

**AGENDA**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020**  
**1:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.**  
**Via Webinar**

- 1 1:00 Call to Order and Introductions
- 2 1:05 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 1:20 Report of the Chair
- 4 1:30 Report of the AAA Director

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5 2:00 Move to Approve Consent Agenda
  - Minutes of February 21, 2020  
(Attachment A-C)

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 6 2:05 Approval of Grant Funding  
(Attachment D)

**INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS**

- 7 2:35 COVID 19 DRCOG Funding  
(Attachment E)
- 8 3:15 County Reports

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- 9                    **Next Meeting – May 15, 2020**
- 10                  Other Matters by Members
- 11        3:40        Adjourn



### AAA Acronym Quick List

ACL/AOA Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging  
ACO Accountable Care Organization  
ADA Americans with Disabilities Act  
ADL Activities of Daily Living  
ADRC Aging and Disability Resource Center  
AHC Accountable Health Communities  
CAC Citizens Advisory Committee  
CASOA Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults  
CCT Colorado Choice Transitions  
CMS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
COA Council on Aging  
DCOA Denver Commission on Aging  
DORA Department of Regulatory Agencies  
DOLA Department of Local Affairs  
DRMAC Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council  
ETS Extended Transitions Services  
F&B Finance and Budget Committee  
GIS Geographic Information System  
HB House Bill  
HCPF Health Care Policy and Financing  
HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act  
I & A Information and Assistance  
JBC Joint Budget Committee  
LTC Long Term Care  
MIPPA Medicare Improvement for Patient and Providers Act  
MOU Memorandum of Understanding  
NASUAD National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities  
OAA Older Americans Act  
PACE Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly  
PHI Personal Health Information  
RFP Request for Proposal  
RFQ Request for Qualifications  
ROD Record of Decision  
RTC Regional Transitions Committee (Aging)  
RTC Regional Transportation Committee\*(Transportation)  
SAPGA Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging  
SHIP State Health Insurance Assistance Program  
SMP Senior Medicare Patrol  
SRC Seniors' Resource Center  
SUA State Unit on Aging  
VDC Veterans Directed Care  
VOA Volunteers of America

# ATTACH A

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING  
MEETING SUMMARY  
Friday, February 21, 2020**

**Members Present**

Barbara Boyer	At Large Arapahoe County
Bob Brocker	At Large Denver
Bob Davis	City and County of Broomfield
Cary Johnson	Jefferson County
Cathy Noon	At Large Arapahoe County
Connie Ward	At Large Jefferson County
Dawn Perez	Adams County
Houston "Tex" Elam	At Large Arapahoe County
Karie Erickson	Douglas County
Larry Strock	DRCOG Board
Perla Gheiler	City and County of Denver
Sharon Perea	Gilpin County

**Guests Present**

Bonnie Ashton, Adams County, Gretchen Lopez, Senior's Council of Douglas County, Valerie Robson, Douglas County,

**Others Present**

Douglas Rex Executive Director, Jayla Sanchez-Warren, AAA Director, Mindy Patton, Division Assistant, Heather Kamper Manager Transitions and Veterans Programs, AJ Diamontopoulos, Manager Accountable Health Communities, Ryan McGee, Transition Counselor, Amy Pulley, Manager Aging and Disability Resource Center, Kelly Roberts, Community Resource Specialist, Shannon Gimbel Manager Ombudsman, Travis Noon, Senior Program Specialist, Zack Gibbons, Senior Fiscal Specialist, Cindy Grainger, Administrative Assistant, Sharon Day, Program Manager, AAA Business Operations, Lindsay Westmiller Community Resource Specialist, DRCOG

Jayla Sanchez-Warren, AAA Division Director – Called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. with a quorum present.

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

There was no Public Comment

**Report of the AAA Director**

Jayla opened with an announcement of a change to the agenda, she told the group that a staff member from Senator Cory Gardner's office would be joining the group and taking a few minutes to talk and answer questions.

- Information and Assistance (I&A)
  - The Information and Assistance program is now fully staffed with 3 fulltime people on phones and another on standby. The I&A line is receiving 4 times the calls with the addition of the voucher program.
  - The Network of Care database has a designated staff person to keep it up to date, they will be adding new modules and updating existing modules.

- SHIP
  - SHIP will be collocating in the social security office in the Douglas County Littleton office and in Arapahoe County with more sites to come.
  - SHIP has had many calls from clients who have not signed up for their Medicare benefits 3 months prior to turning 65 staff have assisted them with getting them signed up.
  - Medicare is allowing a time extension to people who signed up for the Humana Walmart RX Medicare and rolled over to Humana Premier program to change their choices due to the many changes they had the first of the year. SHIP is available to assist with these changes.

SHIP received 350 calls in the month of January.

- Accountable Health Communities (AHC)
  - Since hiring Navigators in November navigation intake numbers have doubled in the Denver Health clinic and ER.
  - Denver Health would like to add an additional 2 navigators, DRCOG is in the process of hiring these navigators.
  - The hope is once the grant is over the hospital will still pay for the services provided by the navigators but are afraid once they must pay will do away with the program.
  - AHC has identified the number one need to be food insecurity.
  - They had their second food fare where they served over 400 people. It was asked by the committee to let County Councils know when AHC is having the food fares so they might attend and promote in their counties.
  - Added Tri-County Health Department's WIC program as a new clinical partner.

