

Agenda
Advisory Committee on Aging
Friday, May 24, 2024
11:00 a.m. – 1:20 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. Report of the Chair – Karie Erickson
- 4 11:20 a.m. Report of the AAA Director – Jayla Sanchez-Warren

Consent agenda


- 5 11:40 a.m. Move to Approve Consent Agenda
Minutes from April 26, 2024, meeting.
(Attachment A)

Action Item

- 6 11:45 a.m. Recommendation to approve allocating federal and state funds to Fiscal Year 2025 DRCOG AAA Choice Services Program Contractors
(Attachment B)

Informational briefings

- 7 12:05 p.m. Presentation on expanding funding – Torrie Fields
(Attachment C)



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- 8 12:45 p.m. Future of Aging Conference – Colorado Commission on Aging (Attachment D)
- 9 12:55 p.m. DRCOG Board Report
- 10 1:05 p.m. County Reports

Administrative items

- 11 1:15 p.m. Other Matters by Members

Next meeting June 28, 2024, in person, location to be determined.

- 12 1:20 p.m. Adjourn

Calendar of future meetings

June 28, 2024 – In person

July 26, 2024 – Virtual

August 23, 2024 – In person

September 27, 2024 – Virtual

October 25, 2024 – In person

November 22, 2024 – Virtual

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February 28, 2025 – Virtual

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ATTACH A

Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA)
Meeting Summary
Friday, April 26, 2024

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Members Present

Ada Anderson	Douglas County
Andrea Suhaka	Arapahoe County
Barbara Boyer	Arapahoe County
Bob Brocker	Denver
Chris Lynn	Jefferson County
Connie Ward	Jefferson County
David Appel	Jefferson County
Dawn Perez	Adams County
Edward Moss	Broomfield County
Greg Kahler	Adams County
Gretchen Lopez	Douglas County
Judi Kern	DRCOG Board Louisville
Karie Erickson	Douglas County
Paul Haseman	DRCOG Board Golden
Perla Gheiler	Denver
Shari Haidvogel	Clear Creek County
Steve Conklin	DRCOG Board Edgewater
Val Robson	Jefferson County
Wynne Shaw	DRCOG Board-Lone Tree

Guests Present

No guests were present.

DRCOG Staff Present

AJ Diamontopoulos, Senior Management Analyst Doug Rex, DRCOG Executive Director, Erika Dubray, ADRC Manager, Erin Iserman, Compliance Specialist, Jayla Sanchez- Warren, AAA Division Director, Kelly Roberts, Community Resource 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 11:15 a.m.

Public Comment Period (Non-ACA Members)

There was no public comment.

Report of the Chair – Karie Erickson

There was no report from the Chair.

Report of the AAA Director – Jayla Sanchez-Warren

- Jayla started by thanking everyone for their advocacy for more funding for the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). She briefly described what happened in the legislature, and how the allocation of \$2 million for all the AAAs in the state came about. She also updated the committee about the status of Senate Bill 40.
- The national office of AARP contacted Jayla to ask how funding changes at the state and federal level will impact service in 2025. She stated that some service contractors would not receive funding and that most would not be getting the amount they requested. She explained that AAA positions were cut. She shared waiting list information and said it will be harder for older adults to get the services they need in the state.
- Nymbl is one of the services that will not be receiving AAA funding because fall prevention and balance services are not required under the Older Americans Act. Because this service is one that older adults love and thousands of older adults use Nymbl, DRCOG and Kaiser are working together to hopefully sustain individual subscriptions beyond July 1, 2025. Kaiser would like to study the health impact on 3,000 Kaiser users that are members of the Nymbl program. If Kaiser can find a positive health outcome that they can attribute to Nymbl, they may pay for Nymbl subscriptions with their community benefit dollars. More than 26,000 older adults have used Nymbl since it was offered in the region.
- Jayla discussed the impact that budget reductions have on the internal programs of the AAA. She said that \$2.3 million of internal cuts were made that included reducing 7.5 positions, training, conferences, sponsorships, and outreach events. There will be a hiring freeze and all positions will be offered only internally for the foreseeable future. The AAA will continue to right size its state partnered programs and advocate for additional funding to support these programs. The AAA is pursuing a number of funding opportunities and expects a few of those opportunities to be realized. Until then the draft FY2024/2025 budget includes DRCOG reserve funding to backfill lost AAA funds in order to sustain the important work of internal programs.

