



Pikes Peak Area
Council of Governments
Communities Working Together

Meeting Agenda
Regional Advisory Council
Thursday, September 25, 2025, 10:00 AM

In Person

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room
14 S. Chestnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905

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- 1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum / Introductions**
- 2. Agenda Approval**
- 3. Consent Items**

These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless they are called up for discussion by a Council member or a citizen wishing to address the Council.

A. Approval of the minutes from the August 28, 2025, meeting ☒

- 4. Public Comments / Presentations**

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- 5. Action Items**

- 6. Information Items**

A. Presentations. October is Meet the Blind Month. Welcome agencies serving this community.

- i. iSight Connections
- ii. New Vision

B. Membership Subcommittee

- C. Strategic Review Subcommittee ☒
- D. Technical Review Subcommittee
- E. Area Agency on Aging Director's Report: Jody Barker, Director, Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging
- F. Legislative Update: Jared Verner, Public Policy and Communications Manager ☒
- G. Chair Report

7. Discussion Items

8. Meeting Schedule

- A. Next meeting: October 23, 2025 – 10 a.m.
- B. Executive Committee Meetings – First Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.
- C. Upcoming PPACG Meeting Schedule ☒
- D. Technical Review Subcommittee tentative schedule ☒

9. Adjournment

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Roster

Regional Advisory Council

Chair: Debin Levin-Stankevich

Vice Chair / Strategic Review Subcommittee Chair: Laura Kronick

Technical Review Subcommittee Chair: Gordon Rick

Membership Chair: Maria Cordova

Thirty percent of the current voting committee membership (rounded up to the nearest whole number) shall constitute a quorum.

Citizens-At-Large

Bea Babbitt: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

Maria Cordova: Expires Dec. 31, 2026*

Rosemary Jaramillo: Expires Dec. 31, 2025*

Donald Kovelski: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

Debi Levin-Stankevich: Expires Dec. 31, 2026*

Jenn Nimmo: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

Vincent Yanik: Expires Dec. 31, 2026

Susie Walton: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

City of Fountain

Gordon Rick: Expires Dec. 31, 2026

Town of Monument:

Laura Kronick: Expires Dec. 31, 2025

Park County

Sheila Williams: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

Teller County

Clarke Becker: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

Open Member Seats

Alma

Calhan

Colorado Springs (Three positions)

Cripple Creek

El Paso County (Three positions)

Fairplay

Green Mountain Falls

Manitou Springs

Palmer Lake

Ramah

Victor

Woodland Park



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Meeting Minutes
Regional Advisory Council
Thursday, August 28, 2025, 10:00 AM

In Person

Monument Town Hall, Council Chambers
645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument, CO 80132

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1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum / Introductions

Chair Debi Levin-Stankevich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Agenda Approval

Laura Kronick motioned to approve the meeting agenda and Clarke Becker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consent Items

These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless they are called up for discussion by a council member or a citizen wishing to address the council.

A. Approval of the minutes from the July 24, 2025, meeting.

Laura Kronick motioned to approve and Clarke Becker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments / Presentations

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5. Action Items

None

6. Information Items**A. Presentations****i. Silver Key Senior Services**

Executive Director and CEO Jason Deabueno presented on the ElderHood Project, Brought to Life by Silver Key. The project, which will honor the journey of aging, is a repository of narratives and stories from older adults and their communities. Silver Key is also working on a community center, Monumental Impact, and Classic Homes. The upcoming projects will provide extensive intergenerational programming and seek to build sustainable community.

B. Membership Subcommittee

No updates

C. Strategic Review Subcommittee

No updates

D. Technical Review Subcommittee

No updates

E. Area Agency on Aging Director's Report

Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging Director Jody Barker updated the committee on current funding allocations and logistics. The Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging will release its next Request for Proposals mid-September and will likely receive carryover funding this fall. The Colorado Springs Senior Center is reopening this Friday, August 29.

F. Legislative Update

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Public Policy and Communications Manager Jared Verner shared federal and state updates. The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board of Directors recently adopted a support position for funding via older adult legislation. At the federal level, Congress reconvenes next week with the appropriations process starting for the federal budget beginning September 30. There is a potential for continuing resolution. At the state level, the General Assembly is considering scenarios to address budget shortfalls, including tapping into a reserve fund, revenue increases, and budget reductions.

G. Regional Advisory Council Chair Report

Chair Debi Levin-Stankevich expressed optimism for the upcoming year. She also thanked Regional Advisory Council member Laura Kronick for hosting the meeting.