Anticipate expanding partnerships with the refugee mental health program.

- Case Management
  - DRCOG has revamped the program and reduced the waitlist to under a month and have hired new staff.
- Refugee Program
  - Working to expand the program to partner with Aurora Mental Health.
- Ombudsman
  - The staff are currently working on a sex assault investigation a staff to resident case in Lakewood. Ombudsman may be closing by closing the facility they are keeping a close watch on it. If so will be working to relocate residents to other housing.
  - PACE program has 2 Ombudsman assigned to the program. Anthem Project
  - DRCOG has been given the go ahead from their Board to pursue the Anthem project.
  - Launch will begin once contracts are in place, currently waiting on the Anthem Colorado to follow what the Anthem National has agreed upon.
  - DRCOG wants to use the powerful network of Anthem to get additional funding that is not associated with federal or state dollars and add business to current providers.
- Veterans Program
  - The Veterans program has caught up with payments to DRCOG after many internal meetings to figure out what the flaws were with the program and how to remedy them. They used their lobbyist, DC connections to get help with back payments.

- Are now able to lift the cap on number of veterans they can assist and are looking to hire another staff person to help with the increase.
- Homestead funds
  - Over 65 and in their home for 10 years can claim a reduced rate on property taxes, when that money is not used there is an overage that is dedicated to older adults.
  - State has spending authority for the funds which have been broken down into \$3M for over 5 years. The funds can only be used for services and not infrastructure. Now there is another additional \$16M available.
- Adams County
  - Adams County exploring being a AAA of their own, DRCOG has met with them and will meet again to discuss financials.
- Annual Dinner
  - Perla Gheiler and Bob Brocker will be receiving service awards, the awards banquet is April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m., Empower Field at Mile High.

#### Report of the Chair

There was no Report of the Chair.

#### Move to approve consent agenda

Cathy Noon **moved** approve the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** by Tex Elam and passed unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

Summary of the November 15, 2019 meeting

#### Informational briefing by Megan Axelrod of Cory Gardner's Office

- Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act
  - Reauthorization is moving forward through the senate.
    - Those in Washington are proactively working with those states who may not benefit from the reauthorization and have not heard much push back from these states.
    - Colorado will probably receive the highest funding from the change in the reauthorization.

A question was asked regarding how much interest there was in Washington regarding older adults. Megan said that it was of a high interest to Senator Gardner but could not speak for others in Washington. She went on to say Senator Gardner introduce the Homecare for Seniors Act to expand the way seniors could find homecare options and is also working on nursing home transparency legislation.

#### Update on the Transportation Voucher Pilot Program

- Travis Noon, DRCOG Senior Program Specialist provided a presentation outlining the background of the Voucher program, how the program works and is working, explained the benefit of using Hop Skip Drive company and adding more vendors to the program as it expands.
  - Since the program began in May of 2019 through January of 2020, they have provided 2,968 rides.

- Next steps for the program will be to convene a stakeholder group that will consist of community partners, ACA members and County partners.

There was discussion on this topic among the group concerning the future of the program, how to use existing experiences from the Centennial program and the use of the Aurora transportation dollars.

#### DRCOG AAA Reimagined?

- With the Adams County inquiry found it was time to reevaluate, Doug would like to enhance the communication and collaboration with the ACA and the community.
- Doug spoke of the ACA having more of an active voice and of a more formal structure moving forward.
- The committee will see a new agenda format similar to other DRCOG standard meeting agendas and the audio of the meetings will be available on the DRCOG website.
- Will reevaluate the bylaws and get the ACA's input on what the role, mission, membership should be, policy and funding.
- AAA will generate an annual report to the ACA and County Commissioners that will include units of service, dollar value associated with units of service, program services within each region with a prospectus of what accomplishments they would like to complete in the coming year.

There was discussion of various ways to communicate with the County Commissioners, the County Councils on Aging and the ACA that will be revisited at a later date.

#### County Reports

Douglas County – Karie Erickson

With the closure the of A3 Douglas County's ADRC will absorb the A3 clients, they plan on having low vision support groups

Dawn Perez – Adams County

Dawn announced the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Conference, May 2 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cathy Noon – Arapahoe County

TLC Meals on Wheels successfully move to Broadway and Arapahoe Road, they are fund raising to buy the building and would like to become a congregate meal site.

#### Next meeting – March 20, 2020

#### Other matters by members

There were no other matters by members

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.



**ATTACH B**

# DRCOG's Pilot Transportation Voucher Program

*Presented by:*

**Travis Noon**

February 21, 2020



# Background

- Utilize Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) (e.g., Uber and Lyft) through vouchers
- The program was designed to achieve the following:
  - Reduce the call ahead time for scheduling rides
  - Reduce the overall unit cost for transportation
  - Expand our service area
  - Expand hours of operation
  - Provide an outlet for personal trips
- Complement existing services
- DRCOG had discussions in the past with Lyft
- Fall 2018 we began talks with HopSkipDrive on piloting the program



# Background on HopSkipDrive



HopSkipDrive

- Ride-share company out of California
- Mostly provide transportation to children without parents/caregivers present
- Drivers are vetted more than Uber/Lyft (requires caregiver experience)
- Will provide door-through-door transportation and other assistance needs
- Provides foster youth transportation for counties and school districts
- Requires 24 hour call ahead period
- Cost is \$15 flat, plus \$1.50 per mile



