. Seek additional funding and volunteer opportunities.	Aging objectives			



<p>Legal Case management</p>	<p>Preserve housing Eviction protection</p>	<p>Assist seniors in establishing appropriate legal supports prior to or following death of a spouse</p>	<p>Aging objectives</p>			
<p>Administration</p>	<p>Broadband</p>	<p>Advocate and establish service in rural areas</p>	<p>Advocacy Aging objectives</p>	<p>Qtrly updates to RAC from PPCOA</p> <p>Focus on what RAC can control. Ensure access to tech too.</p> <p>CDOT plan for fiber. (Fiber to Hwy 24, Green Mtn Falls has grant money)</p> <p>Monitor the State Plan for engagement (AARP and Innovations in Aging)</p>	<p>PPCOA is working on building out healthcare with broadband access.</p> <p>Laura K and Jen met with PPCOA, State Digital Equity presents to RAC on 5/23/24</p> <p>Tech labs – Silver Key, PCSC 1:1 support</p>	

					<p>State Broadband Roadshow June ? for 3 counties in FAirplay</p> <p>Bring CDOT and Andrew (PPACG ED) to present to RAC.</p> <p>Erin (Innovations in Aging) and Dayton with AARP present.</p>	
<p>Administration</p> <p>Information and Assistance</p> <p>All services</p>	<p>Outreach</p>	<p>Establish education and outreach strategy and messaging. State and local level.</p>	<p>Advocacy</p> <p>Aging Objectives</p>	<p>#1. Addressing rural, SHIP, ombuds, case management, caregiver.</p> <p>Splain Consulting is contracted at state level to help.</p>	<p>SHIP outreach summer 2024</p> <p>Assoc. Director oversees Ombuds and Ombuds has a volunteer ombudsman.</p>	

				Coordinate with contracted agencies to collaborate outreach	C4A is working on this.  Flyer created.  YB will note AAA funded services	
Ombudsmen	Education for identification and prevention of abuse and neglect	Establish outreach campaign to residents as well as the community	Advocacy  Aging objectives			
SHIP	Retirement planning  SHIP	Increase reach to populations moving into retirement with special emphasis on equity outreach	Advocacy  Aging objectives			
SHIP	SHIP Medicaid and Medicare support	Increase reach to seniors with	Advocacy			

Case Management		emphasis on rural and equity outreach	Aging objectives			
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Innovation and Expansion: Transit, caregiver outreach, eviction preventions, retirement planning, meals, **volunteers**, DEI throughout.

**Volunteers: coordination, utilization, intergenerational. Volunteer Manager and VISTA has been created. Associate Director to manage. Hired Dali Moncada as the Volunteer Manager. Laura Crews will oversee VISTA for Travel Training.**

**Client stories:**

**EQUITY**

**Next quarterly provider meeting do a training. RFP did have a question relating to this need. Silver Key completed SAGE training. Jennifer Horn is available for provider training at no cost through June 30. PPAAA staff has done some training. RAC will be doing Digital Equity update on 5/23/24 and then Unconscious Bias and Creating Spaces on 6/27.**

Describe plans and include objectives and the measures (data elements and sources) that you will use to demonstrate your progress towards building equity and inclusion in your region. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

1. Determining services needed and effectiveness of programs, policies and services for older individuals whose needs were the focus of all centers funded under title IV in fiscal year 2019:

PPAAA has taken some actions in the past two years around building equity which has led us to have many aspects for growth in the next four years. We will pursue a needs assessment (Equity Assessment Checklist) which will then help to implement equity policy that includes staffing goals and creating space that is inclusive and intentional. We will have more PPAAA Staff go through the Sage certification to get our bronze certificate through Sage. The goal is for 25% of staff have to complete the training. We can build collaboration across the region and partner with organizations like Inside Out Youth Services. Additional opportunities include partnering with museums and public space events to raise awareness of our programs and host community events, expanding PPLD and school partnerships to make connections

with diverse older adults through other family members or grandparents taking care of grandchildren and supporting participant-directed/person-centered planning for older adults and their caregivers across the spectrum of LTSS, including home, community, and Ombudsman services.

Look to host monthly meetings with LGBTQ+ and DEI community. Create inclusive and intentional spaces. We will provide education to the agencies we fund and mandating education when needed.

2. Engagement in outreach with older individuals whose needs were the focus of all centers funded under title IV in fiscal year 2019;

PPAAA has some successes and we recognize areas for growth. We hosted two Heritage Food Box programs with seniors in the Asian, African American, Latino and Native American communities and we have a LGBTQ certified therapist through SAGE. We need to continue work in the community to be more visible and let other nonprofits know we have trained staff to help with the diverse needs.

3. Impacting social determinants of health of older individuals.

We acknowledge the intersectionality of needs (from a racial, disability, veteran, sexual orientation/gender identity (SOGI). The challenges with accessibility (location, LEP, eligibility, cost) and stigmas including mental health and physical challenges and supports.

4. Ensuring meals can be adjusted for cultural considerations and preferences and providing medically tailored meals to the maximum extent practicable;

In the next four years, PPAAA can be more directly involved with food assistance to create an inroad for all AAA services. It is a great opportunity to do outreach and build trust in marginalized communities. Heritage food box expansion and possibly community meals would be a way we could connect. We could set up tables at mobile pantries to connect with seniors.

Items in font from 10/2023 meeting



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Communities Working Together

### Upcoming Meeting Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
May 23	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
May 28	9:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee
May 29	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee
June 5	8 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
June 5	1 p.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Executive Committee
June 7	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
June 12	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
June 18	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
June 20	8:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee – Executive Committee
June 20	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
June 25	9:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee
June 26	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
June 26	1 p.m.	Air Quality Technical Committee
June 26	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee
June 27	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
July 3	8 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
July 3	1 p.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Executive Committee
July 5	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
July 10	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
July 17	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
July 18	8:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee – Executive Committee
July 18	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
July 23	9:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee
July 24	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
July 24	1 p.m.	Air Quality Technical Committee
July 25	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
July 31	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee

Schedule as of May 17, 2024

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