**Arapahoe County Council on Aging**

**(DRAFT) Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2022 *via Zoom***

Johanna “Jo” Glaviano, Acting ACCOA Co-President, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

**Approval of January Meeting Minutes:** Motion: Bob Epstein; Second: Barbara Lotze. *Motion approved*.

**Treasurer’s Report:** No Treasurer’s report.

**President’s Report**: Reminder that Krista Keller and Jo Glaviano are Acting Co-Presidents until a new ACCOA President is elected.

**DRCOG Report:**

Cathy Noon: Discussion at the February DRCOG meeting included hosting a county council summit, since county councils operate in different ways and many are having challenges, including low attendance; the current bill concerning the modernization of the Older Americans Act would guide how county councils operate; other priorities include additional funding sources for transportation; DRCOG going back to the office on April 1st; a potential speaker topic for future ACCOA meeting is an update on the NYMBL program, including success rates, breakdown of funding, etc.

Houson “Tex” Elam: The role of the DCROG council is to help agencies survive in this environment; there is discussion about developing different committees, including a transportation committee; please contact Cathy if you are interested in serving on a committee.

**Legislative Report**:

Bob Epstein: HB22-1035: Modernization of the Older Americans Act meets today, this bill empowers Colorado Commission on Aging to have a more active role in senior services; there are many bills to follow, including those focused on HOAs, parking, and health; HB22-1209: Sunset of Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging (SAPGA), the group will expire in September.

**Safety Report**:

Jamie Sorrells: Senior Law and Safety Summit, May 21st, 8:00a to 2:00p, Charles Schwab campus in Lone Tree, will include a variety of speakers covering health, safety, finances, elder abuse, dementia, and more.

**Community Awareness**:

Krista Keller: In person events are starting to happen, including Malley Recreation Center’s event on April 28th

**Eastern Plains**: No Eastern Plains report.

**Presentation:**

Speaker:  Barb Lotze, Integrated Healthcare Specialist

Topic: Aviant Healthcare: The Continuum of Care Models

Presenter takeaways:

* Aviant provides an extra layer of support to patients, helps match treatment options to patient’s goals, provides coordination and continuum of care – Primary Care, Palliative, Hospice
* Primary Care:
	+ Provides med mgmt.; refer to specialists, OT, PT, skilled nursing; illness and injury prevention; order medical equipment; coordinate care; mobile blood draws
	+ Covered by Medicare
* Palliative Care:
	+ Provides physician, nurse practitioner, social worker, spiritual care provider focused on providing individualized care; holistic approach
	+ Helps patients stay out of hospital
* Only 45.7% of Americans utilize their Medicare benefits for hospice care
* Cycling without Age: <https://cwalittleton.com/>
* Contact: Barb Lotze, 720-231-6248 / blotze@avianthealhcare.com

**Community Announcements**:

* Krista: Active Adult Healthy Living Expo, Friday, May 6th, Buck Center, 11:00a-2:00p
* Cheryl Adamson: Active Aging Expo, Thurs, April 28th, Malley Senior Rec Center; contact 303-762-2660, cadamson@englewoodco.gov
* Heidi Tingey: Arapahoe Libraries increasing in person programs including a walking group, a hybrid three-part series on business and careers in older age, Neighborhood Memory Café, classic game club
* Jo Glaviano: Senior Circle, Wed, March 9th, 1:00-2:30p; a facilitated discussion of the Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map; via Zoom; to Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtfu6urzMiG9wc2uvbiHSF-UaLmNIE9EHe>
* Barb Lotze: Wellness Fair at Riverpoint, 5225 S. Prince St. Littleton, March 11th, 10a-1p

There were 18 people in attendance. Minutes prepared by Johanna Glaviano, Secretary.