

**Agenda**  
**Advisory Committee on Aging**  
**Friday, August 23, 2024**  
**11:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.**  
**Broomfield Community Center**  
**280 Spader Way Broomfield, CO 80020**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Elmwood Room**

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- 1 11:00 a.m. Call to Order – roll call and introductions
- 2 11:15 a.m. Broomfield Community Center tour

**Informational briefings**

- 3 11:45 a.m. Broomfield Community Center Presentation and lunch (Attachment A)

**Consent agenda**

- 4 12:30 p.m. Move to Approve Consent Agenda  
Minutes from June 28, 2024, meeting.  
(Attachment B)
- 5 12:35 p.m. Report of the Chair – Bob Brocker
- 6 12:40 p.m. Report of the AAA Director – Jayla Sanchez-Warren
- 7 1:10 p.m. Public comment  
Up to 45 minutes is allocated 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.

- 8 1:20 p.m. DRCOG Board Report
- 9 1:30 p.m. County Reports

### **Administrative items**

- 10 **Next meeting will be held virtually on September 27, 2024.**
- 11 1:40 p.m. Other Matters by Members
- 12 1:45 p.m. Adjourn

### **Calander of future meetings**

September 27, 2024 – Virtual  
October 25, 2024 – In person  
November 22, 2024 – Virtual  
December 27, 2024 – Virtual  
January 24, 2025 – Virtual  
February 28, 2025 – Virtual  
March 28, 2025 – Virtual  
April 25, 2025 – In person  
May 23, 2025 – Virtual  
June 27, 2025 – In person  
July 25, 2025 - Virtual

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## **Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting**

**Name of Committee:** Advisory Committee on Aging

Meeting date: August 23, 2024

Agenda Item #: 3

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### **Broomfield Community Center Presentation and Lunch**

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

#### **Summary**

Staff from Broomfield Community Center will provide a tour and presentation on their senior programs funded by DRCOG. For lunch, the committee will be able to enjoy a congregate meal.

#### **Background**

The City and County of Broomfield (CCOB) has been offering services to its older adult residents since 2001 when it officially became a city and county. DRCOG has provided funding to CCOB Senior Services' caregiver respite and assisted transportation programs for the past 20 years.

The Caregiver Respite Program provides family caregivers with the temporary relief they need from day-to-day caregiving tasks by allocating to them a limited amount of no-cost, in-home care. In this grant year, CCOB will use DRCOG funding to serve over 50 caregivers with approximately 2,700 hours of in-home respite care.

The City and County of Broomfield's Easyride program is a demand-response paratransit service. Personal and nutritional trips are made within the City and County of Broomfield boundaries. Medical trips are provided within an approximate 100-square mile area. The program estimates to provide at least 330 older residents with over 16,000 one-way trips with DRCOG funding this fiscal year.

#### **Action by others**

None`

#### **Previous discussions/actions**

None

#### **Recommendation**

None



**Attachment**

None

**For more information**

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**ATTACH B**

**Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA)  
Meeting Summary  
Friday, June 28, 2024**

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**Members Present**

Ada Anderson	Douglas County
Barbara Boyer	Arapahoe County
Bob Brocker	City and County of Denver
Chris Lynn	Jefferson County
Dawn Perez	Adams County
Donna Mullins	Jefferson County
Greg Kahler	Adams County
Jim Dale	Jefferson County
Karie Erickson	Douglas County
Paul Haseman	DRCOG Board Golden
Phil Cernanec	Arapahoe County
Steve Conklin	DRCOG Board Edgewater
Wynne Shaw	DRCOG Board-Lone Tree

**Guests Present**

Angel Hurtado, Volunteers of America, Allison DeLozier, Volunteers of America, Jered Ratschkowsky, Volunteers of America

**DRCOG Staff Present**

AJ Diamontopoulos, Senior Management Analyst, Erin Iserman, Compliance Specialist, Fonda Buckles, ADRC Manager, Jayla Sanchez- Warren, AAA Division Director, Jennifer Reeves, Veterans & Community Options Manager, Kelly Roberts, Community Resource Specialist, Mason Green, AAA Grant Specialist, Mindy Patton, Division Assistant, Sharon Day, Manager AAA Business Operations, Travis Noon, AAA Grant Compliance Program Manager.

**Call to Order**

Karie Erickson Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

**Public Comment Period (Non-ACA Members)**

There was no public comment.

**Report of the Chair – Karie Erickson**

This was Chair Erickson's last time to oversee the meeting, she expressed how much she enjoyed the opportunity to be chair and appreciated the work done by the committee.