Move to approve consent agenda

Items on the consent agenda included: March 22, 2024, meeting summary.

Paul Haseman motioned for approval. Val Robson seconded the motion; the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

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Action Item

Recommendation to approve allocating federal and state funds to AAA contractors – Sharon Day

Sharon Day began by explaining the process for distributing funds. This includes requirements of the Older Americans Act, for example, identifying the highest level of need, unserved and underserved areas, low-income minority, and those who are frail.

The ACA Funding Subcommittee participated in several meetings to evaluate and allot funds for the proposals submitted in January. Sharon asked for the committee to recommend that the DRCOG Board Finance and Budget Committee approve allocating funds to AAA contractors totaling approximately \$13.7 million for the state fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025. These were approved as follows:

Nutrition Services

Barbara Boyer motioned to recommend approval; Bob Brocker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Transportation Services

Perla Gheiler motioned to recommend approval; Barbara Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. With Bob Brocker, Karie Erickson, Dave Appel, and Ed Moss abstaining from the vote.

In-home Services

Andrea Suhaka motioned to recommend approval; Paul Haseman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. With Chris Lynn and Karie Erickson abstaining from the vote.

Caregiver Services

Dawn Perez motioned to recommend approval; Barbara Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. With Chris Lynn and Ed Moss abstaining from the vote.

All Other Services

Paul Haseman motioned to recommend approval; Bob Brocker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. With Perla Gheiler, Karie Erickson, Val Robson, Chris Lynn, and Ed Moss abstaining from the vote.

Informational briefing

Update of the revised ACA Guidelines – Kelly Roberts

Kelly told the committee that a work group was created in June of 2023 to review and revise the ACA Guidelines due to changes to both the federal and state requirements.

There were many meetings to review the guidelines. During this process it was decided by the work group that there would be procedures detailing the specifics of how the guidelines should be carried out to avoid amending them unless substantial changes are needed.

In the new regulations one of the bigger changes is there is no requirement for each county to have a county council. The work group has been seeking input from Jayla Sanchez-Warren and Doug Rex on how to accommodate this change and still have equal input from all counties. There is still more discussion and rewrites to be done in order to complete the revision before the work group can present it to the ACA for review. Ultimately the Guidelines will be provided to the DRCOG Board for final approval.

County Reports

Adams County

Adams County Aging Network is going to have two resource fairs this year. One will be held on June 12th from 9 a.m. to noon at the City of Thornton Community Connections Center, 9471 Dorothy Blvd. Thornton, CO, 80229. And another will be in October, their goal is to outreach to more seniors.

Arapahoe County

In June Arapahoe County and Adams County Aging Network will be hosting a joint meeting and food drive in Byers to help those on the Eastern Plains.

Douglas County

Douglas County is planning a follow-up to last year's listening tours starting in July.

Jefferson County

Jefferson County will be having their heroes event on May 9th at the Apex Center. The event honors their senior volunteers

Other Matters by Members

There were no other matters discussed.

Next meeting – May 24, 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. and a celebration of the AAA's 50th anniversary began.

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Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting

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2024-2025 Choice Services Program Contractors

Agenda item type: Action

Summary

This action is to recommend contracts with service providers for the Area Agency on Aging Choice Services program for the state fiscal year 2024-2025.

Background

DRCOG's Choice Services Program (CSP) provides vouchers to older adults in the Area Agency on Aging region to receive in-home care and/or transportation services. DRCOG staff complete assessments and offer consumers choices to receive service among a vetted list of providers. The budgets for transportation and in-home care services under the CSP are approximately \$1.3 million and \$570,000, respectively. CSP contractors are fee-for-service providers that are paid monthly based on redeemed vouchers. Service voucher redemptions are monitored by DRCOG staff no less frequently than monthly to assess program capacity for issuing new vouchers. The CSP providers were chosen based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, how long they have provided the service, the service area, the quality of the management team, and the agency's ability to comply with DRCOG and State requirements. Additionally, they must have the proper licensure, meet minimum insurance levels, and must be in good standing with the State.

Action by others

None

Previous discussions/actions

May 14, 2024 - Funding subcommittee members unanimously recommended approval to contract with CSP providers.

Recommendation

Move to recommend that the Board Finance and Budget Committee approve issuing contracts with providers for the AAA Choice Services Programs of up to \$1,292,800 total for transportation services and up to \$570,000 total for in-home care services for the state fiscal year of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.



