

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Wehrman at 12:46 p.m. In addition to Dick, board members present were David Crismon, Bob Paintin, Vicky Miller, Debbie Lamm, Darrel Schallenberger, Mary Curtiss, Beverly Newbanks and Nancyann Davidson. Board members absent were Shelley Hornung, Edna Fross and Loren Lambert. Staff member present was Annette Weber, Cheyenne County and Terry Baylie. Also present was Lenora Winslow from Eastern Colorado Home Care. Dick led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Dave moved to approve the September 13, 2012 Minutes; motion was seconded by Bob and carried unanimously.

Election of 2013 Officers

Dave nominated the 2012 officer for another term; motion was seconded by Beverly and carried unanimously. Bob moved that nominations cease and that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Darrel and carried unanimously.

Add Agenda items/approve agenda

Dick called for additional agenda items. Hearing none, Dick declared the agenda approved.

Update on Purchase of 2012 Vehicles for Elbert County and City of Burlington

Terry said that the purchase agreement for the two vehicles (new busses for Elbert County and the City of Burlington) had been sent to CDOT for approval. CDOT said more documentation was needed, but at the time of the ECCOG meeting notice mailing, ECCOG had not yet received notice as to what was missing. However, within the past few days, ECCOG has learned that the additional documentation was information that could not actually be provided until after the vehicle purchase. The forms for providing such information are on hand. Terry explained that while the vehicles are titled to their respective local governments, CDOT will have a lien on the vehicle and will hold the title for a minimum of 5 years or until the Federal interest expires. The bus(s) must be operated and used in accordance with the application and grant award. Steve Francom, with Intermountain Coach, has ordered the vehicles according to the specs that were supplied. It is anticipated that the two vehicles will arrive by the end of February.

2013 Federal Transit Administration Funding for ECCOG Region

Included in Board packets was a spreadsheet showing the FTA amounts awarded by CDOT for admin and operating funds for each of the transit programs in 2013. ECCOG received a 1.86% increase in admin and a 1.96% increase in operating funding. The spreadsheet also reflected funding in 2013 for the Hugo based Lincoln County vehicle. Terry said that she and Debby attended the required grantee meeting on September 7th in Grand Junction. They were told at the meeting that the contracts for these funds would be forwarded for grantee signatures which would be due back between November 1 and November 16th. Fully executed contracts would then be sent out to grantees between November 19th and December 31st. Contracts were received, signed and in place by the end of 2012. Terry also informed the Board that

while the Lincoln County vehicle was funded, CDOT said they are anticipating a delay on the 2013 capital awards for an “unknown” period of time (due to potential sequestration).

CDOT informed grantees that there may be a change in the capital application date. Currently, the application for all funds (operating, admin and capital) is submitted in May every two years. Again, the application date, which would be later in the year, was “unknown”.

2013 Area Agency on Aging Services

Terry Baylie stated that all current providers of sub-contract services with ECCOG for various services for seniors have been offered extensions of the 2012 contracts. Terry briefly reviewed these providers/services: Cheyenne County Public Health (Part B), Kit Carson County Home Health (Part B), Eastern Colorado Home Care (Parts B & E), Lincoln County DHS (Part E), and Randa Davis-Tice, Attorney (Part B). The CECAA contract is on a state fiscal year, and is not up for renewal until June 2013. However, Terry said she does have some questions for CECAA on the services/clients. Bob suggested Terry meet with the CECAA Board at their next meeting, and said he would make sure ECCOG was put on the agenda for that meeting, which will be March 12th. Terry agreed to attend the meeting.

Area Agency on Aging Federal Grant Carry-Over

Included in Board packets was a summary of the federal carry-over funds available to the ECCOG region, as well as a set of reports showing how the carry-over funds were allocated. Terry explained that this report appears different from past forms because all funding applications as well as the reimbursement process have been moved to an on-line version. A move from the service accounting known as SAMS has also been made to an on-line system known as Harmony. Unfortunately, these two are not connected and units from Harmony are moved manually by the State Unit on Aging to the funding/reimbursement system. The carryover amounts were noted on this on-line form, in the “Amount left to allocate” line and the funds were then allocated to the appropriate service. Terry reviewed the forms and answered questions.

State Fiscal Year 2013 Aging Services Evaluation

A desk evaluation for the Aging Services provided by ECCOG utilizing State dollars is to be completed by January 14, 2013. The State Unit on Aging will issue a summary of the findings by February 14th. Baylie said that she and Debby would be meeting with State aging unit staff next Tuesday to discuss items that are not in compliance with state guidelines (menus are not still not in compliance).

Drug and Alcohol Review/Findings

Enclosed in Board packets is a memo from Precision Compliance, Inc. who conducted the review of the ECCOG drug and alcohol program. Conducted in November of 2011 the memo acknowledges that all issues documented during the visit have been addressed and corrected.

FASTER Grant Application-Town of Limon Bus

The Town of Limon’s FASTER application (for purchase of a new bus) was submitted on September 11th, and receipt of the application was acknowledged by CDOT. At the Grand Junction meeting it was learned that the scope of work and contract negotiation would happen between February and June of 2013, and that the procurement process could begin sometime between September and November of

2013. Maryjo Downey did receive unofficial notice that this grant was awarded. It is hoped that the official notice will arrive shortly so that the vehicle can be ordered to arrive by the end of this year, however it is more likely that it won't arrive until early next year.

Senior Speak-Out XXXVII

Terry explained the reason for the survey sent with Board packets. For the past several years there has been a lack of interest on behalf of elected legislators to participate in the Speak-out...and participation by area older adults has also been on the decline. In an effort to find out if changes should be made in the format/focus, the EPLTF asked that a survey be sent out. Baylie said that ECCOG's AAA will host the 37th gathering in 2013. A tentative agenda was distributed and Terry explained the progress of planning the event, which will be held in Stratton on October 3 & 4.

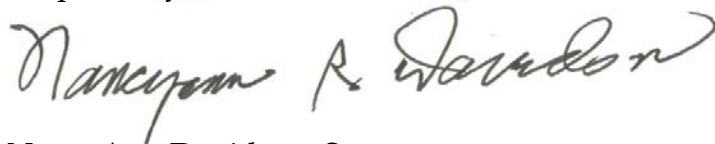
Board Member Concerns/Comments

No concerns were noted and no comments made.

Next meeting: April 11, 2013 – Limon Community Building; lunch location to be determined.

Dick declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "NancyAnn Davidson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

NancyAnn Davidson, Secretary
Senior Services & Transit Advisory Board