



AURORA COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS (ACFOA)

Monday, July 10, 2023

1:00 p.m.

**Aurora Center for Active Adults
30 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, CO 80011**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: By Lori Sanchez at 1:00 PM

ACFOA MEMBERS PRESENT: Juanita Audre, Frances Dollard and, Derrick Vaughns, Karen Jorgensen, Caroline Kim, George Bain (*virtually*), Commissioners.

ACFOA MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeannie Davis, Chair; Barbara Schneller, Commissioner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Sanchez, Interim Facility Program Supervisor ACAA, ACFOA Liaison; Officer James Seneca; Adriana Valles Morales, Admin Specialist and Secretary for ACFOA.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Upon motion, second, and unanimous vote, the June 5th meeting minutes were approved.

SPEAKER: *Stephen Fauver*, Senior Deputy District Attorney, Economic Crime Unit, has been with the 18th Judicial Office for 19 years. Stephen explained what they do and what types of crime cases are taken. For crimes against at-risk individuals, the victim must be 70 years or older or someone with disability (on wheelchair, intellectual disability, blind, missing limb, etc.) to fall under the Mandatory Reporting Law. Stephen spoke about the difference between at-risk statute and the mandatory reporting statute. For the suspect to be charged with an at-risk crime, they must commit the crime knowing the victim is considered at-risk. Crimes done by mail, internet, and phone are hard to process as an at-risk case due to not enough proof. "Undue influence" is a new term that was added under the at-risk financial exploitation statute: the use of influence to take advantage of an at-risk person's vulnerable state of mind, neediness, pain, or emotional distress. There are cases where the DA's office will prosecute a case even if the victim does not want to place any charges. Tips were given to help avoid identity theft: locking your credit card online, checking bank statements and reporting an issue



right away since it needs to be reported within 30 days of the date of transaction. Other recognizable crimes are stranger schemes like home repair contractors, travel schemes, computer pop-ups such as software expiration, virus alerts, etc. For call schemes you can hang up and not worry about being rude. If you do answer, try and use alternatives to the word, "yes." An important element to keep in mind if you run into a possible scheme, is perspective. Ask family or friends about their thoughts before you commit to anything. There are romance and extortion scams, family/acquaintance schemes: misuse of Power of Attorney, addition of co-owner rather than co-signer of a bank account, theft of valuable items, physical access to credit and debit cards, checks. If you know someone that needs help, don't be a detective yourself, let your friend know everything they can do, help organize documents and encourage them to contact an attorney when needed. To check the status of your case, call the District Attorney's office and they will let you know. James (Jamie) Sorrells, Director of Consumer Fraud Protection can be reached at consumer@da18.state.co.us and consumer@coda18.gov. You can sign up for newsletters and consumer email alerts by contacting Jamie. District Attorney Investigator Brian Ahlberg can be reached at bahlberg@da18.state.co.us and at 720.874.8623. If law enforcement says a situation is a civil matter, contact Brian and their team will look at the case to make sure. A website where you can fact check if something is a scam or not is www.Snopes.com. Questions, comments, and responses were all given throughout this conversational presentation.

ACFOA VACANCY/ELECTION: Caroline presented herself and gave a short speech on why she is up for the challenge and excited if elected as the vice-chair. Derrick also gave a short speech letting Commissioners know he is committed to the Commission and the community if elected as vice-chair. After voting by the Commissioners, effective July 10th, Derrick was voted as vice-chair.

BUDGET REPORT: The name tags have been ordered for the new Commissioners. Shirts are still in process. Sneak Peek at ACAA will be held on July 28th and a table will be set up for the Commission.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Aurora Center for Active Adults (ACAA) – Lori Sanchez, Liaison

Arapahoe County Council on Aging (ACCoA) – Lori Sanchez, Liaison

- No update.

Aurora Health Alliance – Lori Sanchez, Liaison

- Next quarterly meeting is July 19th at Del Mar Park from 10-11:30 a.m.



