

Boulder County Aging Advisory Council March Minutes

Date: Friday, March 6, 2026

Location: Walt Self Senior Housing 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, Carol Buxton, Jim Hendrix, Sharon Menard, Kay Sparks, Stephen Topping (Co-Chair), Lisa Bondi, Ellen Taxman, Alaina Beaulaurier, Jocelyn Brown, Deborah Hailey, Cindy Brekke, Charles Erdrich

Members Excused

Larry Brassem, Michele Cohen, Emelita Gagne, Cathy James, Randy Trahan

Staff and Guests Present

Staff: Lindsay Neville, Sam Sturman, Amy Shoffner, Carol Cross, Ashley Reese, Neal Waite

Guests: Lisa Ramsey, Bob Magin, John Higgins

Welcome and Comments from the Chair – Arlene Zortman

There were no public comments.

Arlene had our new members introduce themselves. New members include:

- Alaina Beaulaurier
- Deborah Hailey
- Jim Hendrix
- John Higgins
- Sharon Menard

Who motioned? Kay Sparks

Who seconded? Stephe Topping

Approved by the whole.

Northern Mountain Updates

Amy Shoffner gave an overview on her work as a Mountain Resource Specialist for BCAA.

- Resource available in the mountains are niche and limited
- Mountain Resource Specialist flyer was sent to AAC members
- Amy shared some specific resources to the northern mountain area she serves
- Monet Scott serves the southern mountain area of Boulder County

Lisa Ramsey shared the activities for older adults through the Town of Lyons.

- Town offers many engaging activities with social connection
 - Bus trips, painting, concerts
- Town offers picnics (free of charge) to older adults in Lyons
- Lisa reviewed transportation options, like their voucher program

Ashley Reese rounded it out with information about the meals hosted at Walt Self by the BCAA.

- Redstone Café serves lunch Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week
- Vegetarian options

- Meals are nutrient dense and prepared by Project Angel Heart
- Responding to suggestions from participants, additional food items are served alongside the meals
- More details, including cost/donation and registration here - <https://boco.org/oa-food-resources>

Legislative Updates

Of the bills we discussed last month, one has gone through final passage - [HB26-1120](#): Mobility Home Property Taxation

[SB26-063](#): Non-emergency Medical Transportation Services

[HB26-1010](#): Older Adult Support and Rep. in Workforce

[HB26-1110](#): Vulnerable Adult Financial Exploitation Banking

[HB26-1107](#): Health Care in Regulated Facilities

[HB26-1047](#): Protections for Residential Tenants

[HB26-1001](#): Housing Developments on Qualifying Properties

[SB26-002](#): Energy Affordability

[HB26-1100](#): Guardianship for Incapacitated Adults

[HB26-1030](#): Data Center and Utility Modernization

[HB26-1096](#): CO Medicaid Access to Primary Care Services

Joint Budget Committee should release the draft state budget (Long Bill) this month.

Advocacy Day at the Capitol

We decided to join the Colorado Center for Aging (CCA) for our advocacy day at the Capitol.

The main talking point for advocacy day is protecting AAA funding. We discussed the BCAAA budget.

Adjourn

Who motioned? Kay Sparks

Who seconded? Carol Buxton