

Agenda
Advisory Committee on Aging
Friday, June 26, 2026
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

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- 1 11:00 a.m. Call to Order and Introductions
- 2 11:05 a.m. Public comment
Up to 45 minutes is allocated now for public comment and each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If there are additional requests from the public to address the Committee, time will be allocated at the end of the meeting to complete public comment.
- 3 11:10 a.m. Introduction from the new Chair – Barbara Boyer

Consent agenda

- 4 11:20 a.m. Move to Approve Consent Agenda
Minutes from May 15, 2026, meeting. (Attachment A)

Action item

- 5 11:25 a.m. Discussion of an additional Choice Services in-home provider – Travis Noon (Attachment B)



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- 6 11:35 Discussion on canceling the July ACA meeting – Chair Boyer
(Attachment C)

Informational briefings

- 7 11:45 a.m. Four Year Plan Key Informant Session – Kelly Roberts (Attachment D)
- 8 12:45 p.m. DRCOG Board Report
- 9 12:50 p.m. County Reports

Administrative items

- 10 12:55 p.m. Other Matters by Members

Next meeting to be determined.

- 11 1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Calander of future meetings

July 24, 2026 – To be determined

August 28, 2026 – Virtual

September 25, 2026 – Virtual

October 23, 2026 – In person

November 2026 – To be determined

December 2026 – To be determined

January 22, 2027 – Virtual

February 26, 2027 – Virtual

March 26, 2027 – Virtual

April 23, 2027 – Virtual

May 28, 2027 – Virtual

June 25, 2027 – Virtual

ATTACH A

Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA)

Meeting Summary

Friday, May 15, 2026

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Members Present

Ada Anderson	Douglas County
Anna Cool	City and County of Denver
Barbara Boyer	Arapahoe County
Connie Ward	Jefferson County
Dawn Perez	Adams County
Donna Mullins	Jefferson County
Gretchen Lopez	Douglas County
Paula Hillman	Arapahoe County
Steve Conklin	DRCOG Board Edgewater
Wynne Shaw	DRCOG Board-Lone Tree

Guests Present

Laura Clemson, City and County of Broomfield, Rachel McCarl, Unfold.

DRCOG Staff Present

AJ Diamontopoulos, Senior Management Analyst, Jayla Sanchez- Warren, AAA Division Director, Kelsey Jurin, Program Manager Transportation Services, Kendra Carmickle, Service Coordinator Transportation Services Mason Green, Compliance Specialist Grants AAA Business Operations, Mindy Patton, Division Assistant, Travis Noon, Manager AAA Business Operations, Yevette Del Conte, Intake Specialist.

Call to Order

Wynne Shaw Committee Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Public Comment Period (Non-ACA Members)

There was no public comment.

Report of the Vice Chair – Wynne Shaw

There was no report of the Vice Chair.

Report of the AAA Director – Jayla Sanchez-Warren

There was no report of the AAA Director

Move to approve consent agenda

Items on the consent agenda included: April 24, 2026, meeting summary.

Dawn Perez motioned for approval. Barbara Boyer seconded the motion; the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

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Action Item

Fiscal Year 2027 Older Americans Act and State Funding for Services Funding Recommendations.

DRCOG's FY27 recommendations outline how federal Older Americans Act and state senior-services dollars will be distributed throughout the region, focusing on sustaining essential programs for older adults while responding to shifting community needs. With nearly \$20 million in requests but only about \$13.3 million available, DRCOG applied a structured evaluation process: proposals were screened for eligibility and then scored on service need, cost effectiveness, provider capacity, expected outcomes, and overall clarity. These scores guided funding levels, but federal requirements also shaped the final distribution, particularly for nutrition programs, caregiver support, evidence-based health initiatives, transportation, in-home services, and legal assistance. More flexible state funds were used strategically to fill remaining service gaps.

Once preliminary allocations were set, DRCOG conducted a county-level equity review to ensure funding was balanced across the region's diverse communities. This led to targeted adjustments, including increased support for rural and mountain areas where service access can be more limited.

The final recommendations maintain stable funding for core services, nutrition, transportation, in-home care, caregiver support, legal assistance, and other supportive programs, while also bringing new providers into the network. These additions strengthen the region's capacity to deliver meals, expand transportation options, enhance in-home support, broaden caregiver

resources, and introduce new evidence-based health programs, ensuring older adults across the region continue to receive essential, high-quality services.

The presentation concluded with appreciation for the subcommittee and staff who dedicated time to the RFP process, followed by a roll-call vote. Ten committee members were present, constituting a quorum, and the motion passed unanimously.

Election of ACA Chair and Vice Chair

An email sent out prior to the meeting provided two nominees, Ed Moss for Chair and Chris Lynn for Vice Chair, they both turned down the nominations. Ed is overloaded with other obligations, and Chris is retiring on May 31 and leaving the committee. New nominations were requested. Donna Mullins nominated Barbara Boyer for Chair, Barbara accepted the nomination. Wynne Shaw confirmed she is willing to serve as Vice Chair. No other nominations were offered.

A vote was held by voice, and members expressed their approval. The group moved forward with the slate of Barbara Boyer as Chair and Wynne Shaw as Vice Chair.