# Timeline



HopSkipDrive



- Jan. 2019: Began contract negotiations with HopSkipDrive.
- Jan. 2019: Contracted with Senior Support Services and Southwest Improvement Council to offer RTD tickets.
- May 2019: Contract with HopSkipDrive executed
  - Provided 4 test rides in May using members of our Advisory Committee on Aging
- DRCOG started offering RTD tickets in Sept. 2019



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# How it works

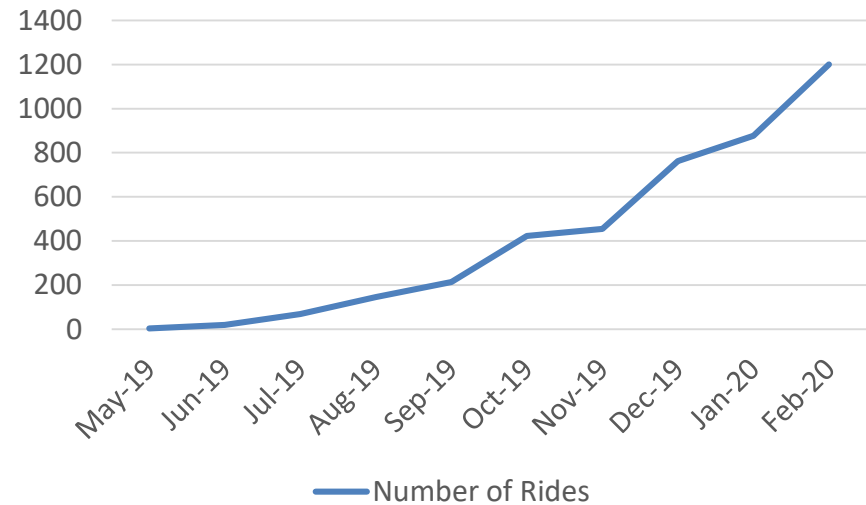
- Clients who need transportation call DRCOG's ADRC line
- ADRC staff together with the client will determine the best option for them (Current community partners, HopSkipDrive, Bus Tickets, etc.,)
- If going through the voucher program, ADRC staff issues voucher and schedules the ride
- Invoices are received with datafiles that are uploaded to the voucher system to redeem the vouchers



# Tremendous Program Growth

- Program started in May 2019 (4 Rides)
- 2,968 Rides completed with HopSkipDrive through January 2020
- On pace to issue vouchers for over 1,200 rides in February
- 167 Unique Clients Served through January

Number of Rides (HopSkipDrive)

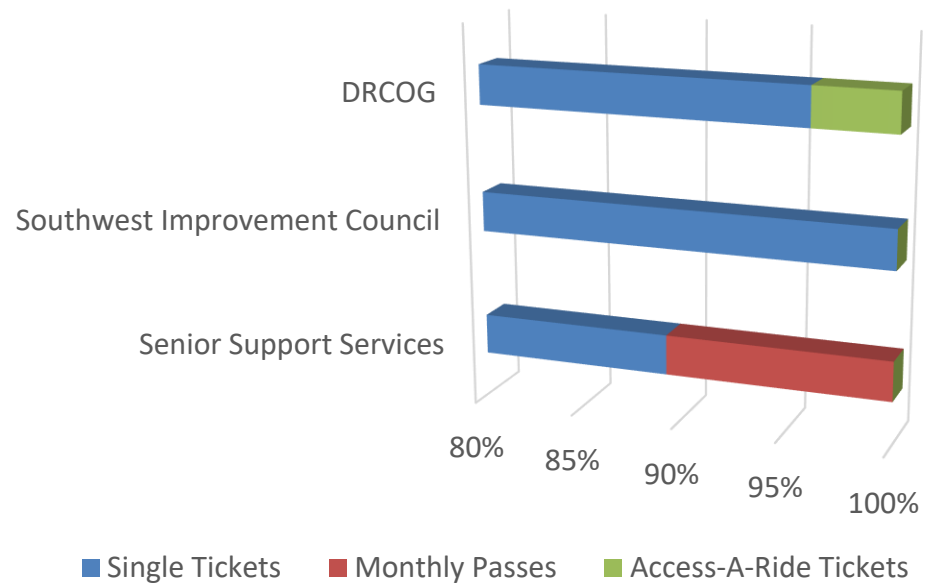




# Bus Tickets

- Bus Ticket distribution by community partners began Jan. 1, 2019
- DRCOG started distributing tickets Sept. 2019
- Over 11,000 single ride tickets distributed during this time
- Senior Support has given over 600 monthly passes to their clients
- Access-A-Ride Tickets available through DRCOG as of Jan., 2020 (174)
- DRCOG distributed tickets to 68 unique clients
- 284 Clients Served through community partners

