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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING
FRIDAY, June 19, 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 May 15, 2015 meeting
(Attachment A)
4. Funding Subcommittee Report – Steve Watson-Chair Funding Subcommittee

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS

5. Demographic Overview of the AAA Region - Justin Martinez, Economist II – DRCOG Regional Planning and Operations

BREAK

6. Committee 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
7. Chair Report – Bob Davis
8. Information Sharing – All {if time}
9. Adjournment

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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING
MEETING SUMMARY
May 15, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Perez	Adams County
Douglas Bowen	Arapahoe County
Cathy Noon	Arapahoe County
Bob Davis	Broomfield County
Janet Romarine	Clear Creek
Fabyan Watrous	Clear Creek
Muriel Arvay	Denver County
Amanda Gregg	Denver County
Karrie Erickson	Douglas County
Sharon Perea	Gilpin County
Bob Lanky	Jefferson County
Phil Cernanec	DRCOG Board member
Randy Penn	DRCOG Board member
Vivian Stovall	member at large
Tex Elam	member at large

OTHERS PRESENT

Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Jill Eelkema, Shannon Gimbel, Amy Pulley, Sara Beth Ford, DRCOG staff. Renee Dees and Nancy Kingsbury The Senior Hub.

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Bob Davis called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

*****recording did not start until the Denver's Age Matters Report*****

Public Comment period – not recorded

Approval of the April 17, 2015 meeting summary – acceptance not recorded.

Motion to cancel July's Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting – Jayla asked the committee if the July meeting should be cancelled as done in previous years. A motion was made, SECONDED and PASSED unanimously.

The Senior Hub Respite Care Program – Renee Dees and Nancy Kingsbury provided a presentation on The Senior Hub Respite Care Program. Discussion was had.

Denver's Age Matters Report – Amanda Gregg provided a presentation on Denver's Age Matters. Discussion was had.

Funding Subcommittee Report – no report given

Directors Report and Legislative Report– Jayla distributed her Directors report and touched on highlights. She reported that the \$4 million dollars did get approved and was signed off in the long bill. However, the funds were not put into the Older Coloradans Act. As it stands the 4 million is a part of the budget for Human Services. Unfortunately, the funds can be moved in a couple of years. Several meetings have taken place over this issue. The Tabor limits are being reached and legislators wanted to have more flexibility in their budgets. Jayla gave credit to Mayor Noon for her presentation to the kill committee on HB 1033, (the Comprehensive Study of the Demographic Shift and the impacts of Aging in a Population.) Jayla updated the committee that SB 229 did not pass. Senator Gardner has a hold on the Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and is receiving a tremendous amount of pressure to release the hold. Jayla discussed the reorganization chart that was distributed. Discussion was had.

Compliance and Finance Report – Jayla Sanchez Warren provided report on Hendriks behalf. The AAA's funding plan was submitted to the State Unit on Aging two weeks ahead of schedule and will be presented to the DRCOG Board on May 20. After it is approved by the board funding award letters will be sent out to service providers. Hendrik is currently working on contracts and the DRCOG budget. Jayla advised the committee that the Veterans Directed Home and Community Based Service Program has a financial piece that had been contracted out.

Community Resources Reports- Jill Eelkema updated the committee on the five programs under Community Resources.

- The **Information and Assistance** program is currently working with Trilogy to have them add a GLBTQ category. This allows us to add listings for advocacy, studies, support groups and GLBTQ inclusive businesses etc. Jill sits on the I&A National Advisory committee and discussion was had on AIRS would consider doing a certification for Options Counseling.
- In the **Elder Refugee** Program the Semi Annual report was submitted to Colorado Refugee Service Program on April 27. Sara Beth Ford joined the I&A to focus on the Elder Refugee Program.
- Staff should be receiving the **Colorado Choice Transition (CCT)** contract any day. The program will be launched with 2 coaches.
- The **Volunteer Program** is a work in progress. Jill & Kelly are still interviewing candidates and hope to start the program in June.
- Rachel Kobelt who was formally a CCTP Coach will now be assisting Jill in **Options Counseling**. Rachel and Jill attended a training on the Older Americans Act, DRCOG programs, Community Services. Rachel has made her first home visit for Options Counseling.

Case Management Report/CCTP- Amy Pulley reported that the Community Care Transitions Program (CCTP) has ended. The CCTP staff saved Medicare 7 million dollars in twenty three months on readmission rates and had better than average transition rates but funding was still lost. The final readmission rate was 11% when the National Average is 19. The Regional Medical Director with CIGNA is supportive of DRCOG's program and discussions are ongoing about a possible partnership. There are currently twenty cases per case manager right now which is close to the programs goals. Cases are generally short term and very intensive. Amy attended a meeting at the VA to discuss the Veterans Directed program that went well. Amy hopes to hire a new Case Manager in the near future.

