

Draft Minutes
Senior Advisory Board Meeting
9/8/99

Chairperson – Marjorie McTaggart – 482-6650
Staff Liaison – Barbara Schoenberger – 224-6026
City Council Liaison – Ray Martinez – 221-6505

I. Attendance

Members

Florence Williams
Erik Margolis
John Roberts
Kristen Glenn
Marjorie McTaggart
Darren Gunn
Blanche Yakmas

Staff

Steve Budner

Guest

John Tracy LCMHC
Conny Heisckkel LCMHC
Kay Rios

Excused

Dorothy Kramka
June Tucker
Alyce Eckley
George Kress

II. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair, Marjorie McTaggart.

III. Citizen Participation

None.

IV. Correspondence

Marjorie presented the Newsletter on IYOP up-dates.

V. Approval of Minutes

VI. Guest Speaker

John Tracy of Larimer County Mental Health Center explained "New Vista" and distributed brochures.

The primary program purpose of New Vista is to develop a comprehensive, cost effective array of services designed to meet current and emerging mental health needs of senior citizens in Larimer County through education, mental health intervention, case management support, and community networking. New Vista also serves mental health needs for home-bound and nursing care adult individuals, regardless of age.

Evaluations are done on all patients, most of whom are seniors with depression, which is an ongoing problem.

Most doctors are not too familiar with this organization.

Skilled nursing care is needed currently for New Vista.

Trying to expand with more activities and packages for various concerns.

A consortium is planned to stress mental health issues and gaps. Sponsors outside mental health field are needed. Would like to meet at the Senior Center and thus, involve the Senior Center.

VII. Old Business

A. Transportation – Florence

Transportation Commission decreased funds to northeast Colorado in belief they were not distributed fairly.

Intersection of Mulberry and Lemay worth looking into.

I-25 corridor shifted to address state's most immediate needs

Transportation – Kay

Dial-a-Ride meeting cancelled for unknown reason. There are "touchy" issues.

Dial-a-Ride board not sanctioned by City of Fort Collins.

City to conduct studies on Mason project, including various points related to mass transit.

B. Outreach - Erik

Network luncheon has taken much of Erik's time. Outreach will be addressed after September 23rd.

C. Housing – Kay

Will have a retreat to do AFHB work plan, a draft of which will be submitted to SAB.

Subsidized Housing expiring, affecting several Fort Collins units.

Northern Hotel project still has several confusing issues. Contract has not been made public.

Possible request for public funds for Historical Renovation for Northern Hotel.

Parking and transportation problems to be solved.

D. IYOP – Marjorie

Registration forms distributed for Women's Gathering to be held at Senior Center on October 20th. (See Newsletter for further information).

E. New West Fest Evaluation – Marjorie

Suggestions from SAB members:

Volunteers not sufficiently trained to answer questions.

Were seniors reached?

Photo display well received, as was OOA petition.

F. Senior Network Luncheon – Erik

Meetings are well attended and plans are moving well.

Display tables discussed.

Next meeting September 20th.

Facilitators will receive letters of explanation.

G. Chili Cook-Off – John

Need help to sign up.

Need bag items.

H. City Line – No report.

I. Commission of Status of Women – Marjorie

Chairperson has written to the Commission with information for them for future update and complimenting them on their presentations to City Council.

SAB has two copies of complete report for our perusal.

J. Liaison Reports.

RSVP – Kristen – No update.

PVH – Erik. – PVH has new 21-unit cardiac unit.

Aspen Club – branching out.

Know-Your-Neighbor – Communication from Barbara about checking on older residents and Y2K – “Adopt-A-Neighbor.” Erik took the information, so that he can make arrangements for a presentation about these programs.

VIII. A. Liaison Connections – tabled.

B. Video on Ageism was shown. It is owned by Senior Center. It stressed different views of several seniors.

Much information is being lost - “No one listens or asks.”

Some cultures are being reintroduced.

IX. Other Business

- A. Steve Budner told group about a letter received from a research company in Boulder, with information about a meeting on September 14, asking for senior volunteers to serve on a focus group and provide information and opinion for the construction of a senior community. The focus group will be meeting on September 14.

X. Adjourned at 4 P.M.