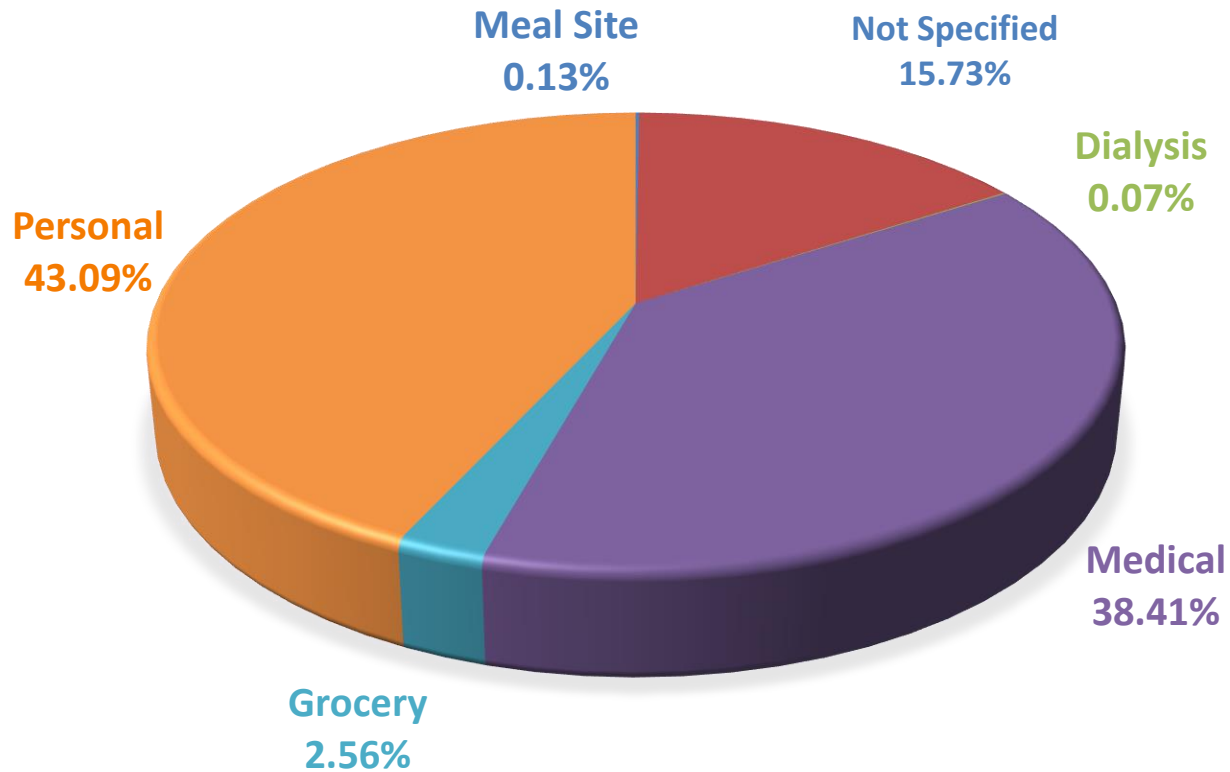
## Bus Pass Distribution







# Where are we taking people?



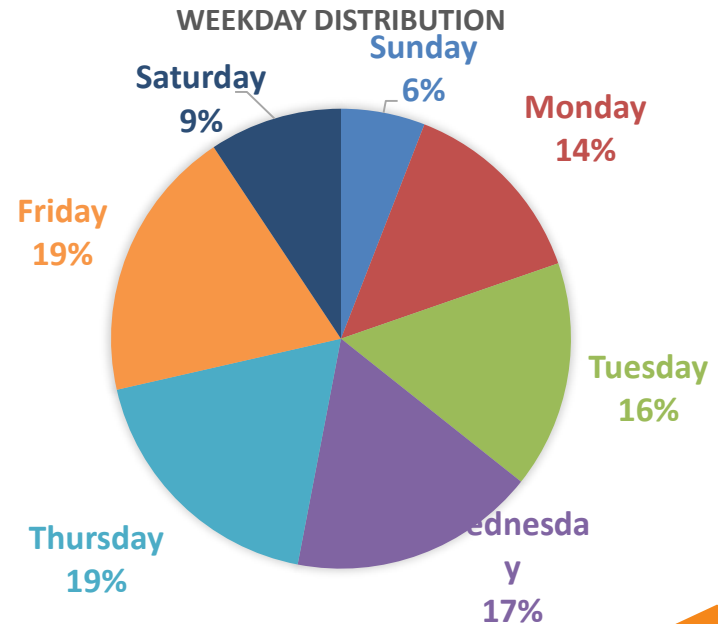


# Expanded hours of Operations

Times	Rides
6:00 AM – 12:00 PM	1,284
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	1,419
5:00 PM – 11:00 PM	138

