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Dear Jeff Baker,

Adams County is requesting written support from your county for it to become its own Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Planning & Service Area (PSA).

Currently, the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) serves as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Planning & Service Area (PSA) for 8 metro counties, including Adams. PSA is a term from the Older Americans Act of 1965 that means the service region. The counties in the Denver Metro PSA currently include Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, and Jefferson.

The Adams Board of County Commissioners has directed staff to begin the process of developing its own locally controlled AAA and PSA. An early stage in the process is for any county seeking to become its own AAA and PSA to obtain approval from other counties within the DRCOG region. Boulder is an example of a county that successfully established its own AAA and PSA years ago.

The Adams County Board of Commissioners is requesting your support for its request to the State Unit on Aging (Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Aging & Adult Services) by signing the attached template.

Thanks for your consideration of our request. Please contact Sue Bozinovski, Deputy Director, Economic Security & Aging Services at 720-523-2151 or [sbozinovski@adcogov.org](mailto:sbozinovski@adcogov.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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County Manager

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This letter is indicating that Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners supports Adams County's request to the State Unit on Aging of the Colorado State Human Services Department to begin the process of becoming an Adams County Area Agency on Aging and Planning and Service Area.

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Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date

## **Adams County**

### **Service provided by the DRCOG Ombudsman Program**

Approximately 2,392 people served

#### **Nursing Homes**

- The county has 13 Nursing Homes (13% of our regions 96 homes)
- 2 ombudsmen are assigned to nursing homes
- 111 complaints were investigated
- 181 ombudsman visits
- 577 consultations (residents/family/providers/other)
- 15 trainings were provided to nursing home staff
- 10 nursing home resident council meetings were attended by the assigned ombudsman
- Assigned ombudsmen participated in 11 CDPHE surveys (annual or complaint)

#### **Assisted Livings**

- 35 Assisted Livings (9% of our regions 400 homes)
- 6 ombudsmen are assigned to the assisted living homes
- 53 complaints were investigated
- 166 ombudsman visits
- 314 consultations (residents/family/providers/other)
- 6 Training was provided to assisted living staff
- 2 Resident council/house meetings were attended by the assigned ombudsman
- Assigned ombudsmen participated in 10 CDPHE surveys (annual or complaint)

### **Services provided by the Aging and Disability Resource Center**

1,347 clients

- 1,248 Information & assistance calls
- 198 Options counseling clients- units of service (hour)

**Services Provided by Contracted Service Providers in Adams County**

Clients served by contracted providers 2,581

<u>Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>Service Provider</u>
Adult Day Care	8,189.00	Broomfield, LFS, Senior Hub
Assisted Transportation	20,169.00	Assisted Trans/ Escort, SRC
Case Management	1,085.00	DRCOG
Care Giver Access Assistance	58.00	Senior Hub
Caregiver Counseling	631.00	Lutheran Family Serv. (LFS)
Caregiver Training	336.00	Alzheimer's Association
Caregiver Ind. Counseling	76.00	Catholic Charities, LFS
Caregiver Support groups	123.00	Catholic Charities
Caregiver Respite	4,189.25	Catholic Charities
Caregiver Adult Day care	1,314.00	Senior Resource Center(SRC)
Caregiver Respite Monitoring	163.00	Catholic Charities
Chore Service	1,474.00	Arapahoe County, SRC, VOA
Congregate Meals	13,215.00	VOA
Counseling	203.00	American of the Blind, Asian Pacific Center, CO. Center for the Blind, Senior Support, Services
Fall Prevention Training	699.00	Tri County Health, VOA
Education	951.00	American Council of the Blind, Asian Pacific Center, Audio information Network, Colorado Center for the Blind, Senior Support, Services
Home Delivered Meals	100,410.00	Volunteers of America
Homemaker Service	2,395.35	Colorado VNA, Dominican Home Health, JFS, SRC
Information and Assistance	278.00	HealthSET
Material Aid – Audiology	90.00	CO. Gerontology Soc.
Material Aide – Optometry	63.00	Senior Resource Center
Nutrition education	6,308.00	Volunteers of America
Personal Care	384.76	Visiting Nurses Association, Dominican Home Health
Screening	944.00	Asian Pacific Development Center, Dominican Home Health, HealthSET, Senior Support Services, Southwest Improvement Council
Blind and Visually Impaired Education	96.00	American Council of the Blind, Colorado Center for the Blind, seniors Resource Center

Counseling for Visually Impaired		201.50	American Council of the Blind, Senior Resource Center
Special equipment for Visually impaired		129.00	American Council of the Blind, Seniors Resource Center
Transportation Voucher		481.00	Senior Support Services
Total		164,655.86	

In addition to the AAA services, we have secured additional funds and have contracts with the Veterans Administration, Colorado Health Care Policy and Finance and State Health Insurance Program, the Colorado Refugee Services program and the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. The following lists how Adams county residents are served by these programs.

#### **Veteran Directed Care Program – Adams County**

- 13 veteran participants
- 25 paid caregivers
- That equals almost \$40,000 a month in funds that are paid to these 25 caregivers many of which are family members. If not for the VDC program caregivers would go unpaid for providing care at home and several veterans who be forced into assisted living or nursing homes.
- 11 of these veterans are at the high end of allowable budget = high risk for nursing home placement

#### **Transitions Services, Options Counseling – Adams County**

- 111 individuals assessed
  - 66 of these referrals were sent on to work with a Transition Coordination Agency

#### **State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) – Adams County**

DRCOG is not the designated SHIP office for Adams county but, we have been directed by the state to serve anyone that calls into the office.

DRCOG staff provided:

- 89 clients served
- 125.50 units of service (estimated)

#### **Elder Refugee Program – Adams County**

Served 29 people in Adams County in the past year providing exercise activities, wellness education, and community navigation services.

- 600 units of service at community recreation centers.
- 190 community navigation and education services
- 422 rides/ bus tickets

Accountable Health Communities Project

This program screens individuals in clinical settings for needs in transportation, housing, nutrition, domestic violence, and energy assistance and works with community service to provide the services needed.

- 2212 screened in Adams County
- 122 provided with navigation services (individuals must meet CMS requirements and have has 2 ER visits in a year)