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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING**  
**FRIDAY, August 21, 2015**  
**12:00– 3:00 P.M.**  
**1290 Broadway Denver, CO 80203**  
***Independence Pass, First Floor***

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comment Period
3. Approval of Summary of the June 19, 2015 meeting  
(Attachment A)
4. Funding Subcommittee Report – Hendrik Kopperl

**INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS**

5. Update on Boomer Bond – Brad Calvert, Senior Planner – DRCOG Regional Planning and Operations
6. Transportation Issues – Jayla Sanchez-Warren

**BREAK**

7. Directors Report – Jayla Sanchez-Warren
8. Program Reports
  - Legislative Report – Rich Mauro
  - Compliance and Finance Report- Hendrik Kopperl
  - Community Resources Report- Jill Eelkema
  - Ombudsman Report- Shannon Gimbel
  - CCTP/Case Management Report – Amy Pulley
  - Resource Development – AJ Diamontopoulos
9. Chair Report – Bob Davis
10. Information Sharing – All {if time}
11. Adjournment

Disabled attendees are asked to notify DRCOG t least 48 hours of the need for auxiliary aids or services

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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING  
MEETING SUMMARY  
June 19, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vivian Stovall	Adams County
Bob Lanky	Jefferson County
Bob Davis	Broomfield County
Fabyan Watrous	Clear Creek County
Janet Romarine	Clear Creek County
Douglas Bowen	Arapahoe County
Muriel Arvay	Denver County
Steve Watson	Douglas County
Dawn Perez	Adams County
Sharon Perea	Gilpin County
Donna Mullins	Jefferson County
Karie Erickson	Douglas County
Maureen Spiegleman	Denver Office on Aging
Amanda Gregg	Denver County
Maxine Seyforth	Adams County
Houston "Tex" Elam	at large Arapahoe County

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Shannon Gimbel, Hendrik Kopperl, AJ Diamontopoulos, Mindy Patton, Justin Martinez, Jill Eelkema.

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Bob Davis called the meeting to order.

**Steve Watson retirement from committee.**

Hendrik Kopperl announced Steve Watson's retirement from the committee and thanked him for his support on the ACA and ACA Funding Subcommittee. Hendrik shared Valerie Robson comments stating Steve Watson has been a great representative of Douglas County Seniors on the DRCOG ACA he brought information back to the County that has enhanced the knowledge of both seniors and the community.

**Public Comment Period**

No public comment was given.

**Approval of the April 17 and May 15, 2015 meeting summaries.**

Steve Watson made a motion to accept the summaries. Muriel Arvay seconded. Summaries were accepted.

### **Funding Subcommittee Report**

- Steve Watson referenced the 2 documents that were prepared by Hendrik and approved by the ACA Funding Subcommittee in an earlier meeting: "2015-2017 RFP Contract Cycle Changes" and "Proposed Reallocation of Funds in FY 15". Steve advised the committee of proposed reallocation of funds in fiscal year 2015. Hendrik has to reallocate these funds so they can be spent before close of the fiscal year which is June 30, 2015. In-home services for Visiting Nurse Association is returning \$32,490. There is a \$29,000 adjustment allocated to Seniors Resource Center, Colorado Legal Services and case management offset with DRCOG budget. There are two, \$10,000 allotments by Visually Impaired. Ombudsman returned \$36,187 not used to be taken over by Legal Assistance of Colorado. Subcommittee discussed and passed. ACA approved and passed these changes.
- There was a category change for Volunteers of America's Safety of Seniors Program.
- Seniors Resource Center to takeover transportation for Denver County. \$372,259 adjustment going from First Transit to Seniors Resource Center this is for the future funding cycle and will be 13,177 transportation units.
- Dawn Perez made a motion to accept the 2 documents, "2015-2017 RFP Contract Cycle Changes" and "Proposed Reallocation of Funds in FY 15". Sharon Perea seconded. The 2 documents were accepted.
- Hendrik introduced Maureen Spiegleman, a new representative to the ACA. Also announced no meeting in July, next meeting to be August 21, 2015.

### **Presentation Justin Martinez, Economist with DRCOG Regional Planning and Operations (RPO) Division.**

Justin demonstrated the new collaborative tool for the committee. Contact for Justin is [jmartinez@drcog.org](mailto:jmartinez@drcog.org).

### **Legislative Report**

Rich Mauro provided 2 handouts, the committee was encouraged to read handouts regarding house bill 151033 which passed. 1100 failed which would have put 4M into the Older Coloradans fund. Rich talked about some of the hurdles involved with these bills. There were discussion on task forces and applications.

