



**REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

February 23, 2017

PPACG Main Conference Room

1. **Regular Meeting - Call To Order/Establish a Quorum/Introductions**
2. **Consent items:**
 - A. **Agenda approval**
 - B. **Minutes approval – January 23, 2017**
3. **Public Comments - Items not on the agenda**
4. **Special Presentations – Joe Urban and Dave Betzler**
5. **Action Items:**
 - A. **Vote on Membership Subcommittee**
 - B. **Vote on Technical Review Subcommittee**
6. **Provider Information Fair**
Informational sessions in which to interact with current providers of Older Americans Act services funded by PPACG AAA – Lisa Alldridge
7. **Next RAC Meeting**
March 23, 9 AM – 12 PM;
PPACG Area Agency on Aging Main Conference Room
14 S Chestnut St, Colorado Springs CO 80905
8. **Adjournment**

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REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

for Thursday, January 26th, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cynthia Aki
Dave Betzler
Barb Caudle
Wendy Farr
Norma Garbani
Phyllis Huggins
Margaret Hunter
Marylyn Massey
Jerry Novak
Carol Parks
Jo Ruth
Cheryl Schnell
Frances St. Germain
Nancy Stannard
Joyce Whittle

STAFF

Lisa Alldridge, PPACG AAA
Carrie Schillinger, PPACG AAA
Gretchen Bricker, PPACG AAA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bea Babbitt
Clint Cooper
Lucy Crandall
Richard Elsner
Dixie Herring

GUESTS

Pat Ellis
Michelle Vacha
Ralph Power
Laura Engleman
Carmela Schweer
Bobbie Gore

1. CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM/ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

The January meeting of the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by RAC Chairperson Dave Betzler at the PPACG offices. Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves. **Let the records show that a quorum was present.** (Quorum constitutes 30% of members.)

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved unanimously as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion to approve minutes from the December 8, 2016 RAC meeting as written was made. The motion passed unanimously.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mental Health First Aid for Seniors – AspenPointe, Madeline Arroyo: Ms. Arroyo gave an informational presentation to RAC members about the nationwide Mental Health First Aid program, which is available locally through AspenPointe. This 8 hour class is taught by volunteer leaders with specialized training in dealing with a mental health crisis. The newly expanded curriculum now includes a separate educational track and full-day course for those wishing to prepare themselves to better manage interactions with seniors experiencing mental health challenges. AspenPointe will be teaching two full-day sessions of Mental Health First Aid for Seniors at PPACG in March. Sign up information will be available soon.

6. RAC MEMBER ORIENTATION

A. AAA overview:

How the AAAs came into being, the Older Americans Act/Older Coloradans Act, the Aging Services Network and how PPACG AAA serves El Paso, Park and Teller counties.

B. RAC member packet:

The toolkit the PPACG AAA prepares for RAC members to use in understanding how seniors and family caregivers are given access to services under the Older Americans Act in our region.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. AAA Director's report – Carrie Schillinger: Ms. Schillinger delivered the AAA Director's report in the absence of Joe Urban.

i. The search for a new PPACG Executive Director will begin soon and will include a national search to identify the new leader of PPACG.

ii. Over 250 pieces of legislation have already been introduced to the legislature in Denver. PPACG is tracking bills that may be relevant to the senior and family caregiver populations that PPACG AAA serves.

- iii. The El Paso County collaborative group is poised to submit their response next week to the RFP for a No Wrong Door pilot site issued by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing in late-November.
- B. RAC Chair report – David Betzler:
 - i. RAC member biographies should be submitted to Carrie Schillinger ASAP, so that they may be compiled and distributed at the February RAC meeting.
 - ii. Table Talk emails will begin as a monthly news dissemination/discussion thread via email following this RAC meeting. This process is new and will hopefully engage interested RAC members in additional discussion of relevant topics outside of normal meeting times. Your input is welcome!
 - iii. The subcommittee chairs have been identified and will now populate their subcommittees to begin work for 2017. Wendy Farr continues as the Chair of the Membership Subcommittee. Cheryl Schnell is the Chair of the Technical Review Subcommittee for 2017.
- C. Community Information

PPACG AAA is working again this year with Ent Federal Credit Union to offer free classes in the Retirement Series to the public. Class locations will be expanded this year to include the PPACG offices.

<u>NEXT RAC EVENT</u>	<u>February Providers Fair</u>
DATE:	Thursday, February 23rd, 2017
TIME:	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	PPACG Area Aging on Aging 14 S. Chestnut Street Colorado Springs, CO 80905

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dave Betzler at 11:20 a.m.

