

Special Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Members Present

Rich Kondo, Chair	City of Northglenn
Steve O'Dorisio	Adams County
Claire Levy	Boulder County
Andy Kerr	Jefferson County
Paul Haseman	Golden
Stephen Barr	Littleton

Others Present: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director; Warren Kolber, Blooming Health; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Rich Kondo called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to approve consent agenda

Director Haseman **moved** to approve the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the May 15, 2024 meeting
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation for \$1,500,000 of Surface Special Transportation Block Grant funds for the DRCOG Corridor Planning Program for a term of 24-months from the date of contract execution.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation for \$1,250,000 of Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the DRCOG Community Based Transportation Planning Program for a term of 24-months from the date of contract execution.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation for \$4,000,000 of Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the DRCOG Innovative Mobility Program for a term of 48-months from the date of contract execution.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation for \$2,500,000 of Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the DRCOG Livable Centers Small-Area Planning Program for a term of 48-months from the date of contract execution.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a Consolidated Planning Grant contract amendment with the Colorado Department of Transportation to add \$6,471,927 carryover funds from the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 contract.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute contracts with providers for the Area Agency on Aging Choice Services Program of up to \$1,292,800 for transportation services and up to \$570,000 for in-home care services for the state fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Sharon Day provided an overview of the contracts to the members. DRCOG's Choice Services Program (CSP) provides vouchers to older adults in the Area Agency on Aging region to receive in-home care and/or transportation services. DRCOG staff complete assessments and offer consumers choices to receive service among a vetted list of providers. The budgets for transportation and in-home care services under the CSP are approximately \$1.3 million and \$570,000, respectively. CSP contractors are fee-for-service providers that are paid monthly based on redeemed vouchers. Service voucher redemptions are monitored by DRCOG staff no less frequently than monthly to assess program capacity for issuing new vouchers. The CSP providers were chosen based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, how long they have provided the service, the service area, the quality of the management team, and the agency's ability to comply with DRCOG and State requirements. Additionally, they must have the proper licensure, meet minimum insurance levels, and must be in good standing with the State.

Director Barr **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 23, 2024**, authorizing the Executive Director to execute contracts with providers for the AAA Choice Services Programs of up to \$1,292,800 for transportation services and up to \$570,000 for in-home care services for the state fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds from Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing in the amount of \$363,151.10 for the Community Options Program for the state fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Sharon Day provided an explanation of the fund distributions to the directors. DRCOG has an agreement with the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to provide options counseling to residents of long-term care facilities who desire to transition out of those facilities. The Community Options Program was established to help ease the transition of individuals in long-term care facilities back into their homes or other communities of choice. In addition to providing options counseling services, staff perform other duties such as establishing community partnerships, developing local resources, conducting outreach and education, and making referrals for transition coordination. DRCOG recently received an option letter to extend the contract term for a sixth year. Staff negotiated an increase of over \$83,000 for a total award of \$363,151.10. The funding supports the work of four full-time transitions options counselors covering the Denver metro region.

Director Levy **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 24, 2024**, authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing in the amount of \$363,151.10 for the state fiscal year of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds from the Center of Excellence to Align Health and Social Care for approximately \$468,000 for the period of June 1, 2024, to May 31st, 2026, to support DRCOG's Community Care Hub.

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AJ Diamontopoulos provided a brief overview of the fund allocations to the committee. In September 2023, the Administration for Community Living Office of Network Advancement (ONA) awarded funding to establish the Center of Excellence (COE) to Align Health and Social Care to USAging. The goal of the COE is to enhance community-based aging and disability organizations to improve access to long-term services and supports. The funding supports the development and enhancement of aging and disability organizations to implement community care hubs (CCHs). In February 2024, the COE announced a request for applications to provide sub-awards for up to 20 organizations to implement a CCH in their region. In late May, the DRCOG Area Agency on Aging was notified that its application was successful. The funding will be used to improve the operational infrastructure of the CCH and its network of community-based organizations to contract its services with health care providers.

Director Haseman **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 25, 2024**, authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds from the Center of Excellence to Align Health and Social Care for approximately \$468,000 for the period of June 1st, 2024, to May 31st, 2026, to support the implementation of a Community Care Hub in the Area Agency on Aging. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Report of the Chair

There was no report.

Report of the Executive Director

There was no report.

Next meeting – July 17, 2024

Other matters by members

There were no other matters by members.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.