Latest ride: 10:55 PM  
Earliest Ride: 6:28 AM

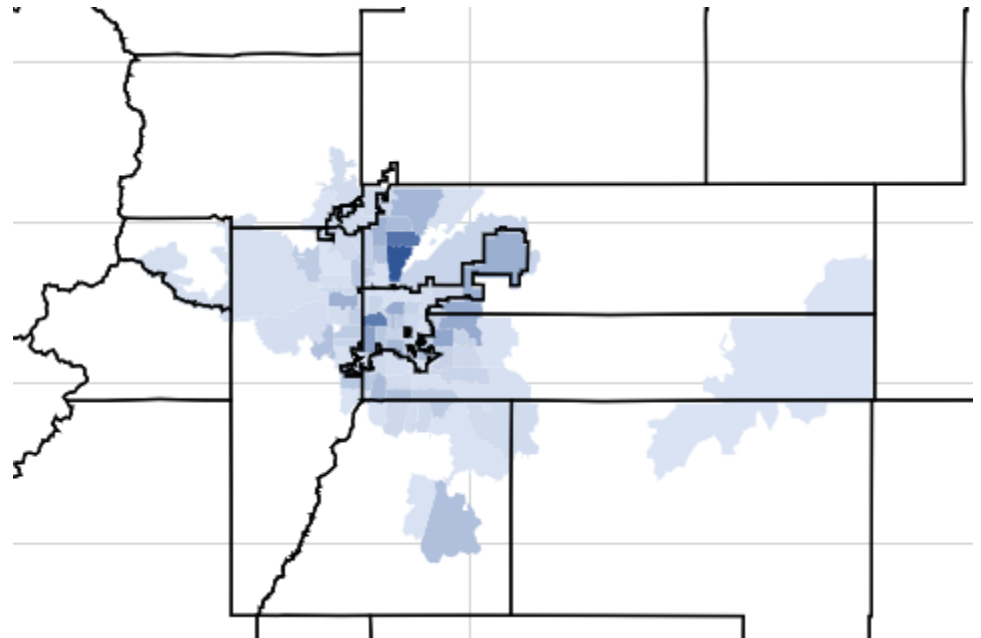
Rides to/from church on Sundays  
Trips to restaurants  
Visiting family





# Expanded Service Area

- HopSkipDrive operates in all counties except Gilpin and Clear Creek
- Provided necessary medical transportation from Deer Trail to Aurora: 55 miles one-way
- HopSkipDrive is committed to finding drivers
- Followed up with me to ask where they should focus recruiting efforts



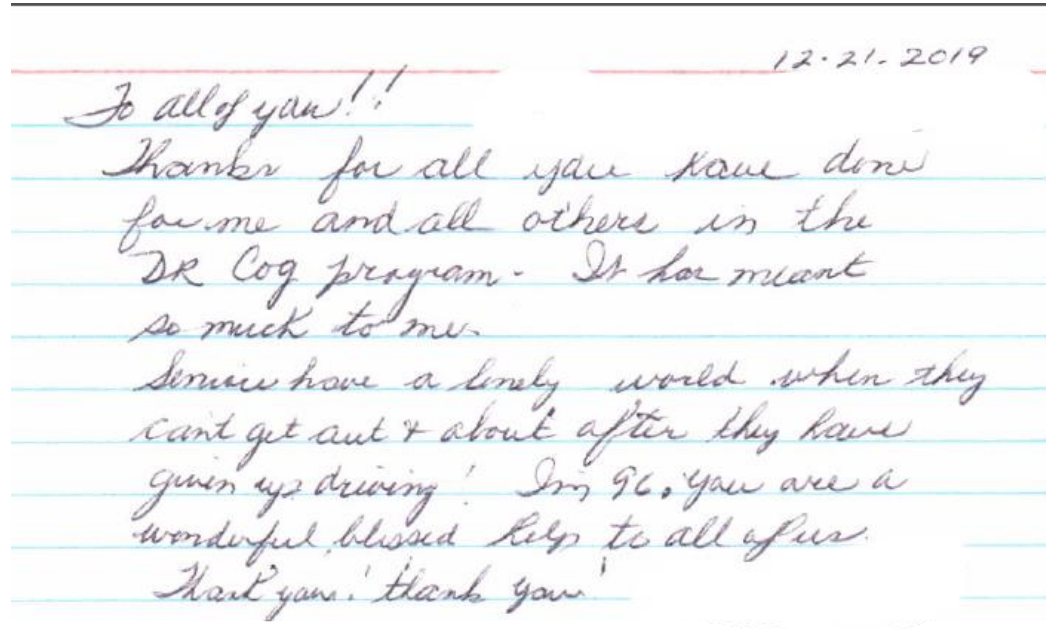


# Other Successes

- Cut down on call ahead time
  - DRCOG requests a 3 day call ahead period
  - HopSkipDrive only requires 24 hours advanced notice
- Program is working collaboratively with current providers
  - Current providers deny over 200 rides per month
  - SRC, Broomfield, and others are referring their denials to DRCOG for services
- DRCOG is able to fill gaps in service
  - Able to provide service to dialysis patient outside of SRC service area



# Client Feedback



- Overall extremely positive feedback from clients, other members of the community, and DRCOG Board members.
  - “To all of you!! Thanks for all your have done for me and all others in the DRCOG program. It has meant so much to me. Seniors have a lonely world when they can’t get out and about after they have given up driving! I’m 96. You are a wonderful blessed help to all of us. Thank you! Thank you!”



# Challenges

- Keeping up with the growth
- ADRC Staff time
- Client Education & Support
- Unit rate through HopSkipDrive is on par with what we pay current providers
- No current option for immediate trips to be dispatched
- ADRC data entry into 4 systems



# Addressing the Growth

- DRCOG is exploring options for a long-term solutions to the increased calls volume
  - Contracting out to call center,
  - Utilizing current providers,
  - Hiring internal staff, etc.,
- Staff capacity at DRCOG has led to limits being placed on rides
  - Stakeholder group to help inform policies and shape the program for the future



# Client Education

- DRCOG is going to leverage our community partnerships to help educate clients on ride-shares
  - Denver Public Library has expressed interest
- Provide app usage education
- Safety information on using ride-shares





# Bring on New Partners

- Lyft/Uber – contracts pending
- Will allow DRCOG to provide immediate trips, if necessary
- Able to send monthly passes to users
  - Clients will be able to schedule their own rides
  - Flexibility on setting this up
- Overall expected lower units cost compared to HopSkipDrive
  - Uber base pricing is ~\$8.00 vs. HopSkipDrive's \$15.00
- Uber/Lyft will allow even further expansion of service area
- Uber is exploring Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles in Denver



