

# Advisory Council Meeting

## January 8, 2026

### Minutes

<b><u>Members Present:</u></b>	Deb Courtner Bill Gedge Colleen Meyer Jacque Penfold	Judi Dekle Craig Linebaugh Cole Neder Mari Temmer	Jodi Drisko Mary Lisco Sarah Olear Deb Waldo
<b><u>Members Absent:</u></b>	Judy Brannon		
<b><u>Staff Present:</u></b>	Erin Alt Aimee Heilig Nicole Limoges	Tiffany Ballew Megan Freeman Carol Seest	Commissioner Shaddock-McNally
<b><u>Guests Present:</u></b>	Tonya Fairweather Joanne Herkenhoff	Joe Glomboski Donna Rupert	Tina Gonzales

### CALL TO ORDER

Colleen Meyer called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

### CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF November 13, 2025

Minutes approved with a correction to the Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board report.

### PRESENTATIONS

Tonya Fairweather shared information about Colorado Legal Services. Megan Freeman and Carol Seest shared information on community transition services and options counseling provided by the Larimer County Office on Aging.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### Four Year Plan Update

Nicole Limoges shared a presentation on some of the accomplishments from the second year of the current Area Plan.

### COMMISSIONERS REPORT

- The new legislative session began on January 14th, bringing with it numerous unresolved budget questions. Furthermore, there are ongoing concerns regarding the current federal funding freezes impacting Colorado's TANF, SNAP, and Child Care programs.



- Heather O'Hayre was awarded the Human Services Director of the Year award.
- Gave an overview of the reasons behind the changes to the Council, transitioning to a stakeholder group, no longer under the Board of County Commissioners.
- The State Department of Human Services is shifting its funding mechanism from direct county allocations to a district-based approach for service provision. This change will impact certain services within Larimer County.
- A town hall concerning wildfire mitigation and watershed protection is scheduled to be hosted in Estes Park soon.
- An update was shared regarding the ongoing mountain pine beetle outbreak in ponderosa pines. The Commissioners are hosting a televised work session with the State Forest Service on January 21st, 1:30 pm in the Commissioners' conference room, on this topic. Additional details are available on the commissioner's website.

## **OFFICE ON AGING UPDATE**

- Erin shared the decision for the Office on Aging Advisory Council to transition from being a board under the Commissioner's office to under Human Services. A lot of logistics around this change are still being decided, but we will share more information as it becomes more available.
- When the government was shut down, we applied for and were awarded \$15,000 from the HB24-1211 contingency/emergency funds from the State. With the funds, we purchased 375 grocery gift cards and are distributing them to 60+ households on SNAP, with a focus on rural and Latin-a Larimer residents. We have done outreach in Wellington, Red Feather Lakes, Bellvue, and Berthoud so far. We will be in Laporte next week, and Estes Park at the end of the month.
- We are starting the sign-up for council members to participate in outreach events with the LCOA staff. Look for an email with more information from Nicole. We are asking that each council member participate in one outreach event a year.
- New LCOA Caregiver classes have been scheduled for 2026. All the details can be found on our website, [larimer.gov/caregiver](http://larimer.gov/caregiver). We are offering in-person and virtual classes for caregivers and grandfamilies.
- The Aspen Club and RideNoCo are partnering to offer multiple transportation fairs in January and February. It is a good way for people to learn about transportation providers, ask questions, and explore services. Nicole will share their flyer with all the dates and locations. Registration is required.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee**

Colleen Meyer shared:

- Will be looking at the changes that will occur to the council with the recent transition announcement.



## **Older Americans Month Committee**

Deb Courtner shared:

- Updated the award nomination forms.
- Working on a list of organizations to use to reach out to about the awards, and will further discuss promoting the committee.
- The award ceremony this year is scheduled for Thursday, May 14th.

## **Education Committee**

Sarah Olear shared:

- In the December meeting, the topic of advocating for your health with your healthcare provider was discussed.
- Committee members are currently doing outreach and gathering information.

## **PARTNER REPORTS**

### **Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board**

Joe Glomboski reported the following:

- Did not meet in December, and their next meeting is scheduled for January 14th, where the scheduled speaker is Transfort.
- Currently have three applications being considered for new board members.

### **Loveland Senior Advisory Board**

JoAnn Herkenhoff reported the following:

- The board has spent the last few months reviewing national and local resources around social isolation and loneliness. After review of that information, it culminated in a recommendation letter to the Loveland City Council.
- They also have openings on their board. Teresa Boynton has stepped down from the board, so they are also looking for a new chair.
- The January meeting has been canceled.

### **Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)**

Nicole Limoges shared a written report from Myles Crane:

- PAFC met on Tuesday to discuss 2026 leadership and budgeting plans
- CSU Center for Healthy Aging expressed appreciation for PAFC's support for a collaboration proposal between the Center and the One Health Institute. The project promises to fill critical gaps in preventive care, mental and behavioral health, veterinary care, mobility, and social support

## **ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Colleen Meyer adjourned the meeting at 3:22 pm.