**Arapahoe County Council on Aging**

**[DRAFT] Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2022 *via Zoom***

Jo Glaviano, Acting ACCOA Co-President, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

**Motion to Approve March Meeting Minutes:** Motion: Barbara Boyer; Second: Linda Haley. *Motion approved*.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Barbara Boyer: Nothing spent in the last month, one bill pending.

**President’s Report**: Linda Haley: The Executive Committee recommended Andrea Suhaka to fill the third DRCOG delegate position; we will need to vote on that today, and recommendation will then go to the Board of County Commissions (BOCC).

**Motion to Recommend Andrea Suhaka as DRCOG delegate:** Motion: Barbara Boyer; Second: Houston “Tex” Elan. *Motion approved*.

**DRCOG Report:** Barbara Boyer. We are in the process of hosting a AAA summit, including the commission and county AAAs, to discuss how can we work together, do more, not duplicate efforts; meetings have been stagnant, and anticipating increased need with declining revenue declining, summit to take place this fall (Sept/Oct)

**Legislative Report**: Bob Epstein. Currently 618 bills introduced this session, 102 bills voted down with 117 signed into law including the long bill and the Modification of Older Coloradans Act; the legislature adjourns on May 11th and there are 399 bills still going through the process/committees

**Safety Report**: No Safety report.

**Community Awareness**: Krista Keller. Malley Center event this Thursday, April 28th at 3:00p, ACCOA information will be there; Buck Center event on May 6th; Senior Law event on May 21st

**Eastern Plains**: Linda Haley. The Strasburg Food Bank will close permanently on May 13th, which is a huge loss for the community

**Presentation:**

Speakers: L​auren Kurtz, Projects Coordinator, Denver Regional Mobility & Access Council (DRMAC)

Topic: DRMAC: What is DRMAC? Plus, an overview of programs and trainings

Presenter takeaways:

* *getting there guide*: Resource guide for transportation services in Denver metro area, serving 9 counties; DRMAC’s longest ongoing project, in its 12th edition, available in multiple languages; find it online: [www.GettingThereGuide.com](http://www.GettingThereGuide.com)
* DRMAC Transportation Information & Assistance Center: 303-243-3113; access to transportation resource specialists Mon-Fri, translation available
* *getting there* paratransit mobile app: Mobile version of *getting there guide*; includes info about paratransit, public transport, volunteer-based driving services, private options
* *getting there* Travel Training: How to use public transportation, 4 free training sessions, available both in-person and virtual, free RTD tickets once all 4 trainings completed, sign up at [www.drmac-co.org](http://www.drmac-co.org) or email info@drmac-co.org
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**Community Announcements**:

Krista: Please let me know of any resources you find helpful that I can pass along to a woman who recently started her own caregiving business

Sheila: CCRV is hosting the Denver Senior Coalition this Thursday, April 28th, 9:30-11:00a; Financial Legacy event on May 17th; Low-Vision Resource Fair on May 24th

Barbara: AgeWise is hosting two webinars in May: Home Modifications, and a second called AgeTech; visit www.agewisecolorado.org (get involved button)

Cheryl: Active Aging Expo is Thursday from 3-6p, about 60 vendors

Jo: Senior Law & Safety Summit, May 21st, 8:30a-2:00p: <https://www.da18.org/wp-content/uploads/SLSS-2022.pdf>

Bob: May is Older Americans Month; CO Center for Aging organized “Age My Way,” a 3-day event on May 13, 19, 25; for more info: <https://oldercoloradansmonth.org/>

Rowan: Healthy Aging Expo on May 6th at the Buck Center

Tina: Reminder that next ACCOA meeting will be May 23rd, speaker is Maggie Gannon, CEO & Co-Founder of My Living Obituary Legacy Network

Tex: Member of Board of Directors of VIA Mobility Services; eligible to provide services in Arapahoe County; are you interested in learning about the services they provide; potential future program

Meeting adjourned at pm, there were 15 people in attendance. Minutes prepared by Johanna Glaviano, Secretary.