

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Wehrman at 12:50 p.m. In addition to Dick board members present were Darrel Schallenberger, David Crismon, Vicky Miller, Loren Lambert, Bob Paintin, Beverly Newbanks, and Edna Fross. Board members absent were Mary Curtiss and Nancyann Davidson. Staff members present included Ron Walters of Kit Carson; Carolina Saucedo of Cheyenne Wells; and Terry Baylie, ECCOG Office. Dick led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

February 9, 2012 Minutes

Dave Crismon moved to approve the Minutes of February 9, 2012. Motion was seconded by Darrel Schallenberger and carried unanimously.

Add Agenda Item

Dick asked for additional agenda items. No additional agenda items were added. Shelley Hornung moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Bob Paintin and carried unanimously.

Potential SUA Department Move

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Director, Terry Baylie, said that a meeting with the AAA directors and the directors of both HCPF (Health Care Policy and Finance) and CDHS (Colorado Department of Human Services) was held on February 21st. Both Department directors (Sue Birch with HCPF and Reggie Bicha with CDHS) apologized for not involving the AAA's sooner, and expressed that it was important that everyone move past the "if" of the proposed move to the "how". Both expressed their opinions that Colorado is not currently prepared to meet the increased demand for services for an aging population and felt making this move now would help strengthen the continuum of care and align current and future services more effectively. HCPF staff was asked about their agency's perceived inefficiency as the AAA's are concerned about the administrative challenges of HCPF taking on three new divisions, as well as the concern of the AAA services getting "lost in the HCPF world" especially since the services provided through an Area Agency on Aging are not medical and/or Medicaid waiver programs/services. HCPF acknowledged the agency has some deficiencies but it is working towards resolving them.

Terry said representatives of the Area Agencies on Aging were working with selected members of the Colorado Legislature on the draft of a bill that would address the major concerns of the AAA's including:

- Recognition that the OCA (Older Coloradans Act) is a state funding source for the AAA's not to be used for other purposes – **Page 3**
- Recognition of the current 16 AAA regions – no plans to consolidate regions – **Page 3**
- Recognition of local control through regional priorities, advisory board and board of directors, including structures in current 4-year plans – **Page 17**
- Maintain current accounting and management system – **Page 9 (IV)**
- Reimbursements in timely manner (within 30 days) – **Not addressed in draft**
- Value of maintaining the current Volume 10 (rules/regulations) and P&P manual – **Not addressed in draft**
- Continuation of APAC (Aging Policy & Advisory Committee) link – **Page 3**

Terry distributed an email from Guy Dutra-Silveria, the AAA Director from Colorado Springs, which included an attachment of a portion of the draft bill to be sponsored by Senator Betty Boyd. The email noted (shown above in red) how these concerns were addressed in the draft bill. Guy also asked each AAA for input on the bill. Terry said that after talking to Maryjo (ECCOG executive director) this agency's input sent a tentative "thumbs up".

It was noted that the 2012 Legislative session is nearly over and the deadline for introducing new bills was very close. John Shipper and Steve Burgess said they would ask Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) as to the current status of any such legislation. Terry said she would continue to communicate with other AAA directors and would forward any news on the bill as it becomes available.

State Fiscal Year 2012 Aging Service Evaluation...Round Two

Terry Baylie said that the original July 1, 2012 timeline for implementation of new menus/recipes for Project Smile (the congregate meals for persons over 60) was not approved by Aging and Adult Services (the State agency that provides funding to the Area Agencies on Aging for the meals program). A new deadline of May 1, 2012 was agreed upon based on the time needed at the ECCOG regional level to analyze menus, plan meals, and order and deliver raw food. However, since that time, the regional dietitian for the ECCOG meals programs has expressed concern that the menu analysis would be too time consuming and not cost effective. After several discussions with our dietitian and the State dietitian, the plan now is to get the dietitian that ECCOG works with approved to access the state Food Processor system as well as have the State provide menu analysis training for that system by the State. This could take up to a month. All of this will once again push back the implementation deadline, possibly to July or even August 2012. The state office has now approved this plan and potential timeline change.

Miscellaneous Items

Terry said that we have received the scope of work for the two transit system vehicles to be purchased this year, which was updated to reflect the correct information and returned to CDOT. It is hoped that a contract will soon be received so that the bid process can begin. Terry has been trying to schedule supervisor awareness/reasonable suspicion refresher training for anyone interested in sending employees, including DDI, Town of Limon, City of Burlington and county employees, for sometime in August. Terry said that an evaluation of the region's legal service program is scheduled for May 15th. She also discussed the recent memo sent to all employees regarding reminders of the nutrition program rules and regulations, a copy of which was included in Board packets. Terry advised the Board that the Elbert Kitchen head cook has resigned and interviews were held in Elbert on April 11th. Resignation letters were also received from the Hugo Kitchen head cook and assistant cook. An ad will be placed in local newspapers and Terry asked the Board to please refer potential candidates to the ECCOG office.

Lastly, Terry distributed and reviewed the 2013 update to the FTA grant application, and explained new information that needed to be included in the update. The application update is not May 4th as noted on the application, it is due April 27th. Bob Paintin moved to recommend approval of the application and that it be submitted to meet the deadline, and that the ECCOG Board ratify this decision at its May 2nd meeting. Motion was seconded by Loren Lambert and carried unanimously.

EPLTF Appointment

Terry asked to Board to ratify the appointment of Catherine Panagoulis of Elbert County to the Eastern Plains Legislative Task Force. Motion was made by Beverly Newbanks to appoint Catherine Panagoulis to the task force. Motion was seconded by Darrel Schallenberger, which carried unanimously. Terry also mentioned that members are still needed from Cheyenne and Lincoln counties and she would appreciate nominations from the Board.

Board Member Concerns/Comments

Due to Board member concerns from the February meeting, all future meetings will be held at the Limon Community Building and the Town has agreed to SSTB use for April 12th, May 10th, July 12th, September 13th and October 11th.

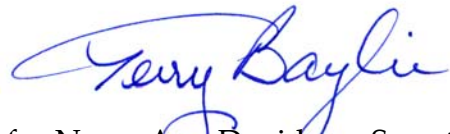
Other

Terry said she still needs a nomination from Cheyenne County to replace Sherry LaFlore on the advisory board. Terry asked those present from Cheyenne County to feel free to nominate someone from Cheyenne county fill the vacant position.

Next Meeting Date – May 10, 2012, Limon Community Building – Lunch will be at the IHOP.

Dick declared the meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



for Nancy Ann Davidson, Secretary
Senior Services & Transit Advisory Board