



Assistance. Advocacy. Answers on Aging.



AAC members = 20
Quorum = 11

To deliver, fund, and advocate for services that promote well-being, independence, and dignity for older adults, people living with disabilities, family and informal caregivers, and veterans in Boulder County.

BOULDER COUNTY AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAC)

MINUTES: March 3, 2023

Hybrid: Zoom and St. Vrain Community Hub (515 Coffman St. Longmont)

Present: Arlene Zortman (Co-Chair), Dena Boutwell (Co-chair), Susan Gusendheit, Barbara Schwendler, Bill Walters, Michele Cohen, Sara Beery, Lisa Bondi, Cindy Brekke, Pamela Christensen, Reed Cobb, Harriet Edelstein, Amelia Groves, Erin Watson, Rose Marie Miller, Emelita Gagne, Jeanine Tarrant, Ellen Taxman

Excused: Charles Erdrich, Carren Williams

Staff: Carol Cross, Lindsay Neville, Christine Vogel, Kate LeMere, Samantha Sturman

Guest: Ronnie Maynes

1. Welcome and Comments from Co-Chairs – Arlene Zortman and Dena Boutwell

Arlene and Dena opened the meeting and, in light of a number of new members (Susan, Barbara, Bill, and Michele) attending their first meeting, they introduced themselves (alongside Ronnie) and their current roles.

2. Public Comments and Correspondence

No public comments or issues of correspondence were raised.

3. Additions to the Agenda

No additions were proposed to the agenda.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (held on Feb. 3, 2023) would be considered for approval at the April meeting.

5. Boulder County Area Agency on Aging (BCAAA) and AAC Onboarding and Refresh

Lindsay and Christine provided a detailed overview of BCAA activities as part of the introductory welcome for new members.

Arising from both presentations, and a general question/answer session, the following key points were noted:

- Lindsay is the Aging Policy Advocate & Planner and Christine is the Division Manager.
- AAC meetings followed Robert’s Rules of Order.
- Key legislation guiding AAA activity included the Older Americans Act (which had been enacted to help older adults (60 years and older) maintain maximum independence and the Older Coloradans Act (OCA).
- The main services provided by AAAs included: meals, caregiver support, transportation, health promotion,

benefits enrollment, and in-home services. The BCAA planned and coordinated direct and sub-contracted services in accordance with agreed priorities to support the county's growing 60+ population to live longer and healthier lives.

- BCAA has four teams to deliver a wide range of services, including the Business Results Team, Community Living, Elder Rights Team, and Healthy Aging.
- The AAC had 22 members (appointed by the Board of County Commissioners) who advised, advocated on matters of public policy, and were ambassadors. AAC members were also involved with funding recommendations and priority determination through the TRC.
- BCAA had several important relationships with external providers to deliver meals, vision assistance, transportation, chore, legal, and counseling services.
- BCAA's mission was outlined (at the top of the front page of the minutes), and BCAA was one of sixteen AAAs throughout the state whose directors comprised the c4a who help coordinate state-wide activity.
- The aging network operated within a framework underpinned by a range of policies to ensure compliance with legislation.

Lindsay and Christine were thanked for their presentations, and it was noted that their slides would be circulated to members for information.

6. Technical Review Committee (TRC) Overview

Carol provided an update on TRC activities for the year ahead, and it was noted that TRC meetings over the summer would oversee Requests for Proposals (RFP), starting with nutrition. A wide range of RFPs were scheduled for the year ahead, and the proposed criteria, description, and individual priorities for future RFPs across all services were outlined.

Council members discussed the weightings (to help score RFPs) and training requirements to help improve service delivery. Carol highlighted that new members for the TRC were required and expressions of interest were invited.

7. Getting to Know Each Other

Lindsay oversaw the session for new members to introduce themselves and their current roles.

8. Planning Overview

Lindsay summarized BCAA's major planning activities that included the Area Plan which was reviewed every four years, and members particularly noted the following key points:

- The major participants involved in the planning process included the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), State Unit on Aging (SUA), and State Funds for Senior Services (SFSS).
- The Area Plan's major components included results from the Community Assessment Survey of Older Adults (CASOA), demographic data, and feedback from service providers.
- Equity and justice were key drivers alongside the need for AAAs to ensure compliance with Federal and State requirements (to target and tailor services for special populations of older adults) and combat ageism in the local community.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Friday, April 7, 2023, at 9 a.m. – Lyons Library

The meeting adjourned at 11.40 a.m.