# Next steps

- In-depth analysis of the pilot
- Convene a stakeholder group
  - Community partners
  - ACA members
  - County Partners
- Cost estimates for the program
  - Internal Staff vs. Contracting out
- Discuss options for sustainable funding
  - Currently funded with Homestead
- Make a recommendation to the ACA and DRCOG Board of Directors on continuing the program in SFY 2021



# Questions?

For any follow-up questions contact me:

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THANK YOU

**ATTACH C**



Improved governance, accountability and collaboration

# DRCOG AAA REIMAGINED?



## Improve Governance

- A **sharpened role** for the Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA)
  - Empower ACA members
    - similar to the role of TAC in the transportation process
    - a more formal structure for policy and funding **decisions**
  - Expand membership of ACA?
- Allow counties to **“touch”** the funding process to better understand senior needs/priorities in each county



## Improve Accountability and Collaboration

- **Better communication with members**
  - Annual report highlighting past year's **accomplishments** and **prospective** actions/direction
  - County Commission briefings?
- **Better collaboration**
  - Standing committee of county human services staff
    - to improve coordination and **integration** of services
  - DRCOG staff placement out in the counties?





# DISCUSSION

**ATTACH D**

To: Chair and Members of the Advisory Committee on Aging

From: Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director Area Aging on Aging  
(303) 480-6735 or [jswarren@drcog.org](mailto:jswarren@drcog.org)

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
April 7, 2020	Consent	6

#### SUBJECT

This item is regarding DRCOG's contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and the recommended initial funding allocations for the AAA service contractors for the 2020-2021 state fiscal year.

#### PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval is requested for DRCOG to continue its annual contract with CDHS and accordingly allocate funds it receives from CDHS to AAA service contractors for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 (SFY2021).

#### ACTION BY OTHERS

ACA Funding Subcommittee recommends approval

#### SUMMARY

DRCOG is designated by the State as the Area Agency on Aging for the 8-county metro region. It receives funding through the Colorado Department of Human Services as authorized by the federal Older Americans Act and the Older Coloradans Act. DRCOG, in turn, awards grant funds to about 30 organizations to provide area older adults and their caregivers with services that promote their wellbeing and independence.

DRCOG intends to extend option letters to AAA providers to continue services for another fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020. The funding subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA) has reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 contractor allocations and has recommended funding amounts that are largely at the same level as the allocations initially made for the 2019-2020 fiscal year (SFY2020). Exceptions to level funding are mostly for new service programs that started partway through the year and therefore received only partial-year funding in SFY2020. These programs will receive a full year of funding in SFY2021. At the recommendation of the funding subcommittee, Volunteers of America, who provides vital nutrition services, will also receive additional funds of \$225,000 based on its current needs. As a conservative measure since total funding is not finalized, the SFY2021 allocations do not reflect one-time additional funds many providers received in SFY2020. Similarly, the funds for two large programs that are ending are not initially redistributed for other providers to utilize. The net total of contractor allocations in SFY2021 is \$14.2 million, or \$773K less than in the previous year.

Recently, the global outbreak of the novel coronavirus pandemic has disrupted services in a profound way. DRCOG expects to carry over a significant amount of unspent federal funds into SFY2021, to include federal emergency funds of up to \$6.6 million it expects to receive. Funding for SFY2021 has not been finalized but projections indicate that, including carryover amounts, the level of pass-through funds may be as high as

\$24.2 million. As such, contract amounts are an estimate and are subject to available funds. Subject to the ACA's consent of the initial contractor amounts and subsequently, the approval of DRCOG's Board Finance and Budget Committee, DRCOG is able to timely move forward such that contracts are in place by July 1, 2020, the start of SFY2021. DRCOG staff will continue to evaluate funding levels and will accordingly seek guidance and input from the ACA.

**PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS**

None

**PROPOSED MOTION**

Move to recommend to the Board Finance and Budget Committee that DRCOG enter to adopt a resolution authorizing the Area Agency on Aging Director to renew DRCOG's annual contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services and accordingly allocate up to \$24.2 million in funds it receives from CDHS for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**ATTACHMENT**

Report: DRCOG Area Agency on Aging SFY 2021 Contracts.pdf

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you need additional information, please contact Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging, at 303-480-6735 or [jswarren@drcog.org](mailto:jswarren@drcog.org), or Sharon Day, Program Manager, AAA Business Operations, at 303-480-6705 or [sday@drcog.org](mailto:sday@drcog.org).

