

Boulder County Aging Advisory Council February Minutes

Date: Friday, Feb. 7, 2025

Location: Lafayette Southeast Hub (1755 S Public Rd.) and Zoom

Mission

The mission of the AAC is 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.

Members Present

Arlene Zortman (Co-Chair), Lisa Bondi, Harriet Edelstein, Carol Buxton, Reed Cobb, Bill Walters, Bob Magin, Stephen Topping, Larry Brassem, Amelia Groves, Michele Cohen, Ellen Taxman, Dena Boutwell (Co-Chair), Jeanine Tarrant, Randy Trahan, Rose Marie Miller, Cindy Brekke, Charlie Erdrich, Stephen Topping

Members Excused

Jocelyn Brown, Lonnie Dooley, Emelita Gagne

Staff Present

Carol Cross, Christine Vogel, Sam Sturman, Kate LeMere, Lindsay Neville

Welcome and Comments from the Chair – Dena Boutwell

Arlene called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

There were no public comments or correspondence.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of November 2024 and January 2025 Minutes

The November minutes were approved by Rose and seconded by Jeanine.

The January minutes were approved by Ellen and seconded by Stephen.

Recruitment Updates

Three members celebrated their last meeting with the AAC, including Rose Marie Miller, Bill Walters, and Lonnie Dooley.

We have experienced a delay in finalizing getting new members into open positions. There are more updates to come on this front.

Updates from Cultivate – Chrysti Britt

Chrysti shared an overview of Cultivate.

This is their main landing page online - <https://cultivate.ngo/>.

Enrollment criteria only include age and county of residence. VetsGo requires Veteran status for recipient or family member.

Programs include VetsGo, Carry-Out Caravan, Fix-It, YardBusters, SnowBusters, and Phone Buddies

Updates from Project Angel Heart – Nic Soucy

Nic shared an overview of Project Angel Heart's 34 year history, including the beginning of their work in medically tailored meals for folks living with HIV.

This is their main landing page online - <https://www.projectangelheart.org/>.

Project Angel Heart provides advocacy around food as medicine.

They work with Coloradans who are living with cancer, kidney disease, HIV/AIDS, and other severe illnesses. Every single menu item can be tailored up to 200 different ways to meet the specific needs of individuals with illness. Their members live with over 900 health diagnoses.

AAC Legislative Priorities

Lindsay reviewed potential federal changes, mostly centered around funding.

There was a review of the current state budget issues and a push to cut over \$1 billion from the budget.

The AAC reviewed several bills from the 2025 legislative session, including:

- SB25-013 – [Senior Housing Income Tax Credit Extension](#)
- HB25-1030 – [Accessibility Standards in Building Codes](#)
- SB25-006 – [Investment Authority of State Treasurer for Affordable Housing](#)
- HB25-1020 – [Earned-Wage Access Service Provider](#)
- HB25-1052 – [Income Tax Credit for Public Employees' Retirement Association Retirees](#)
- HB25-1007 – [Paratransit Services](#)
- HB25-1022 – [Qualified Medication Administration Personnel](#)
- HB25-1065 – [Jury Duty Opt-Out for Certain People](#)

Adjourn

The motion for adjournment was proposed by an unidentified member and seconded by the group.