### **Compliance and Finance Report**

- Hendrik provided a Powerpoint presentation and handout of the training he gave on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to contractors.
- Hendrik, Shannon Gimbel, Jill Eelkema, AJ Diamontopoulos, Amy Pulley and Heather Kamper made presentations on the topic "Data, Data Systems and Reporting" with the Administration on Community Living on June 16<sup>th</sup>. They received good feedback from the meeting it was very interactive, positive and helpful.
- Hendrik is currently working on 2015 closeouts, contracts, and budgets; 2016 startups, contracts and budgets.
- The Financial Management Services Veterans Direct contract is executed. Now working on MOU with the VA under the home based services.

- Letters and flyer went out to all clients in Denver County on July 18<sup>th</sup> announcing SRC as the new transportation provider. Contracts are out to Arapahoe County for signature and next week letters and flyers will go out to their clients announcing the change.

### **Directors Report**

Jayla was on vacation, there was no report from her.

### **Community Resources Report**

- Jill Eelkema reported that the volunteer program was launched with 2 new volunteers. Which will help as they are having very busy phones. The team is fine tuning the policies and procedures as they train the new volunteers.
- Reviewing the applications to fill Amber's position and the CCTP position as Sandra Martinez is no longer with DRCOG.
- Kelly is updating Network of Care, taking care of listings.
- AJ is working on fine tuning data collection and ensuring data collected is accurate.
- Elder Refugee Program started a Zumba class at the Aurora Center. Looking at what will happen to the refugee program when the Colorado State Refugee Program grant is up in November.
- Options counseling is capturing data to report to the State. Trying to make paperwork easier and not the problem.

### **CCT Report**

- Jill handed out the letter and flyer for Colorado Choice Transitions program. DRCOG received the contract on May 20<sup>th</sup>, sent out letters to 99 facilities and have already received 17 referrals.
- Jill explained that the money follows the person. Program helps Medicaid patients transition from long term care living in skilled nursing facilities back into the community. They have found that there are many moving parts to the program. Jill went on to explain some of the hurdles they encounter, provided some examples. There was some discussion and questions.

### **Ombudsman Program**

- Shannon reported that the Colorado Council on Assisted Living is working on changing regulations and training requirements for administrators so that they will need certification in the future. Currently there is no licensing requirement for administrators.
- Shannon has spent a lot of time with the health department. The Department is trying to do away with the Assisted Living Advisory. They would like it to go away and move towards the Council. They are currently taking applications for the Council. The first meeting will be in August, Shannon was unsure on how it will work. There will be an option for you to call into the meetings. Shannon can provide the information if anyone is interested. Shannon shared that there is a need for more oversight.

### **AJ Diamontopoulos – Business Development Coordinator Report**

AJ introduced himself. He is working on data and alternative payment streams. He is formerly part of the CCTP program and is just getting into his new role at DRCOG and will report to the group in the future.

### **Chair Report**

Bob had nothing to report.

### **Information Sharing**

Jefferson County shared that they held the Jefferson County Summit the week before. Summit went well. The housing workshop was well received with a 95% approval highest of any workshop.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned.

**ATTACH B**



# AAA Overview




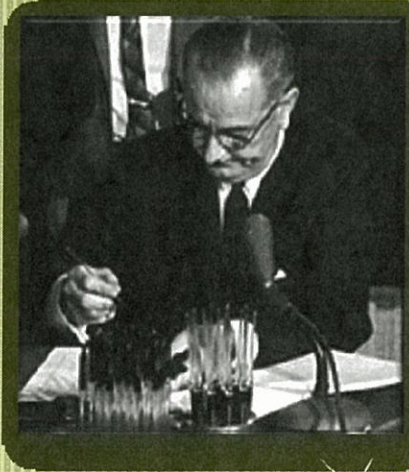
## The Older Americans Act as Passed

*No longer will Older Americans be denied the healing miracle of modern medicine. No longer will illness crush and destroy the savings that they have so carefully put away over a lifetime so that they might enjoy dignity in their later years.*

*No longer will young families see their own incomes, and their own hopes, eaten away simply because they are carrying out deep moral obligations to their parents, their uncles and their aunts.*