## **Report of the AAA Director – Jayla Sanchez-Warren**

Jayla thanked Chair Erickson for her service over the past two years.

The ACA met at Volunteers of America's Commerce City location, DRCOG staff thanked them for hosting and Jayla gave a brief background of Volunteers of America's association with DRCOG.

Jayla asked for an update from Jennifer Reeves, the Manager of the Veterans Direct Program (VDC), about the Change Healthcare ransomware attack that halted all payment claims for the VDC. Change Healthcare responsible for processing 15 billion U.S. medical claims annually, left thousands of medical providers and programs across the country unable to submit claims for several weeks. Mason Green, who was first informed of the attack in late February, has since found a new service provider to handle billing and has successfully processed \$1.3 million in claims.

Jayla referred to AJ Diamontopoulos for an update on the grant the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) received from the Administration for Community Health (ACL). In late May, the AAA was awarded \$468,000 from the ACL's \$21 million grant. These funds will be used to invest in the infrastructure of the AAA's Community Care Hub (Hub) and its network of partners over the next two years. AJ explained to the committee that the Hub is the backbone organization managing and supporting a network of community-based organizations. The Hub is designed to negotiate and manage contracts with healthcare providers, enabling the network to deliver and be paid for services such as food and transportation for their patients.

The AAA was informed that their funding would arrive at the end of June, which was later than anticipated. Sharon Day adjusted the budget to exclude the portion of the \$2 million that was not received. The state is withholding funds until they receive information about federal funding.

Jayla mentioned that they successfully avoided any staff layoffs despite the reduced budget. She is currently working on a three-year strategic plan to support staff in navigating recurring changes, ensuring that the AAA can continue to provide essential services, advocacy, and customer service. She noted that the AAA has not regained stability since COVID.

Jayla and AJ met with Kaiser to discuss the proposed pilot for providing AAA services to insurance companies. The doctors on the call were enthusiastic about the pilot and expressed interest in the services. However, since their budgets for the year have already been submitted, Kaiser will need to explore other funding options. Jayla said that they might not see any results from Kaiser until the end of the year.

### **Move to approve consent agenda**

Items on the consent agenda included: May 24, 2024, meeting summary.

Phil Cernanec motioned for approval. Wynne Shaw seconded the motion; the consent agenda was unanimously approved.



## **Action Item**

### **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

The committee nominated Bob Brocker, Wynne Shaw, and Ed Moss for both the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Bob Brocker was elected as the new ACA Chair, while Wynne Shaw was chosen as the new Vice Chair. They will each serve a two-year term.

### **Cancellation of the July 26, 2024, meeting**

Barbara Boyer motioned for approval to cancel the July 26<sup>th</sup> ACA meeting. Dawn Perez seconded the motion; cancellation of the meeting was unanimously approved.

## **Informational Briefings**

### **Volunteers of America presentation and tour**

Angel Hurtado, Allison DeLozier, and Jered Ratschkowsky presented to the committee about Volunteers of America, with the presentation attached to this document. They also shared two uplifting videos: [Volunteers of America Overview](#) and [Golden-woman-delivers-meals-with-a-side-of-heart-for-valentines-day](#). After the presentation, several committee members toured the facility.

### **DRCOG Board Report – Former DRCOG Board Chair Steve Conklin**

Steve Conklin informed the committee that the DRCOG Executive Committee has approved Jeff Baker as the new Board Chair. Colleen Whitlow will become Vice Chair, Rich Kondo will continue to serve as Treasurer and Steve Conklin will continue to serve as Immediate Past Chair and will also perform the duties of the Secretary.

Steve mentioned that Bike to Work Day was a great success. There was an estimated 19,000 participants.

### **County Reports**

#### **Adams County**

The Adams County Fair saw a great turnout with 40 vendors and over 100 participants. Another resource fair is scheduled for October, themed around Halloween.

#### **Arapahoe County**

The Arapahoe County Council on Aging (ACCOA) and the Adams County Aging Network (ACAN) hosted a combined resource fair. Attendance for this event is increasing, and they successfully raised funds through vendor fees.

#### **Douglas County**

Douglas County is continuing its road shows to engage with residents about their needs for living and aging in the county.

They are currently conducting a transit study and have reported that they can redirect DRCOG funds to provide additional services.

In the fall, 200 units of low-income older adult apartments will become available.

## Jefferson County

The Jefferson County Council on Aging is facing a funding shortage, impacting its operations. Meanwhile, Jim Dale is working on initiatives to protect people from extreme heat and cold.

### **Other Matters by Members**

There were no other matters discussed.

**Next meeting – Will be in person on August 23, 2024.**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.