DRCOG Board Report

Steve Conklin reported that several board members and DRCOG staff traveled to Seattle for an exchange with the Puget Sound regional planning organization. He said the trip was exceptionally well organized and praised DRCOG staff for putting together an outstanding experience for the 25–30 board members who attended.

County Reports

Arapahoe

Barbara Boyer shared her excitement about upcoming activities with the Arapahoe County Council on Aging. In June, the group will visit Byers, where they plan to spend a few hours doing yard work for local residents starting around 9 a.m. She invited anyone from the ACA who enjoys yard work to join. Jayla added that, based on her experience delivering meals in Byers during COVID, the yard work is very much needed.

Adams

Dawn Perez shared that Adams County recently held a Senior Resource Fair at the Northglenn Senior Center. Attendance was much higher than expected, but the team managed it well. She said the event was well attended and fun.

City and County of Denver

Anna Cool shared an update from Denver County, noting that she is leading the revamp of the city's Age-Friendly Report. On May 26, all city and county agencies will meet to discuss their aging-related work and opportunities for collaboration. The updated report is expected to be published in the fall. Jayla added that Denver has done an excellent job helping departments understand the needs of the city's aging population.

Douglas

Wynne Shaw reported that Douglas County recently held a senior resource fair hosted by South Suburban Parks and Recreation, serving the Centennial-to-Sheridan area. The event was very well attended, with about 300 participants. She noted that the strong turnout shows growing interest in senior issues, though funding for these types of events continues to be a challenge.

Jefferson

Connie Ward reported on recent Jefferson County events. The Whitlock Center held a Senior Resource Fair last week with over 300 attendees, and it was very well organized. She also shared that the Jefferson County Council on Aging hosted its Senior Heroes event yesterday, honoring 15 individuals making a positive impact in the community. She said it was a fantastic and meaningful celebration.

Other Matters by Members

Jayla shared that she is currently focused on writing the Area Plan on Aging. She and Kelly Roberts are organizing community conversations and key informant sessions. Once the full schedule is finalized, they will share it so others can attend sessions in their areas. She is actively writing the plan.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Discussion of an additional Choice Services in-home provider

Agenda item type: Action

Summary

This item pertains to adding another vetted provider to the Choice Services In-home program for homemaker, personal care, and caregiver respite services.

Background

The AAA Choice Service Program provides vouchers for eligible participants to receive In-home and Caregiver Respite services. DRCOG currently contracts with five in-home providers throughout the region, which include Alpine Homecare, Apollo Home Care Services, Firstlight Home Care Boulder, Firstlight Home Care Greater Denver, and Griswold Home Care.

DRCOG staff are proposing to add Home Instead Castle Rock to this list of vetted providers. The Choice Services program allows eligible participants to select the provider of their choosing from a list of vetted providers. DRCOG conducts an initial evaluation of the provider prior to issuing a contract for services. This evaluation includes a confirmation of licensure, a review of the most recent survey from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, review of their background check procedures, and ensures that they can comply with the requirements of DRCOG's contract and the SUA's policies and procedures.

DRCOG reviewed Home Instead's documentation and they met all the requirements. Adding Home Instead as a provider expands the programs reach allowing the AAA to serve clients on the waiting list who cannot be served by other providers in the program. Home Instead's service area includes Douglas County and the foothills areas of Jefferson County. Adding Home Instead to the vetted provider list does not change the budget for these contracts, which was approved by the DRCOG Board Finance and Budget Committee at their meeting on April 29, 2026. The Budget for Homemaker and Personal Care services is \$547,170 and \$168,088 is budgeted for In-home Respite.

Action by others

April 29, 2026 – Finance and Budget Committee adopted a resolution for fiscal year 2027.

Previous discussions/actions

April 24, 2026 – Advisory Committee on Aging made a recommendation.

Recommendation

Move to recommend to the DRCOG Board Finance and Budget committee approval of a contract with Home Instead Castle Rock as a choice services in-home provider for the period ending June 30, 2027.

Attachment

None

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Travis Noon, Manager, Administration and Finance at 303-480-6775 or tnoon@drcog.org

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Discussion on canceling the July ACA meeting

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

Vote to cancel the July 24th meeting.

Background

Historically the ACA has voted to cancel this meeting due to many vacationing members. This agenda item will be seeking member approval to cancel the July 24th meeting.

Action by others

None

Previous discussions/actions

None

Recommendation

Move to cancel the July 24, 2026, meeting.

Attachment

None

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Mindy Patton, Division Assistant, (303) 480-6723 or mpatton@drcog.org.

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Key Informant Session for ACA Members

Agenda item type: Discussion

Summary

Key Informant Session for the 2027-2031 Four-Year Plan

Background

ACA members will receive an overview of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) public engagement strategy for the 2027–2031 Four-Year Plan. AAA staff will ask targeted questions to gather committee input on the needs and challenges facing older adults in their communities. After the meeting, a link to a follow-up survey will be shared in the chat for members to complete.

Responses from the survey, along with feedback gathered during the facilitated discussion, will be combined with input from other regional meetings and survey comments submitted through the DRCOG website. All of this information will help inform the development of the Four-Year Plan.

Action by others

None



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Previous discussions/actions

None

Recommendation

None

Attachment

None

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Kelly Roberts, Community Resource Specialist, Area Agency on Aging, at (303)-480-6787 or kroberts@drcog.org.

