LARIMER COUNTY | Human Services, Office on Aging, Area Agency on Aging
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Advisory Council Meeting
September 10, 2026
Minutes

Members Present:	Judi Dekle	Jodi Drisko	Dennis Houston
	Colleen Meyer	Sarah Olear	Jacque Penfold
	Kristi Remick	Susan Taylor	Deb Waldo
	Juliana Young		
Members Absent:	Craig Linebaugh	Ross Reid	
Staff Present:	Tara Gaffney	Christina LeBlanc	Nicole Limoges
	Camille Millard	Skye Thomas	
Guests Present:	Joe Glomboski	Donna Rupert	

CALL TO ORDER
Judi Dekle called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND MINUTES OF August 13, 2026
Minutes were approved as written.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Judi Dekle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS
Camille Millard with the Office of Emergency Management shared information on their department and disaster preparedness.

OTHER BUSINESS
LCOA Budget Review
Nicole Limoges shared a presentation on the Larimer County Office on Aging budget, including the different funding parts, transfers, match, and more. Skye Thomas shared an updated state fiscal year 2027 budget with how additional carry-forward funds are being distributed and the actuals from state fiscal year 2026.

OFFICE ON AGING UPDATE
- The Office on Aging has added two new ombudsmen to the team, Meg Wingard and Brittany Bisceglia. We also have a new administrative assistant, Christina LeBlanc, who you will see helping out at the council meetings. Finally, we will

have a new case manager for the disability navigator program starting September 17th
- Dementia Together is hosting an educational symposium, “Living Well with Dementia,” on Friday, October 23rd @ Timberline Church. This is for those caring for someone living with dementia, offering practical tools for daily care and crisis prevention. The flyer will be emailed out.
- Larimer County is accepting applications for participants in their October Larimer 101 series.
- In recognition of World Suicide Awareness Day (September 10th), as well as Suicide Awareness Month and Healthy Aging Month throughout September, everyone is encouraged to take a moment to reach out and check in on someone. A simple connection can mean a great deal, as we never know who might be experiencing isolation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Deb Waldo provided an update on the committee's recent session, during which members drafted upcoming meeting agendas and reviewed the council bylaws. Committee sign-ups will occur during the October meeting.

Education Committee

Sarah Olear reported that the committee is finalizing details for the education forum titled "Your Health, Your Voice: Making Every Appointment Count." The event will take place on Wednesday, September 23, at the Fort Collins Senior Center. Members are encouraged to assist in distributing the promotional flyer throughout their networks.

PARTNER REPORTS

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board

Joe Glomboski shared the following:
- At the last meeting, they had a presentation from Dementia Together. Please share the information on their October 23rd symposium.
- The NOCO Foundation has a program called Intersections. Its theme is pursuing regional well-being. This report badly underscored the importance of considering aging in their work. Therefore, Tom Hilbert spearheaded a letter to the NOCO Foundation to try to add Older Adults as a distinct demographic group.
- Joe invited the Fort Collins Mayor and Council member Nelson to the council's November meeting. They are on the agenda for a 30-minute Q&A.

Loveland Senior Advisory Board

Donna Rupert shared that the advisory council meets next week and, unfortunately, the car show they were planning for October has been cancelled.

Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)

Kristy Remick presented the following updates on behalf of Myles Crane:

- At the PAFC Steering Committee meeting on September 2nd, former State Senator Joann Ginal spoke regarding key issues and concerns affecting older adults.
- PAFC is seeking volunteers to join three new Self-Directed Volunteer Teams (SDVTs):
    1. Addressing the critical shortage in the long-term care workforce.
    2. Exploring beneficial applications of AI to support the health and wellness of older adults.
    3. Leveraging PAFC board member Wendy Abbott's lived experience in a Blue Zone (Greece) to create communications for community leaders, with the goal of fostering a healthier, more connected Larimer County through a potential Intentional Intergenerational Community (IIC) pilot.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Judi shared that we can also use this time to share any special news that council members may have to share.
- Juliana Young shared that she recently became a grandmother.
- The Walk for Alzheimers event will be in Fort Collins on September 26th.

ADJOURNMENT

Judi Dekle adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.