

Boulder County Aging Advisory Council June Minutes

Date: Friday, June 6, 2025

Location: Lyons Library 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), Jeanine Tarrant, Emelita Gagne, Reed Cobb, Larry Brassem, Ashley Reese, Charlie Erdrich, Edie Thorne, Ellen Taxman, Amelia Groves, Harriet Edelstein, Bob Magin, Michele Cohen, Carol Buxton, Cindy Brekke, Lisa Bondi

Members Excused

Dena Boutwell (Co-Chair), Jocelyn Brown, Randy Trahan, Stephen Topping

Staff and Guests Present

Lindsay Neville, Christine Vogel, Sam Sturman, Ashley Reese, Corrin Godar, Kate LeMere, Neal Waite

Welcome and Comments from the Chair – Arlene Zortman

Arlene called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

The AAC held space to talk about the domestic terrorism attack.

Lindsay shared information on upcoming Pride events.

There were no public comments or correspondence.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Motion to approve May minutes was made by Jeanine, seconded by Arlene, and approved by the whole.

Motion to approve May Special Session minutes was made by Carol, seconded by Harriet, and approved by the whole.

Mountain Resource Specialist Updates – Corrin Godar

Corrin shared an overview of BCAA staffing for service to mountain communities.

Mountain Resource Specialists serve mountain communities in their offices at Walt Self and Nederland Community Center, as well as hosting office hours at local libraries, fire stations, and more.

Corrin shared an overview of mountain presentations that take place throughout the summer that include a service overview.

Caregiver Programs Part 2 – Corrin Godar

Corrin shared an overview of the Volunteer Visitors Program. Carol Buxton shared an overview of her role as a volunteer in the program.

Corrin shared information about our Dealing with Dementia trainings which are associated with the Rosalyn Carter Institute.

Corrin shared information on how our Resource Specialists support caregiver and their care recipients.

Our services are person-centered and helps them determine gaps/needs and determine resources to fill those areas in a way that is driven by the client.

Corrin shared information on respite assistance opportunities.

Legislative and Funding Updates – Lindsay Neville and Ashley Reese

Christine debriefed the process taken on by the AAC and BCAA to determine priorities and decisions around pass-through funding that occurred in May for fiscal year 2025.

Christine shared information on the analysis similar to ours done by DRCOG to determine priorities, with the example of funding meals for older people over other services.

Arlene expressed concern that funding stream reductions could impeded organizations from applying for our funds in the future.

Ashley shared information on the closure of the Allenspark Lunch Bunch, which closed at the end of June. With a balance of addressing basic needs, de-duplication of services, and meeting a need in the most cost-effective way, the decision was made.

Christine reviewed the internal look to the BCAA programs with a lens like that of our pass-through funding decisions. She also shared information about projected cuts within the county. If things were to not change, county expenses will not be met by our revenues.

Lindsay shared information on federal changes focused on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Adjourn

The motion for adjournment was proposed by Bob, seconded by Larry, and approved by the whole.