

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Crismon at 12:45 p.m. Board members present were Nancyann Davidson, Bob Paintin, Loren Lambert, Shelley Hornung, Darrel Schallenberger, Beverly Newbanks, Dick Wehrman, David Crismon, and Sherry LeFlore. Terry Baylie, ECCOG staff was also present. Terry introduced Vicky Miller of Hugo and Mary Curtiss of Simla who were recently appointed to the SSTB by the ECCOG Board. Also present were staff members Ron Walters, Keith Caulkins and Terry Baylie. David led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

October 14, 2010 Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of October 14th was made by Nancyann. Motion was seconded by Dick and carried unanimously.

Election of 2011 Officers

Beverly Newbanks presented the following slate of officers:

Chair: Dick Wehrman
Vice-Chair: Darrel Schallenberger
Secretary: Nancyann Davidson

Darrel respectfully declined nomination. Loren Lambert was then nominated for the Vice-Chair position. The following slate was then elected by acclamation:

Chair: Dick Wehrman
Vice-Chair: Loren Lambert
Secretary: Nancyann Davidson

Updated 4-Year Plan for Aging Services

Terry reviewed the additions to the area plan that were not available at the October 2010 meeting, which included charts and information requested by the COG Board to be included. Terry also provided the board with a table showing how the State Unit on Aging will evaluate the plan and request re-writes is necessary.

CDOT/FTA Contract Amendment and Update

Included in board packets was a copy of the contract amendment with CDOT to provide the 2011 funding for FTA transit services. Also included was the scope of work for 2011. The amendment was received from the State on December 16th. In the interest of time, and to ensure that a contract was signed and in place by the end of December, the signature page was emailed to COG Chair Rayetta Palmer, who was asked to print, sign and mail 4 copies back to ECCOG. These were received and mailed to CDOT on December 23rd. Terry asked the COG Board to officially ratify this action at its January 5, 2011 meeting. Despite this pro-active attempt, a contract was not signed until January 7th, making expenses from January 1 to 7 ineligible for reimbursement. After several emails with the Transit Unit, it was determined that 1) this was actually the second year of a two-year contract, 2) ECCOG contracts with its providers were in place by December 31, 2010, and 3) there were unexpended funds from 2010, therefore the expenses for the first week of January would be reimbursed using 2010 funding.

Terry also reported that a representative from the Transit Unit was in Stratton on November 9th to conduct an on-site visit. She said that there has not yet been an official report from CDOT regarding this visit.

2010 Year End Service Reports

Terry reviewed the year-end reports for both the aging and transit services, which also included the 2009 year-end numbers for comparison. After discussion, the Board asked to see a more detailed breakdown of the transit and nutrition services, by Site and County, as well as a chart showing a "unit" of service for all services provided by the AAA. Terry will provide this information at the next meeting.

2011 Legal Services

Legal presentations and free Legal Clinics have been scheduled in all four counties this year, as follows: Cheyenne County, March 18; Lincoln County, March 1; Elbert County, March 4; and Kit Carson County, February 14. These will be advertised in the paper and at various locations around the region. Terry also mentioned that if someone needed a ride for an appointment with the attorney, Outback Express could provide transportation.

Update on Project SMILE and Ombudsman Programs

Project SMILE: Debby's written report indicated that Registered Dietitian Jan Koches will be providing nutrition education presentations at each of the meal sites during March and April. Topics will cover a basic look at senior nutrition and special diets (diabetic, low sodium, etc.).

Ombudsman: The report also indicated that the certification process for ombudsmen will move from a calendar year to a state year. In February the ombudsmen will receive 8 hours of training to remain certified thru June, 2011. In July, an additional 15 hours of training will be required. A new facility, the Aspen Leaf Assisted Living in Flagler, was issued a license on January 19, 211 for 16 beds. The facility is actively seeking residents, according the administrator Kathy Dyer.

SFSS Possible JBC Actions

Copies of a memo and spreadsheet regarding possible JBC actions with regard to State Funding were included in Board packets. The documents were reviewed. Also included was the region state funding request for SFY2011 (July 2010 to June 2011), showing the regional funding and services funded with these dollars. Should there be a decrease in state funding, the Board will be asked for input on how these services should be decreased or eliminated.

Board Member Concerns/Comments

David Crismon asked to talk to Terry after the meeting regarding the Hugo Central Kitchen. There were no other board member concerns or comments noted.

There was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Date & Location

Dave Crismon moved to hold the April 14th meeting in Limon at the Hub City Senior Center, with lunch at Ruby's prior to the meeting. Motion was seconded by Beverly Newbanks and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancyann Davidson

Secretary, Senior Services & Transit Advisory Board