Ombudsman Program – Shannon updated the committee on Continuing Education Bill that was killed in the Senate. She still has not heard from the Police Department or the Health Department on the ongoing investigation regarding the homicide that took place at Atria Assisted Living Facility. There is a new investigation of fraud in a small personal care boarding home. Shannon is waiting for the final report on both cases. The Ombudsman regulation rewrite will not affect DRCOG staff.

Information sharing – Vivian Stovall discussed transportation services. Sharon Perrea advised the committee that the Gilpin County Senior Living Board has received it's 501C3 status. Jayla thanked Mayor Randy Penn for all of his time and efforts on the DRCOG Board and the ACA Committees. Randy thanked the committee and encouraged them to continue to advocate for seniors in the community.

Chair report – The Chair did not provide a report.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:37

ATTACH B

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING
MEETING SUMMARY
April 17, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dawn Perez	Adams County
Douglas Bowen	Arapahoe County
Cathy Noon	Arapahoe County
Bob Davis	Broomfield County
Muriel Arvay	Denver County
Steve Watson	Douglas County
Karrie Erickson	Douglas County
Bob Lanky	Jefferson County
Donna Mullins	Jefferson County
Cary Johnson	Jefferson County
Phil Cernanec	DRCOG Board member
Vivian Stovall	member at large

OTHERS PRESENT

Hendrik Kopperl, Jill Eelkema, Shannon Gimbel, Missy Griggs, Heather Kamper, DRCOG staff.

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Bob Davis called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Public Comment period – no public comment was given

Approval of the March 20, 2015 meeting summary – Phil Cernanec MOVED to accept the summary as written, Douglas Bowen SECONDED. Summary was accepted.

Funding Subcommittee Report - Steve Watson distributed a proposed reallocation and updated the committee that 2 contractors had unspent funds that needed to be returned. 35,528 from Arapahoe County Transportation and Douglas County Transportation in the amount of 26,090. The proposed reallocation of funds would include DRCOG Case management Program that would receive 24,100 and the Ombudsman Program in the amount of 37,518. Discussion was had.

Steve distributed a memo to the committee that was presented to the DRCOG Board regarding and discussed each bullet point:

- A request for proposals (RFP) was distributed on December 8, 2014 with a deadline of January 28, 2015.
- A total of 45 proposals were received, proposing a variety of services, consistent with Service Definitions listed in the RFP.

- Following the deadline for RFP submission, the Funding Subcommittee reviewed and evaluated all proposals, according to established evaluation criteria as outlined in the RFP. Each of the 45 proposals contained one or more services. The subcommittee evaluated and scored 52 services within the 45 proposals. A final weighted score per service within each proposal is reflected in the attached report entitled, "Scenarios of Funding Recommendations by Service".
- Requests submitted to DRCOG totaled \$13,732,691. While the funding available to DRCOG for the 2015-2016 state fiscal year has not been finalized at this time, the total dollars requested exceeds anticipated available funds. As a result, not all proposals could be funded, and some proposals could not be funded for the full amount requested. Accordingly, as reflected in the two attached reports, proposals selected for FY 16 funding that are current contractors are capped at a funding amount of no more than a 15% increase (Scenario 1) or a 25% increase (Scenario 2) vs. FY 15 levels. If FY 16 funding is less than \$11,682,613, the figure shown on the two reports under the 15% capped increase column, the capped amount will be reduced to a lower percentage figure. If further reductions are necessary below a 0% increase in the capped figure, reductions will be made to the FY 16 proposal amounts of both existing FY 15 contractors and potentially new contractors.
- The subcommittee made the proposed funding recommendations based on the following assumptions:
 - a. A \$4 million state wide increase will be approved within the Governor's FY 16 budget, and therefore, it is estimated DRCOG will gain somewhere between \$1 million and \$1.5 million in State Funding for Senior Services funds for direct services that will be contracted to service providers.
 - b. Level funding in Older Americans Act funds. However, it is possible there will be an increase or decrease in this funding for FY 16, including the potential effect of federal sequestration.
- The subcommittee is recommending funding to 26 contractors, with 40 proposals amongst them, based on their weighted scoring figures compared to other proposals within the same service category. The breakdown is as follows:
 - a. Funding to 21 current contractors, with 34 proposals amongst them.
 - b. Funding to 5 new contractors, with 6 proposals amongst them.
- The subcommittee denied funding to 5 out of the 45 proposals received. 4 of these 5 proposals were denied due to their low weighted scoring figure as compared to other proposals within the same service category. The 5th proposal that was denied was First Transit, Inc., who submitted a proposal to receive continued funding for transportation in Denver County. The subcommittee is

recommending funding to Seniors' Resource Center (SRC) for transportation in Denver County due to SRC's significantly lower cost per unit and cost per client figures in Denver County as compared to First Transit, Inc.

- The subcommittee requests you approve the recommendations (as presented in the reports attached), which will then be forwarded to the DRCOG Board of Directors Administrative Committee for final action. It is, however, understood that the amount of funding available to DRCOG is still an estimate, and there will need to be adjustments to the amount proposed when finalized figures are received.