**DRCOG Area Agency on Aging  
State Fiscal Year 2021 Contracts**

Provider	Service	SFY 2020 Grant Funds	SFY 2021 Grant Funds	% Difference	Notes
<b>A Little Help</b>	Assisted Transportation	\$37,500.00	\$75,000.00	100.00%	Awarded 6-month contract during intra-year RFP, now being awarded for a full year.
<b>Adams County for A-LIFT Community Transit</b>	Assisted Transportation	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	0.00%	
<b>Aging Resources of Douglas County</b>	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	100.00%	Awarded 6-month contract during intra-year RFP, now being awarded for a full year.
<b>Alzheimer's Association and Related Disorders, Inc</b>	Caregiver Counseling/Training	\$220,500.00	\$220,500.00	0.00%	
<b>Arapahoe County Community Resources</b>	Assisted Transportation	\$407,500.00	\$372,500.00	-8.59%	Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding was set at original level amount.
	Chore	\$105,000.00	\$90,000.00	-14.29%	
<b>Asian Pacific Development Center</b>	Counseling	\$28,050.00	\$28,050.00	0.00%	
	Education	\$108,900.00	\$108,900.00	0.00%	
	Screening	\$28,050.00	\$28,050.00	0.00%	
<b>Audio Information Network of Colorado</b>	Education	\$124,411.00	\$124,411.00	0.00%	
<b>Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.</b>	Chore	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	100.00%	Awarded 6-month contract during intra-year RFP, now being awarded for a full year.
	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	0.00%	
<b>Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.</b>	Caregiver Access Assistance	\$49,835.00	\$49,835.00	0.00%	
	Caregiver Counseling/Training - GP	\$66,302.00	\$66,302.00	0.00%	
	Caregiver Respite Care - GP	\$29,581.00	\$29,581.00	0.00%	
<b>Catholic Health Initiatives Colorado Foundation</b>	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	Centura Health ended this program effective 03/31/2020. Will not be providing services in SFY 2021.
	Screening	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	
<b>Center for People with Disabilities</b>	Special Equipment for Visually Impaired	\$23,431.00	\$23,431.00	0.00%	
	Visually Impaired - Counseling	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	0.00%	
	Visually Impaired - Education	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	0.00%	
<b>City and County of Broomfield Senior Services</b>	Assisted Transportation	\$342,000.00	\$332,000.00	-2.92%	Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding was set at original level amount.
	Caregiver Respite Care	\$99,107.00	\$99,107.00	0.00%	
<b>City and County of Denver Office on Aging</b>	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$110,880.00	\$110,880.00	0.00%	
<b>Colorado Center for the Blind</b>	Counseling	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding was set at original level amount.
	Education	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	
	Visually Impaired - Counseling	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	0.00%	

**DRCOG Area Agency on Aging  
State Fiscal Year 2021 Contracts**

Provider	Service	SFY 2020 Grant Funds	SFY 2021 Grant Funds	% Difference	Notes
	Visually Impaired - Education	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	0.00%	was set at original level amount.
<b>Colorado Gerontological Society</b>	Material Aid - Audiology	\$496,990.00	\$496,990.00	0.00%	
	Material Aid - Optometry	\$139,112.00	\$139,112.00	0.00%	
<b>Colorado Legal Services</b>	Legal Assistance	\$595,000.00	\$595,000.00	0.00%	
<b>Colorado Visiting Nurse Association</b>	Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	\$82,430.00	\$188,127.74	128.23%	Awarded 6-month contract during intra-year RFP, now being awarded for a full year. CVNA omitted key expense line items (e.g., Indirect) and the cost of their subcontractor's per client cap for home modifications went from ~\$1,300 to \$1,680.
	Homemaker	\$374,189.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	CVNA is ending their in-home services program as it no longer aligns with their agency's mission.
	Personal Care	\$131,133.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	
<b>Dominican Home Health Agency, Inc.</b>	Education	\$26,580.00	\$16,580.00	-37.62%	Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding was set at original level amount. Dominican has expressed interest in taking over some of Centura's Screening Clinics and will be submitting a proposal for review at a later date.
	Homemaker	\$14,016.00	\$14,016.00	0.00%	
	Personal Care	\$33,726.00	\$30,660.00	-9.09%	
	Screening	\$91,477.00	\$43,750.00	-52.17%	
<b>Douglas County</b>	Assisted Transportation	\$214,750.00	\$210,000.00	-2.21%	Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding was set at original level amount.
	Chore	\$15,453.00	\$15,453.00	0.00%	
	Homemaker	\$87,969.00	\$74,601.00	-15.20%	
	Personal Care	\$64,578.00	\$55,300.00	-14.37%	
<b>Ensign Skills Center</b>	Education	\$8,500.00	\$17,000.00	100.00%	Awarded 6-month contract during intra-year RFP, now being awarded for a full year.
	Material Aid - Optometry	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%	
	Screening	\$18,000.00	\$36,000.00	100.00%	
<b>Jefferson Center for Mental Health</b>	Counseling	\$110,190.00	\$110,190.00	0.00%	
	Counseling 2	\$14,158.00	\$0.00	-100.00%	Jefferson Center's Centro Dones program struggled this year with staffing and getting clients. Through February 2019 they only were able to request less than 5% of their grant dollars. DRCOG terminated their contract for cause as of 03/31/2020, as they indicated they would maybe only be able to use \$1,500 in this current year. They were invited to apply to the next cycle if they get the program off the ground.
<b>Jewish Family Service of Colorado</b>	Homemaker	\$253,713.00	\$227,409.00	-10.37%	Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding was set at original level amount.
<b>Lutheran Social Services of Colorado</b>	Caregiver Access Assistance	\$51,758.00	\$51,758.00	0.00%	

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<b>Provider</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>SFY 2020 Grant Funds</b>	<b>SFY 2021 Grant Funds</b>	<b>% Difference</b>	<b>Notes</b>
	Caregiver Counseling/Training	\$33,719.00	\$33,719.00	0.00%	
	Caregiver Respite Care (Voucher)	\$50,973.00	\$50,973.00	0.00%	

