

Advisory Council Meeting

January 10, 2019

Minutes

Held at **2573 Midpoint Drive, Ste. 108 Room 124**

Fort Collins, Colorado 80524

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| Members Present: | Jay Adams | Crystal Bloemen | Elaine Boni |
| | David Born | Sharon Courtney | Myles Crane |
| | Ferri Erickson | Bonnie Glass | Margaret Long |
| | Ellen Pihlstrom | Gregg Seebohm | Jody Shaddock-McNally |
| | Kristy Wygmans | Sharon Zamora | |
| Members Absent: | Kirsten Hartman | Roy Lilley | Katie Stieber |
| | Punkie Whitely | | |
| Staff Present: | Tina Corrigan-Hugo | Shelbie Engelking | Vanessa Fox |
| | Amber Franzel | Lukas Lundgreen | Katy Mason |
| | Lynette McGowan | Lynda Meyer | Stephanie Morris |
| | Eliza Piesman | Laura Walker | |
| Guests Present: | Jacki Marsh | | |

CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Courtney called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF

November 8, 2018

Minutes stand as presented.

PARTNER PANEL PRESENTATION: Ombudsman Program

Lynda Meyer introduced Amber Franzel, Shelbie Engelking and Eliza Piesman who gave a presentation on the Ombudsman Program. Eliza stated that an Ombudsman is a local official appointed to investigate complaints against agencies that may be infringing on the rights of individuals and went on to explain their role in long-term care facilities. Shelbie gave examples of how they consult with residents, families and staff of long term care facilities. Amber explained a few of the new assisted living regulations.

OFFICE ON AGING UPDATE (LCOA)

Lynda announced that Tori Wimmer's hours have been increased to cover increased call volume at the Office on Aging. She also stated that there is no waiting list for the Homemaker and Chore Voucher programs. Lynda reported that she has asked grantees to send in any requests for supplemental funding. These requests will be prioritized partly based on increased units of service. Lynda has been working on writing the Four-Year Plan and is planning to have a draft completed by the last week of January to discuss in February committee meetings and have available for public input at February's Council meeting.

Stephanie Morris distributed site visit packets and discussed the process. Contact Stephanie if you have any questions.

Katy Mason gave an update on transportation. The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) and the Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC) have received two grants to create a plan for a countywide transportation program and are currently applying for a third grant.

Lynette McGowan gave a brief case study of a caregiver program.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Gregg Seebohm read an autobiography about Sharon Zamora.

COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Executive Committee

Sharon stated that the Committee will be meeting with the Boulder Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to discuss how their advisory council operates.

Public Policy & Education Committee (PP&E)

Gregg reported that the Committee is meeting with state legislators. Gregg reminded members to call VOA to make a reservation if attending a congregate meal site. Gregg announced that the Fraud & Scams Forum will be on April 23, 2019 from 2:00-3:00 at the Chilson Senior Center and that Senior Day at the Capitol is on March 13, 2019.

Grantee Management & Evaluation (GM&E)

Ferri Erickson reported that the Committee had Linda Rumney give presentations on the In-Home, Chore and Material Aid Voucher programs as part of the onsite review process. Ferri stated that the Committee also went over the Four-Year Plan goals with Lynda.

LIAISON REPORTS

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Myles Crane reported that the SAB approved its' annual report, discussed 2019 plans and addressed some issues about housing and transportation.

Loveland Senior Advisory Board (SAB)

Katy reported on behalf of Dixie Huff. The SAB discussed officer nominations and set goals for 2019.

Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)

Katy stated that because there are so many projects happening within the PAFC, it would be best if one group reports out at each Council meeting. Margaret Long and Lynette gave an update on the Culture of

Aging work group. Currently, this group is tackling ageism. There are five active self-directed volunteer teams (SDVT). Projects include:

- Launching a film series in March 2019 that will include pre- and post-survey on attitudes about aging. The event will end with a facilitated discussion.
- The age-friendly employers project has surveyed 50 employers on hiring older workers. This will help with developing good marketing materials which will be distributed at the workforce symposium.
- 'Still Wise-Cracking' blog has 20 contributing writers.
- Circle of Care, a project by developed by Boulder County, is about matching volunteers with isolated seniors to go to a movie, play or other cultural event.
- Intergenerational Conversations, this project has been initiated by Jody Shadduck-McNally's daughter and will launch in Berthoud and Loveland.

Margaret stated that one area the Culture of Aging would like to work on in the future is seniors and technology.

ADJOURNMENT

Sharon adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.