

Advisory Council Meeting

June 11, 2026

Minutes

<u>Members Present:</u>	Judy Brannon Jodi Drisko Colleen Meyer	Deb Courtner Bill Gedge Sarah Olear	Judi Dekle Craig Linebaugh Deb Waldo
<u>Members Absent:</u>	Cole Neder	Mari Temmer	Jacque Penfold
<u>Staff Present:</u>	Erin Alt Nicole Limoges Tami Promes	Megan Freeman Jennifer Lynn Skye Thomas	Tara Gaffney Kayla McGee
<u>Guests Present:</u>	Morgan Lindsey	Kristi Remick	Donna Rupert

CALL TO ORDER

Colleen Meyer called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. The council welcomed Kayla, the current Office on Aging Intern. A guest attendee, Kristi Remick from Seniors Helping Seniors, introduced herself and expressed her intent to connect with local civic communities engaging the senior population.

CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF May 14, 2026

Minutes were approved as written.

PRESENTATIONS

Morgan Lindsey, the director of the Northern Colorado branch of Almost Family, presented on their partnership with the Office on Aging for the in-home voucher program. She touched on their rural care support, veteran and private care services, as well as a unique program they have with an independent living community.

Jennifer Lynn gave a summary of both the in-home and chore voucher services the Office on Aging provides.

OTHER BUSINESS

Budget Review

Tara Gaffney, Accounting Manager for Larimer County Human Services, presented the preliminary SFY 2027 budget compared to the SFY 2026. She introduced Skye Thomas as the new senior accountant who will take over the Office on Aging account.



Election of Officers

Sarah Olear led the election of officers for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The Executive Committee, acting as the nomination committee, presented Judi Dekle for chair and Deb Waldo for vice chair. The council voted unanimously for both nominees.

OFFICE ON AGING UPDATE

- The council will not meet in July. The next official meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13th. Two of the three subcommittees will still meet in July. Members are strongly encouraged to attend the August meeting in person to meet our newest members.
- We received 10 applications for new council members and recommended six for appointment, targeting a July 1st term start date.
- The Office on Aging received its audit results from the State Unit of Aging, achieving zero compliance issues.
- A job posting is opening soon to hire two positions within the Ombudsman program following an upcoming staff departure.
- The Aging and Adult Services Division has formally been dissolved. The Office on Aging has transitioned into the Operations and Organizational Development Department (OOD). The Adult Protection Team joined Children, Youth, and Family, while the Long-Term Care Medicaid team moved to Benefits and Community Support.
- As a requirement of our 4-year area plan, the Office on Aging will hold 1-hour community outreach sessions throughout Berthoud, Red Feather, Estes Park, Wellington, Fort Collins, and Loveland. We are also planning a dedicated Latinx conversation session conducted entirely in Spanish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Colleen Meyer thanked departing council members completing their terms: Judy Brannon, Deb Cortner, Bill Gedge, Cole Neder, and Mari Temmer.

Older Americans Month Committee

Deb Cortner reported on the recent Older Americans Award ceremony. The current nomination form will be maintained, and the committee will seek a larger venue next year because the room was crowded. They also proposed moving the Outstanding Caregiver Award to the front of the ceremony to end the awards on a high note. They want to coordinate with local libraries, providers, and the Senior Centers next May to have more events occurring during Older Americans Month.

Education Committee

Sarah Olear shared that the committee finalized the run of show and panelist questions for their upcoming event in September titled "Your Health, Your Voice: Making Every



Appointment Count". The panel will feature a pharmacist, a social worker, and a geriatrician focusing on patient self-advocacy.

PARTNER REPORTS

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board

Sarah Olear shared that they met yesterday and had a presentation from Get FOCO, a city program that offers discounted services and municipal benefits for low-income residents.

Loveland Senior Advisory Board

Donna Rupert reported that the city is proactively looking to merge and consolidate various municipal committees to reduce the required liaison workload on city council members.

Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)

Nicole Limoges shared on behalf of Myles Crane that Kristy, the new PAFC Executive Director, was introduced to the Office on Aging staff and the PAFC steering board. PAFC is working on a new 5-year strategic blueprint and recently hosted a guest speaker, Adrian Chernoff, with Oije, on how they can work with local organizations and area agencies on aging to help address issues facing older adults.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members commended the recent 55+ Expo at the Chilson Recreation Center. A recommendation was made for Office on Aging staff to wear more visible name badges at public events.

The council discussed public feedback regarding the discontinuation of the printed Answers on Aging resource guide, an operational shift that saved the Office on Aging \$50,000 in printing costs. Staff do have flyers with a QR code to the online guide to share and will print specific sections of the guide for individuals who request it. We know that the printed guide was well loved, and we encourage people to reach out to the Office on Aging so we can still help them get the information they need.

ADJOURNMENT

Colleen Meyer adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.