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<b>Mount Evans Hospice, Inc.</b>	Counseling	\$23,678.00	\$23,678.00	0.00%	
	Education	\$2,270.00	\$2,270.00	0.00%	
	Personal Care	\$30,877.00	\$61,754.00	100.00%	Awarded 6-month contract during intra-year RFP, now being awarded for a full year.
	Screening	\$20,635.00	\$23,262.00	12.73%	Mt. Evans is now using more skilled labor for their foot clinics, also all staff received an increase in wages
<b>Project Angel Heart</b>	Home Delivered Meals	\$120,000.00	\$240,000.00	100.00%	Awarded 6-month contract during intra-year RFP, now being awarded for a full year.
<b>Senior Support Services</b>	Counseling	\$67,794.00	\$50,000.00	-26.25%	Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding was set at original level amount.
	Screening	\$217,000.00	\$217,000.00	0.00%	
	Transportation (Voucher)	\$46,116.00	\$46,116.00	0.00%	
<b>Seniors Resource Center, Inc.</b>	Assisted Transportation	\$1,200,250.00	\$1,100,250.00	-8.33%	
	Caregiver Respite Care - Adult Day Care/ Adult Day Health	\$265,993.00	\$173,626.00	-34.73%	
	Chore	\$271,470.00	\$271,470.00	0.00%	Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding was set at original level amount.
	Chore - Hoarding	\$122,050.00	\$100,000.00	-18.07%	
	Homemaker	\$336,224.00	\$336,224.00	0.00%	
	Personal Care	\$41,500.00	\$41,500.00	0.00%	
	Special Equipment for Visually Impaired	\$13,212.00	\$13,212.00	0.00%	
Visually Impaired - Counseling	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	0.00%		
<b>SouthWest Improvement Council</b>	Material Aid - Emergency Assistance	\$14,475.00	\$14,475.00	0.00%	
	Screening	\$205,539.00	\$205,539.00	0.00%	
	Transportation (Voucher)	\$4,986.00	\$4,986.00	0.00%	
<b>The Senior Hub, inc.</b>	Adult Day Care/ Adult Day Health	\$140,000.00	\$125,000.00	-10.71%	Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. Due to funding uncertainty, funding
	Caregiver Respite Care	\$151,500.00	\$136,500.00	-9.90%	
<b>Tri-County Health Department</b>	Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	\$162,957.00	\$162,957.00	0.00%	
<b>Volunteers of America, Colorado Branch</b>	Assisted Transportation	\$83,400.00	\$83,400.00	0.00%	Awarded additional funding during the mid-year amendments. At the recommendation of the funding subcommittee, the increased levels for nutrition services are unchanged in SFY2021.
	Chore	\$122,604.00	\$122,604.00	0.00%	
	Congregate Meals	\$1,390,296.00	\$1,390,296.00	0.00%	
	Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	\$79,632.00	\$79,632.00	0.00%	
	Home Delivered Meals	\$3,970,356.00	\$3,970,356.00	0.00%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$14,941,275.00</b>	<b>\$14,168,292.74</b>	<b>-5.17%</b>	



**ATTACHE**

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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
April 7, 2020	Information	7

#### SUBJECT

This item is regarding DRCOG's receipt of federal COVID-19 emergency relief funding.

#### PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

None; this item is for informational purposes.

#### ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

#### SUMMARY

The novel coronavirus pandemic has created an unprecedented global crisis. In the United States, it is severely impacting population mortality, health and social conditions, and the economy. The toll is disproportionate among the most vulnerable populations, particularly older adults. In response to the crisis, the federal government has issued an initial round of COVID-19 stimulus funding, which includes monies for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs. The State recently distributed these funds to the Area Agencies on Aging, of which DRCOG's portion was close to \$1.6 million. Congress is expected to pass additional sweeping legislation that would provide a second, larger package for OAA programs. DRCOG's estimated allocation from that package is \$5.0 million, for a total \$6.6 million of federal emergency relief funds.

Some notes about these funds:

- Though the initial \$1.6 million of emergency funding is wholly earmarked for senior nutrition, both congregate and home delivered meals, the additional \$5.0 million will be available for Title III supportive services (access services such as transportation, in-home care, legal assistance), nutrition programs, family caregiver services, as well as Title VII long-term care ombudsman and elder abuse prevention programs.
- The President's approval of the State's major disaster declaration has allowed for a degree of funding flexibility such as using congregate meals funds to pay for home delivery of meals to older adults forced to stay at home due to the pandemic. This flexibility will likely be extended to the second package of stimulus funding, such that OAA programs are funded irrespective of the funding category (example: nutrition funds can pay for transportation and material aid).
- The federal funds from the COVID relief package are available for a period of 18 months.
- The State Unit on Aging has directed that funds should be used to address the urgent needs arising from the pandemic crisis while pursuing opportunities to strategically expand service delivery throughout the AAA region such as through community partnerships.
- The State has waived the 10% cap on federal carryover of funds across all funding categories; however, there is no carryover of unexpended state funds.

For this reason, the AAA must prioritize spending all state funds including Homestead dollars before utilizing any regular or emergency federal funds.

- No additional funds for AAA administration are included with the stimulus packages.

Community and stakeholder input will be sought regarding a plan for utilizing these funds.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

None

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A.

ATTACHMENT

None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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