7. Discussion Items

None

8. Meeting Schedule

A. Next meeting: September 25, 2025 – 10 a.m.

B. Executive Committee Meetings – First Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.

C. Upcoming Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Schedule

9. Adjournment

Chair Debi Levin-Stankevich adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

PPAAA 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2027

Primary Blueprint of Action – RAC Priorities and Interests for 2025

Quarterly Meetings: 2/18/2025, 6/10/2025, 9/18/2025

AAA Service Delivery	Area of Need from CASOA, staff, community mtgs	Action Item	PPACG Goal	Tracking 2025	Product 2025	Outcome 2025
Transportation Coordination	Transportation Rural	Refine transportation services and increase access	Transportation	Medicaid providers/ medride? Medride is certified again Carepool voucher? Maintain connection with providers on how effected. May see more dual eligible qualification.	Park County government has a grant (\$30,000) to support veterans on many levels. Look into voucher crossing into Denver \$.56/mile is low. Capped at \$200. Explore church vans partnership.	Concerns about funding drying up – urban and rural There are voids getting filled but gap continues. The Elders in Guffy doing carpools. (Link to Park County website) Teller County manages their rides with a variety of vehicles and Lake George (Park) area.

Transportation Coordination	Transportation Urban	Improve a coordinated plan for transportation needs with emphasis on equity	Transportation	Medicaid providers/medride? Maintain connection with providers on how effected. Carepool voucher? May see more dual eligible qualification. Envida (Agencies) pays \$1300 to hire/certify drivers	Look into voucher crossing into Denver \$.56/mile is low. Explore church vans partnership.	Fountain bus system exploring a door to door app on Ft. Carson. Connect with Silver Key's app.
Caregiver Support	Caregiving coordination and respite	Increase caregiver base and resources for them	Aging objectives	Community Calendar emailed out by CarePatrol Launched in April UCCS zero out public information and screening resources due to lack of funding. May improve in July. Explore Caregiver ambassadors (PPAAA)	PPAAA applied for respite grant Build out caregiver voucher funding at the beginning of the year/July. PPAAA Volunteer Manager started fall 2024 Caregiver ambassadors and respite in all 3 counties.	Received recreational grant - teaching caregivers strategies to engage with their loved one beyond day to day routine.
Caregiver Support	Caregiving outreach	Increase caregiver services to underrepresented populations	Aging objectives	Explore Caregiver ambassadors (PPAAA)		
Case Management Material Aid	Preserve housing Homemaker	Increase emphasis on short term case management of	Aging objectives	MEALS?? Food costs		

	Chore Home modifications	qualifying individuals, with special emphasis on equity outreach. Seek additional funding and volunteer opportunities.		PPAAA has revamped Case Management and SHIP. New CM Manager Danika Hamilton started April. Turnover has led to new hiring open now. TSC, Silver Key, Community Caring, CSFD (fall) and PPAAA collaborating.		
Legal Case management	Preserve housing Eviction protection	Assist seniors in establishing appropriate legal supports prior to or following death of a spouse	Aging objectives		Colorado Legal Services presented on Renters Rights workshops, most services provided for eviction services. 368 total new (all) cases opened in 2024. 105 social work cases, started 2021. PPAAA serving housing needs in case management.	Seniors are getting help. Hired CM with housing background, Teon. Silver Key, Myron Stratton (\$500 and less) and Greccio opened total of 3 new buildings. All have more buildings in the works.

Administration	Broadband	Advocate and establish service in rural areas	Advocacy Aging objectives	Digital Access at state level	Jenn on State Digital Equity Access workgroup. Funding was pulled, workgroup still going.	
Administration Information and Assistance All services	Outreach	Establish education and outreach strategy and messaging. State and local level.	Advocacy Aging Objectives	Splain Consulting is contracted at state level to help? Work with PBS Allies for Aging USAgings is hosting Partnership Development bi-weekly trainings for AAAs.	Platte Canyon Alliance Resource Directory Falcon Herald connection with RAC Don K.	
Ombudsmen	Education for identification and prevention of abuse and neglect	Establish outreach campaign to residents as well as the community	Advocacy Aging objectives			Ombudsmen program has positive 2024 program review
SHIP	Retirement planning SHIP	Increase reach to populations moving into retirement with special emphasis on underrepresented outreach	Advocacy Aging objectives	PPAAA has revamped Case Management and SHIP. New CM Manager Danika Hamilton started April turnover has led to new hiring open now.	SHIP staff on board with Katie Ostini. Getting trained for Open Enrollment and Reimagine Retirement. Attending outreach events. Learning about possible 126% insurance premium increase and	

					watching if that happens with Medicare. Katie came from work signing seniors up for Medicare Savings Program.	
SHIP Case Management	SHIP Medicaid and Medicare support	Increase reach to seniors with emphasis on rural and under-represented outreach	Advocacy Aging objectives	PPAAA has revamped Case Management and SHIP. New CM Manager Danika Hamilton started April turnover has led to new hiring open now. Watch for updates on how Medicare might change in 2026.	Katie trained in filing appeals.	

Innovation and Expansion: Transit, caregiver outreach, eviction preventions, retirement planning, meals, **volunteers**.

Volunteers: Dali Moncada started fall 2024 as volunteer manager.

Client stories:

Park County veteran outdoor activities.