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2024-2025 CSP Contractor List

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Sharon Day, AAA Business Operations Manager, at (303) 480-6705 or SDay@drcog.org.



FY2025 DRCOG AAA Choice Services Program Contractors

Contractor	Service	Contractor Since
1 Alpine Homecare	Homemaker/ Personal Care	2020
2 FirstLight Home Care of Boulder	Homemaker/ Personal Care	2020
3 FirstLight Home Care of Southwest Denver	Homemaker/ Personal Care	2020
4 Griswold Home Care	Homemaker/ Personal Care	2022
5 Apollo Home Care Services	Homemaker/ Personal Care	2022
6 Gentle Shepherd Home Care	Homemaker/ Personal Care	2023
7 HopSkipDrive	Transportation	2019
8 Uber	Transportation	2020
9 CarePool	Transportation	2022
10 MedRide	Transportation	2024
11 OnTheGo	Transportation	2024

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TFA Analytics Presentation

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

Torrie Fields, CEO & Managing Partner, TFA Analytics will give information on the current efforts in the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to earn new and innovative funding for older adult services.

Background

Rapidly changing demographics and new health care requirements using incentives to improve health outcomes have placed a growing burden on traditional sources of funding provided to community-based organizations servicing older adults. DRCOG staff has identified innovative funding models that show promise to increase the service capacity of the Area Agency on Aging and its network of community-based organizations in the DRCOG region to meet this new opportunity. Torrie Fields will also provide information about similar efforts in other states in the country.

Action by others

None

Previous discussions/actions

None

Recommendation

None

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Torrie Fields bio.

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Jayla Sanchez-Warren, AAA Division Director, at (303) 480-6735 or JSWarren@drcog.org.

Bio

Torrie Fields
CEO & Managing Partner, TFAalytics

Torrie Fields, MPH, is managing partner of TFAalytics, a total cost of care and population health management company that enables health plans, purchasers, and delivery systems evaluate the impact of care models and clinical workflows on achieving the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Triple Aim. She currently serves as strategic advisor to the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC), the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC), Center for Healthcare Strategies Better Care Playbook, and National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP). Her work includes analysis and development of state and federal policies that improve access to high quality care for people with serious illness and their caregivers. She works with State Medicaid agencies across the country to develop and evaluate care models and benefits and with Federal agencies to incorporate best practices into care model design and implementation. Her work includes the design and implementation of a community based palliative care benefit in California and Hawaii and workforce development projects to improve the lives of people with serious illness and their caregivers in Oregon, New Jersey, and New York. An accomplished measurement developer, Fields is a member of the National Quality Forum Core Quality Measures Collaborative (CQMC), a member of the Rand Corporation Technical Expert Panel Medicare Quality Improvement Program and serves as an advisor to the USC Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics. From 2015-2019, Fields served as the chair of the Serious Illness Quality Alignment Hub, focusing on the intersection between accountability and quality measurement for people with serious illness and their caregivers. She currently serves as co-investigator on a New Jersey Cancer Commission on Research (NJCCR) funded project to develop a state palliative care registry for people with cancer and principal on the American Heart Association's Palliative Care in Heart Failure Initiative. She has also served as co-investigator on a PCORI-funded randomized control trial focused on expanding access to home-based palliative care models through health insurance benefits (2017), mentor to NIA/NIH-funded Pathway to Independence Career Development Award evaluating the clinician perceptions of delivering home-based palliative as a covered benefit (2017), and AHRQ-funded Management practices and quality of care in cardiac units (2012). Fields holds a master's degree in public health in health management and policy from Oregon Health and Sciences University, a certificate in gerontology from Portland Community College, a bachelor's degree in sociology from Portland State University and a bachelor's degree in communication theory from the University

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Colorado Commission on Aging Presentation

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

A representative from the Colorado Commission on Aging will spend a few minutes talking about the upcoming Future of Aging Conference.

Background

Colorado Commission on Aging will have a day-long conference to discuss the state of aging in Colorado and identify strategies to improve collaboration efforts to support all older Coloradans. The conference will be June 6, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Loveland Conference Center, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, CO 80538.

Action by others

None

Previous discussions/actions

None

Recommendation

None

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Future of Aging Conference Invitation

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Jayla Sanchez-Warren, AAA Division Director, at (303) 480-6735 or JSWarren@drcog.org.



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