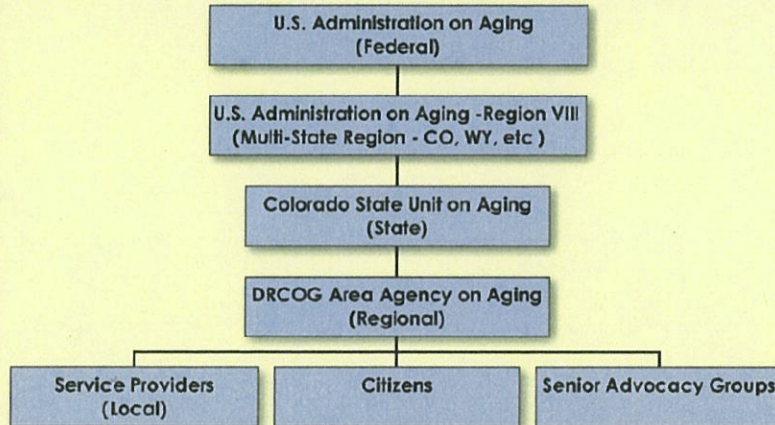
*No longer will this nation refuse the hand of justice to those who have given a lifetime of service and wisdom and labor to the progress of this progressive country.*

*President Lyndon Johnson*





## Aging Network



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## DRCOG Area Agency on Aging

- **Established in 1974**
- **One of 16 AAAs in Colorado**
- **The largest AAA in the state**
- **Serve eight counties including:**
  - Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin and Jefferson



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## Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

- The AAA helps older adults remain in their homes and communities
- By :
  - Planning
  - Funding direct services
  - Providing direct services
  - Advocating for elders and their families
  - Focusing on specific needs



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## Planning

- DRCOG AAA is the regional planning entity on aging
- Follow all state and federal requirements
- Conduct formal strength and needs assessments, community conversations, key informant sessions and focus groups
- Work with older adults and community partners
  - County Councils on Aging, service providers, business, local governments, faith based organizations, foundations, and others
- Fund community based services (competitive RFP process)
- Work with local governments and to incorporate the needs of older adults into regional, city and county planning processes

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## Funding Services

### 2013-2014 Funding Cycle

- 23 service providers contract with DRCOG
  - \$9.2 million allocated in pass-through contracts in DRCOG AAA region
  - \$15+ million in requests



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## Funded Community Service Providers

- Seniors' Resource Center
- Senior Hub
- Lutheran Family Services
- Senior Support Services
- Jefferson County Mental Health
- Tri-County Health Department
- Jewish Family Services
- Alzheimer's Association
- Catholic Charities
- City & County of Broomfield
- Adams County Community Development
- Audio Information Network of Colorado
- Colorado Gerontological Society
- Arapahoe County Community Resources
- Volunteers of America
- Health SET
- Southwest Improvement Council
- St. Anthony Hospital Health Passport
- Visiting Nurses Association
- Colorado Legal Services
- First Ride Transportation
- Douglas County Department of Human Services
- City and County of Broomfield

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## Direct Services

- Ombudsman Program
- Aging and Disability Resource Center
  - Information and assistance
  - Options counseling
- CCTP- hospital transitions
- Case Management
- Elder Refugee Program
- Emergency management



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## Advocacy

The AAA is required to advocate on behalf of older adults and their families

- State level
- Federal level
- Regulatory process
- Systems change
- Individual advocacy

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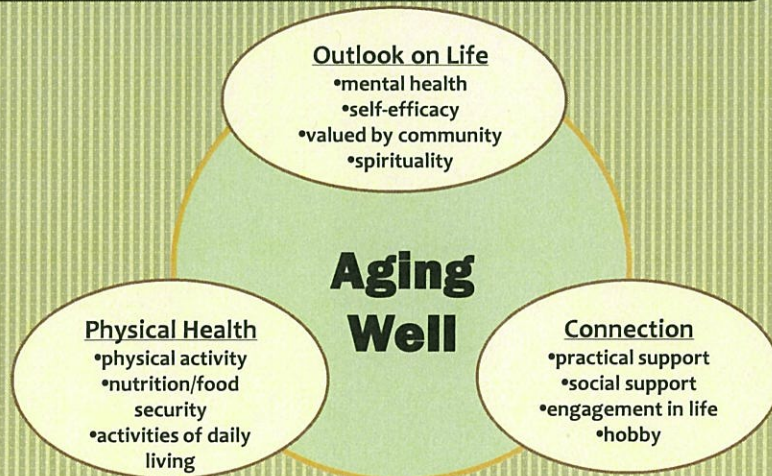
## Special Projects

- **Boomer Bond – Lifelong communities, helping local governments prepare for an aging population**
- **Older LGBT support - Project Visibility, Coordination with The Center**
- **Elder Abuse Prevention**
- **Faith Based Initiative**

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## Model for Aging Well



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