

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Wehrman at 12:50 p.m. In addition to Dick, board members present were David Crismon, Bob Paintin, Shelley Hornung, Mary Curtiss, Beverly Newbanks, Edna Fross, Loren Lambert and Nancyann Davidson. Board members absent were Vicky Miller, Debbie Lamm and Darrell Schallenberger. Staff member present was Terry Baylie. Dick led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Dave moved to approve the May 10, 2012 Minutes; motion was seconded by Beverly and carried unanimously.

Dick called for additional agenda items. Terry said that she as a few other items to bring before the Board, which were put on the agenda after the Board member concerns. Bob moved to approve the agenda with the additional items; motion was seconded by Dave and carried unanimously.

### **Update on the State Unit on Aging**

Terry said that the Governor issued an executive order in early July to establish an advisory group within HCPF to consider and recommend changes to a “complicated and fragmented” system by which people connect to the right services at the right time; and to basically “oversee” the move of the State Unit on Aging and Division for Developmental Disabilities from the Colorado Department of Human Services to Health Care Policy and Finance. Although there has been no further information, there is some speculation that the Governor will issue an executive order for this move, without going through the legislative process.

### **Drug & Alcohol Review/Findings**

Enclosed in Board packets was a memo from Precision Compliance, who conducted a review of the Drug and Alcohol program. ECCOG responses were noted in red and reviewed by Terry. Also included in packets were portions of both the Substance Abuse Policy and Policy & Procedure Manual that were updated to bring the program into compliance, also noted in red. Following review and discussion, Bob moved to recommend the ECCOG Board adopt the added policy and procedure to the appropriate documents. Motion was seconded by Edna and carried unanimously.

### **Title III-Part D Health Promotion Program**

Terry has had several discussions with Rebecca Carter of Colorado East Community Action Agency (CECAA) regarding the Part D funding. Baylie suggested to CECAA that a preventive dental program may be the most helpful, and relative easy program to implement for the region. Information was provided to CECAA, which was modeled after the HelpMATE project. Although there was some concern that there was no admin funds available, Becky agreed to present it at the CECAA Board meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Terry was informed the Board agreed to accept these funds. Only about \$3,000 is available, so the funds will be spent quickly. Beverly mentioned that Friends of Man also provides some dental assistance and will send the appropriate information to Terry. The Old Age Pension (OAP) Dental program was also discussed. Terry said that she has been in contact with Vicky Kosch with Kit Carson County public health to determine if there are enough people in Kit Carson County on OAP to warrant

applying for these funds. Terry said that she is willing to provide assistance/support to Kit Carson County, but due to staff/time constraints, the AAA would not be willing to apply for these funds.

### **Contract for 2012 Vehicles**

Terry said that the contract signature page for the vehicles funded under FTA 5310 funds was received, signed by Steve Burgess, Chair of the ECCOG Board of Directors, and sent to CDOT on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both Terry and Debby met with Elbert County (July 25<sup>th</sup>) and the City of Burlington (July 30<sup>th</sup>) to get contract signature information and preliminary vehicle options. The fully executed contract was received by ECCOG on August 8<sup>th</sup>, and signature pages for the both vehicle contracts were sent out on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Terry said that the purchase process is now underway and Debby has been in touch with owner contacts to finalize options so that bids can be obtained. Edna asked about the requirement for long-distance trips and Terry explained the process. She also wondered about the number of long-distance trips (2 to Denver and 2 to Colorado Springs). Terry said she would check on this, but thought it was only 3 monthly trips. \*Note: Terry checked on this and the ECCOG schedules 2 Denver trips and 1 Colorado Springs trip monthly from Burlington.

### **Legal Services Program Evaluation**

Terry Baylie said that there was an evaluation of the region's legal program in May by the State Unit on Aging's Legal Services Developer. On June 19<sup>th</sup>, ECCOG learned that there were no compliance issues. The state staff did have a few follow-up questions, which were answered to the state's satisfaction.

### **FASTER Grant Application – Town of Limon Vehicle**

Enclosed in Board packets was a copy of the FASTER grant application for the purchase of a vehicle for the Town of Limon. The Town of Limon's vehicle is listed on the replacement schedule for 2014. It was decided to submit a 2014 FASTER application; if it is not funded, the agency can then try for a FTA Section 5310 grant next year for 2014. Terry reviewed the application and answered questions. Dick asked the Board for a motion to recommend the ECCOG Board approve and submit the application. Motion was made by Dave; seconded by Loren and carried unanimously.

### **New Requirements for Outback Express Vehicles**

Terry reported on a meeting with KCC administrator Paula Weeks and CSP Officer Monty Kinder, who advised that new requirements are necessary for the public transit vehicles. Terry reviewed these requirements and answered questions. Most of the issues were able to be taken care of by ECCOG staff; however, the issue of vehicles providing out-of-state trips needs to be determined by the vehicle owner. Included in packets was a copy of the owner policy page from the P & P manual. Kit Carson County has already discontinued out-of-state trips for all public transit and special trip service. Although trips are not taken out-of-state by Cheyenne County vehicles regularly, on occasion there may be a trip to Goodland scheduled. Terry asked Cheyenne County Commissioner Bob Paintin to make sure this is mentioned by Commissioner Bogenhagen at the next Cheyenne County meeting so that Cheyenne County can make a decision. Lincoln County and Elbert County already have a policy in place that the vehicles are not allowed out-of-state for any trip.

### **Senior Speak-Out XXXVI (36)**

Terry distributed information on the 36<sup>th</sup> annual conference, to be held in Lamar on October 4 & 5, noting that about 40 seniors usually attend this conference, and transportation is arranged through the Outback Express.

### **Board Member Concerns/Comments**

No concerns were noted and no comments made.

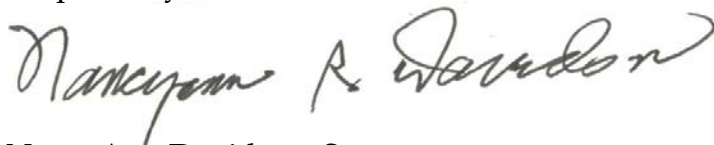
### **Other**

Terry said that she and Debby attended the required FTA grantee meeting Grand Junction on September 7<sup>th</sup>...typically, the level of funding for the next operating/admin grant and capital grant are provided (ECCOG applied for a 2013 grant for Lincoln County - Hugo based vehicle). This year, however, that information was not provided and staff was told that notice of grant awards will be out by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Terry also explained the timeline involved to get contracts out by the end of December. Terry also provided other information learned at the required meeting, including changes to the reimbursement request process at the state level and expected delays to 2013 capital awards. The state may also change the application date for the 2014-15 cycle for capital requests only...this application usually happens in May, but capital requests may be called for later in the year.

Next meeting: October 11, 2012 – Limon Community Building; Lunch at Jenny's

Dick declared the meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

NancyAnn Davidson, Secretary

Senior Services & Transit Advisory Board