Aurora Police Department – Senior Resource Officer James Seneca, APD

- Gift card fraud is back, especially at Target and Walmart stores. If you plan on buying a gift card, get a card closer to the back.
- When paying, it is smart to use your credit card and not a debit card. It is easier to get money back on a credit card.
- The tour will be postponed until August. Officer Seneca will speak to both Jeannie and Lori and details will be sent out to the Commissioners.
- Community Police Academy is almost full and starts on August 22nd and will run through November 7th from 6-9 p.m. at ACAA.
- Hero Fest 2023 will be on Oct 7th from 12-4 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center. It is a free national Faith & Blue weekend event.

Ward Meetings – All Commissioners

- Karen attended the Ward 4 meeting in June. Speakers included Deputy Chief Heather Morris who mentioned much on what was talked about in the June Commission meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative – Karen Jorgensen, Commissioner

- Karen will be joining the Colorado Center for Aging.

Transportation Solutions – Lori Sanchez, Liaison

- Meeting was on June 20th and the speaker was Barbara Boyer with Age Wise Colorado. They have 300 different alternative transportation options on their website.
- RTD announced Zero Fare for Better Air Campaign. The public can ride the entire system for free for the months of July and August.
- No DRCOG update.

Public Relations – Juanita Audre, Commissioner

- Mission Viejo Library is still hosting *Bringing Older Adults Together (BOAT)* events on Mondays.
- The Mission Viejo Library is having a block party on August 5th. They want ACFOA to have a table at this party. Juanita and Lori will talk about giveaways at the table.

Intergenerational Support – Juanita Audre, Commissioner



- The Committee has agreed to having an intergenerational program at the Aurora Center for Active Adults. Lori and Steve spoke to a preschool and are working on having a reading program where volunteers would be taken to the preschool to read to the children.

Fraud and Abuse Prevention Committee – George Bain, Commissioner

- The Committee will continue with the door knockers. There will be more information at the next meeting.

Housing Committee Discussion – Derrick Vaughns, Commissioner

- The goal of the committee is to educate aging adults on specific topics such as expanding the supply of aging-friendly housing options. Empty nesting is a term that can be found in the Colorado Housing Authority. Currently, Aurora is not designated (to Derrick's knowledge) as one of the cities utilizing this program. More research is being conducted and Derrick will get back with the Commissioners. The Golden Girl Theory is where a group of older adults move in together to co-house.
- Other topics to educate aging adults on are rental assistance, home repairs and modifications, and improving the links between housing and healthcare. There are many aging adults that have housing but don't have enough money for a nurse to come visit them at home. The Committee's goal is to research and find out how to link housing and healthcare together.
- How to act upon addressing older adult homelessness and how to educate the aging adult population facing this problem, such as a pamphlet with resources that can be handed out. The pamphlet could include information about affordability, physical accessibility, access to medical and other services, older adults in rural areas.
- Derrick would like to identify how many older adult homeless live in Aurora and are struggling.

OLD BUSINESS:

Needs Assessment Status Update – Lori Sanchez, Liaison

- The RFP was issued on June 26th.

ACFOA Rack Card Spanish Translation – Lori Sanchez, Liaison

- The rack card is currently in graphics. It has been translated, but it needs to be formatted.

Living Your Best Life Series Update – Lori Sanchez, Liaison

- The speakers are being finalized. The committee will add more slots since many people requested to speak than originally thought of.



NEW BUSINESS:

Aurora Sentinel Article – Lori Sanchez, Liaison

- Juanita appreciated the people that wrote in comments about the article. This lets the Commission know that people read the article.

New Commissioner Orientation – Lori Sanchez, Liaison

- Lori passed out the binders for the new Commissioners.
- Lori is working with the City Clerk’s office to standardize the onboarding of new Commissioners such as an orientation and a training. This will also include a refresher for the whole Commission. Details will be made available to the Commission.

NEXT MEETING

Date: August 7, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Aurora Center for Active Adults and virtually through WebEx.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion, a second, and consensus of the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Derrick Vaughns, Vice-Chairperson
Aurora Commission for Older Adults

Jeanie Davis

Date 12-4-23

Adriana Valles Morales,
Administrative Specialist and Secretary

Adriana p.f.

Date 12/4/2023

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