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Bills PPACG is supporting

Bill #	Title	Bill Summary	Sponsors	Status
H.R. 3030	Highway Formula Fairness Act PPACG Legislative Theme: Transportation	To amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for a discretionary increase in certain highway funding to take into account population growth of a State, and for other purposes.	House: Stanton (D-AZ) Gonzales (R-TX) Neguse (D-CO)	House: Assigned to House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
H.R. 1733 S. 784	Rural Veterans Transportation to Care Act PPACG Legislative Theme: Transportation, Aging	To expand and modify the grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in highly rural areas, and for other purposes.	House: Marie Gluesenkamp (D-WA) Ciscomani (R-AZ) Vasquez (D-NM) Davis (D-NC) Johnson (R-SD) Joyce (R-OH) Golden (D-ME) Pettersen (D-CO) Fitzpatrick (R-PA) Harder (D-CA) Nunn (R-IA) Vindman (D-VA) Strickland (D-WA) Lofgren (D-CA) Schrier (D-WA) Barr (R-KY) Senate:	House: Assigned to Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health Senate: Committee on Veterans' Affairs Hearing on May 21

			Ossoff (D-GA) Collins (R-ME) Padilla (D-CA)	
H.R. 502	Protecting Infrastructure Investments for Rural America Act PPACG Legislative Theme: Transportation	To ensure the rural surface transportation grant program is accessible to rural areas, and for other purposes.	House: Finstad (R-MN) Golden (D-ME) Stauber (R-MN) Mann (R-KS) Fischbach (R-MN) Van Orden (R-WI) Moolenaar (R-MI) Flood (R-NE) Tiffany (R-WI)	House: Assigned to House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
S. 2120	Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2025 PPACG Legislative Theme: Aging		Senate: Cassidy (R-LA) Sanders (I-VT) Scott (R-FL) Gillibrand (D-NY) Collins (R-ME) Kaine (D-VA) Mullin (R-OK) Markey (D-MA) Murkowski (R-AK) Luján (D-NM)	Senate: Assigned to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and, Pensions
H.R. 4585	Agricultural and Rural Road Improvement Program Act PPACG Legislative Theme: Transportation	To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish an agricultural and rural road improvement program, and for other purposes.	House: Bost (R-IL) Riley (D-NY) Mann (R-KS) Nehls (R-TX) Hurd (R-CO) Onder (R-MO) Miller (R-IL) Feenstra (R-IA) Van Orden (R-WI)	House: Assigned to Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Bills for PPACG is monitoring

Bill #	Title	Bill Summary	Sponsors	Status
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H.R. 4218	CLEAR Act PPACG Legislative Theme: Air Quality	To amend the Clean Air Act to facilitate State implementation of national ambient air quality standards, and for other purposes.	House: Carter (R-GA) Griffith (R-VA) Allen (R-GA) Balderson (R-OH) Latta (R-OH) Newhouse (R-WA) Weber (R-TX) Pfluger (R-TX) Obernolte (R-CA)	House: Assigned to Committee on Energy and Commerce
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Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Meeting
September 25	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
September 25	12 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Social Engagement Work Group
October 1	9 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
October 1	11 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Executive Committee
October 3	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
October 6	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
October 8	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
October 15	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
October 15	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
October 16	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
October 16	2 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Caregiver Work Group
October 22	1 p.m.	Air Quality Technical Committee
October 23	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
October 23	12 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Social Engagement Work Group
October 29	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee
November 3	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
November 5	9 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
November 5	11 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Executive Committee
November 7	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
November 12	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
November 19	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
November 20	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
November 20	2 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Caregiver Work Group
November 26	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
November 26	1 p.m.	Air Quality Work Group
November 26	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee

Schedule as of September 22, 2025

Meetings may be added, changed or cancelled as needed. Current meeting schedule is available at ppacg.org.



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Date: September 25, 2025

To: Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Regional Advisory Council

Subject: Technical Review Subcommittee Tentative Schedule

Action Requested: information Only

Summary

The Notice of Funding Availability for Programs Serving Older Adults for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, was published on September 19, 2025. Applicants are required to attend a conference at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, and can submit questions through Friday, November 7, 2025. Submissions are due at 11:59 p.m., MST, on Friday, November 14, 2025.

The Technical Review Subcommittee will tentatively meet on the following schedule to review and make recommendations to the Regional Advisory Council:

- Second week of December: Technical Review Subcommittee meets
- January: Regional Advisory Council makes its recommendations
- February: Approval by the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board of Directors

Background

The purpose of the Regional Advisory Council's Technical Review Subcommittee shall be to review and recommend proposals for services, funding allocations and annual budgets to the Regional Advisory Council, which will then make a recommendation to the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board of Directors.

Strategic Plan Goals

Please select which strategic plan goals this applies to.

- ☒ Advocacy: Serve as an effective advocacy voice for common ground issues.
- ☒ Information Sharing: Serve as a significant resource for PPACG members to collect and share information with regional partners.
- ☒ Aging: Expand and extend senior access, awareness, education, and connectivity to support age-friendly communities and empower individual seniors.
- ☐ Transportation: Maintain and improve a coordinated, validated plan for transportation needs across the PPACG region.

☒ Program Excellence: Continue to excel in the key fundamental areas of PPACG: Military support, Environmental programs, Transportation, Area Agency on Aging, and regional communication, and collaboration.