

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING  
MEETING SUMMARY  
Friday, November 14, 2022**

**Members Present**

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| Ada Anderson       | Douglas County             |
| Barbara Boyer      | Arapahoe County            |
| Cathy Noon         | Arapahoe County            |
| Chris Lynn         | Jefferson County           |
| Dawn Perez         | Adams County               |
| Gretchen Lopez     | Douglas County             |
| Houston “Tex” Elam | At Large – Arapahoe County |
| Karie Erickson     | Douglas County             |
| Perla Gheiler      | City and County of Denver  |
| Steve Conklin      | DRCOG Board – Edgewater    |
| Wynne Shaw         | DRCOG Board – Lone Tree    |

**Guests Present**

Connor McCarthy, Douglas County, Valerie Robson, Jefferson County

**DRCOG Staff Present**

Doug Rex, DRCOG Executive Director, Fonda Buckles, Community Resource Manager, Jayla Sanchez-Warren, AAA Division Director, Jennifer Reeves, VDC and Transitions Manager, Liv Bergman, Community Resource Specialist, Mindy Patton, AAA Division Assistant, Sharon Day, Business Operations Manager, Taylor Honeysette, Community Resource Specialist, Travis Noon, Program Manager AAA Grant Compliance

Karie Erickson Committee Chair – Called the special session to order at 11:01 a.m.

**Move to approve consent agenda**

Items on the consent agenda included: Summary of the August 26, 2022, meeting.

Barbara Boyer motioned for approval. Tex Elam seconded the motion; the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

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**Action Items**

**Discussion of additional funding for Older Americans Act contractors – Sharon Day**

- In October DRCOG opened a request for contractors to apply for additional carry-over funds to use the second half of the FY23.
- 23 providers put in requests for funds totaling \$3.2 million.
- The Funding Subcommittee met on November 4, 2022, to review the requests.

- When allocating funds for additional monies, the subcommittee looks at wait lists and the hierarchy of needs.
- There were two capital requests, one for Senior Hub’s Adult Day Program to purchase kitchen equipment and one for Volunteers of America to also purchase kitchen equipment at their new Commerce City facility.
- Senior Resources reallocated \$150,000 in funds from the homemaker program to chore hoarding program.
- Via Mobility Services asked for a million dollars in additional funding. The request was to meet their current operational costs. They were allotted \$800,000.
- There is concern about the sustainability of transportation services because of the growing need.
  - DRCOG will be reviewing the rate of \$60 per ride that is needed for Via to provide service.
  - Currently DRCOG has a wait list for the voucher program and are denying approximately a thousand requests per month.
  - Jayla and other DRCOG staff are looking for additional funding through federal funds and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding.

Karie asked for a motion to recommend that the DRCOG Board Finance and Budget Committee approve allocating additional federal and state funds to AAA contractors. Barbara Boyer made the motion and Steve Conklin seconded. The committee unanimously approved with Karie Erickson, Chris Lynn, Tex Elam, and Perla Gheiler abstaining from the vote.

### **Informational Briefings**

#### Update on contractors for AAA In-home Choice Services Program for SFY2023 – Sharon Day

- Sharon discussed the addition of three providers to the In-home Voucher and Personal Care program.
  - The new providers must agree to DRCOG’s standard rates for payment, this is typically for two hours per week per client for any combination of homemaker and personal care services. Sharon said it is difficult to find providers who only want to do a couple of hours per week, but these providers have agreed to the standard.
  - Sharon also mentioned this will help with the current waitlist which has clients waiting for nine months.

Next meeting – January 27, 2022

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.