Steve Watson made a motion to recommend to the DRCOG Board of Directors Administrative Committee service provider contracts for the contract cycle 2015-2017 and allocation of monies from the Federal Older Americans Act (OAA) and State Funding for Senior Services (SFSS) for State Fiscal Year 2015-16. Discussion was had including a question regarding the scoring process. Hendrik advised the committee that there are five scoring criteria:

Need within region
Experience
Cost
Clarity of proposal
Other factors

Phil Cernanec MOVED to accept the recommendation that the subcommittee requests be approved with the understanding that it pertains to the last three columns included in the attachment the full committee received and that which column may be used is dependent upon the Older American pool that becomes subject to the AAA grant for receiving and any adjustments be made on a pro rata basis if that pool is something less than any one of the total columns. Cathy Noon SECONDED. Motion PASSED unanimously.

Legislative Report –Rich Mauro updated the committee on the two priority aging bills HB1100 that deals with funding for Senior Services and the Older Coloradans Fund and HB1033 the deals with the Strategic Planning Group on Aging both passed the House on the third reading with pretty solid bipartisan votes and will now move over to the Senate. HB1100 has been assigned to the Senate Finance Committee. HB1033 has not been assigned as of now.

Rich is planning to reach out to the DRCOG board members for testimony on HB1033. Rich advised the committee that trying to get funding for HB1033 has been challenging but ultimately the bill received 367,000 dollars to fund the work of the Strategic Planning Group.

Rich distributed a HB1033 fact sheet to the committee and provided a brief background. Shannon Gimbel will provide update on an HB 1302 Assisted Living bill in her report.

Directors Report – No Directors report was given.

Compliance and Finance Report – Hendrik Kopperl advised the committee that the DRCOG Board has confirmed through a presentation that DRCOG received a clean audit for 2014. Hendrik acknowledged Melissa Leith DRCOG's Accounting Service Manager for all of her efforts. He updated the committee on the Veteran Directed Program and that staff is still in the process of executing a contract with GT Independence. Following that contract will be a provider agreement with the VA. Hendrik is optimistic that the Network of Care contract will be executed soon for the next couple of years. The ADRC/Options Counseling is another hopeful soon. Hendrik hopes to have several contracts executed in the near future and will update the committee at the June meeting. Staff is still in the process of closing out the CCTP contract by April 30. The FY16 budget process will begin soon. Hendrik attended training at the State Unit on Aging (SUA) on the funding request process for Aging services.

Community Resources Reports- Jill Eelkema advised the committee that calls are still coming in and the lines are busy. She updated the committee that an offer has been to fill the Elder Refugee Program assistant position and that person will help and answer the I&A line part time. Jill spoke with the state this morning regarding the Alzheimer's Association who has received funding for training ADRC and Ombudsman on memory loss in June. Options counseling will have three staff members join the CCT program to work in the skilled nursing facilities and helping residents transfer into the community. One barrier is housing. Jill updated the committee on the volunteer program interviews and staff updates.

Case Management Report- Missy Griggs updated the committee on staff changes and case loads. Staff is trying to keep case loads between 23-25 cases per Case Manager in order to provide more intensive case management. The only downside is that there is a small wait list that consists of 12 clients. Case Management and Options counseling are teaming together to assess the wait list and serve clients based on the current risk level. A staff member will be sent out immediately if needed even though we are not considered an emergency service. There is now a direct case management line for clients to call. Case Management is now working with Colorado Access & Innovage on stream lining the case management process. Vivian Stovall donated bus passes to one of the case management clients and was acknowledged for her kindness and a brief success story was shared about the client who received the passes.

Ombudsman Program – Shannon updated the committee on HB1302 which is a bill to require continuing education credits for Assisted Living Administrators. Currently requirements to become an administrator state that you have to be 21 years of age and requires a 30 hour course. However, there is not a test nor is there is a requirement for ongoing education once you have completed the course. Shannon is in the process of revamping the curriculum and increasing hours. There is also a recommendation for a certification after the course. Shannon has spent a lot of time educating people who are behind the bill on what the ramifications could be if the bill passes. She updated the committee on a Assisted Living facility house manger who has been withholding narcotics from a resident in the middle of chemotherapy. Police are involved and charges may be brought to the DA's office. This is a facility who has been cited several times. Shannon advised the committee that Tamra Moore the Assisted Living team Supervisor is retiring and Heather Porreca will be filling that position. Matt Bustos a former CCTP Coach will fill Heather's position as an Assisted Living Ombudsman. Chapter 5, the State regulations for Nursing Homes are being rewritten which primarily focuses on grievances and discharges. Discussion was had.

Information sharing – Vivian Stovall encouraged the committee to advocate for the Affordable Care Fare through RTD.

Chair report – The Chair did not provide a report.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00