



Adams County Aging Network

Lighting the Way to Positive Aging in Adams County

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ACAN Membership Meeting Wednesday, August 7, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. Thornton Community Connections Center 9471 Dorothy Blvd., Thornton, CO

**Presentation by Carmen LaPuma
Community Engagement and Presence Liaison
Adams County Human Resources**

Carmen's presentation will cover LEAP and other related programs. LEAP is a federally funded program run by the state of Colorado that helps qualified individuals pay a portion of their home heating costs. Applications are available starting November 1st and will end April 30th. The average benefit for LEAP this year is just under \$400. Other programs that can help folks with utilities are available. Energy Outreach Colorado is a non-profit that can provide up to \$1000 of relief per year for one gas and one electric bill. Arapahoe and Adams County's Weatherization program and the Crisis intervention Program will be explained. Applications and brochures will be provided.



Our ACAN Door Prize Winner Brenda Jimenez from the Thornton Activity Center



Honoring Dawn Perez for her many years of service to ACAN

**Adams County Aging Network
Thornton Community Connections Center
January 8, 2025**

Attendance: 17

Diana Morefield, ACAN Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Attendees introduced themselves and general announcements were made around the room.

**Presentation by Erika Dubray and Jayla Sanchez-Warren from the
Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Area on Agency**

Erika Dubray, Manager - Aging and Disability Resource Center, described the programs and services available to those over age 60 including several also available to disabled adults over age 18. These included: Aging and Disability Resource Center, Information and Assistance, Choice Services Programs (Transportation, In-Home Services), Caregiver Support, Network of Care, Options Counseling, Case Management, Veteran Directed Care, Older Adult Refugees & Friends, Community Options/Transitions, State Health Insurance Assistance, Senior Medicare Patrol, and Ombudsman Programs. The Area Agency on Aging for the Denver Metro Region can be reached at 303-480-6700.

Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director of the DRCOG Area Agency on Aging, discussed the funding challenges facing our AAA in providing needed services for seniors. Although it had bipartisan support, the Older American's Act was not passed in the US Congress by the end of 2024 thus funding has not yet been approved for the ensuing years. States will not receive any Federal dollars to fund older American's needs until the Act is passed and signed. It is uncertain how the incoming administration will proceed with OAA funding. Concurrently, the State of Colorado is dealing with a large budget shortfall this year and funding for our senior's needs will most likely remain level even though the numbers of those 60+ in this state continues to increase rapidly. Our AAA will be asking all available seniors to help advocate for funding through letters, phone calls and visits to our legislators in the coming months.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.



At the January meeting: Jayla Sanchez-Warren and Erika Dubray

ACAN Membership

If you are a participant in our monthly meetings or a current member you should have received our current Membership Form. ACAN Membership is an annual membership.

For further information email: acancoordinator@gmail.com.

Future ACAN Events 2023.

***All Meeting are held at 9:00 a.m. at the
Thornton Community Connections Center,
9471 Dorothy Blvd., Thornton***

Presentations are noted below.

Feb 5 – Carmen LaPuma – Adams County
Human Services

Board meeting to follow!

March 5—Monica Broncucia-Jordan –
Adams County Coroner

Later Date Meeting:
Join us for our Spring Meeting
April 2
May 7
June 3



**Visit our new website:
www.acanonline.org**

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Adams County Aging Network is on Facebook. Check us out for upcoming events, conference information, and to keep in touch.

New: If you are a member and have an upcoming event, notify Greg Kahler and he will post it on the ACAN Calendar.

ACAN Annual Membership

Individual membership:

Monthly educational presentations, exposure to resources for seniors, monthly newsletter, and advanced notice of the ACAN Senior Conference.

Business membership:

Includes all of the above plus opportunity for **advertising in the monthly newsletter**, discount on ACAN Senior Conference exhibitor fee of 10%, list of members on the website, and contact information for all business members. Please contact the ACAN coordinator for more information on the advertising opportunity.

Annual dues are:

Individual over 60	FREE
Individual membership, under 60	\$20
Nonprofit agency	\$35
For profit business	\$65

We request that members pay dues, but do not restrict our meetings or mailings to dues-paying members. Advertising is restricted to dues-paying members. Make checks payable to ACAN and mail to the newsletter return address or email acancoordinator@gmail.com.