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AAA

9 Health Fair sign up is nearly completed. For nearly 10 years the agency has participated in funding 9 Health Fair throughout the region. For the past 5 years we have annually provided 200 seniors with ½ off blood screening coupons. Economically disadvantaged participants receive 2 coupons, or free screenings.

The issue regarding Colorado Health Facilities Division and the unlicensed assisted living residence(s) within the region is still a top priority for the agency. I have spoken with Representative Tom Massey and Carole Custer, State Human Services Board member in an attempt to resolve the matter.

Nutrition

On March 13th Tom Perkins, Division of Performance Improvement, Todd Coffey & Leighanna Konetski, both from the State Unit on Aging and myself met with several members of the Salida Senior Center Board to address issues the board has regarding the lease agreement with this agency i.e. kitchen rental & activities during and surrounding the meal periods. Overall, the meeting was productive. We came to a consensus that programs which met the criteria outlined in the space agreement would be allowed prior to 11:00 a.m. and again after 1:30 p.m. on meal days and that activities that did not meet the criteria would not be allowed in or adjacent to the meal program. The Senior Center Board will review the agreement and suggest/recommend language for consideration by the agency prior to May 1st.

Due to staffing shortages and medical leave the agency was forced to close the Penrose Nutrition program 4 days and GAC 1 day. We have since filled the Assistant and Back up Cook positions in Fremont County.

RAC

The Regional Advisory Council for the agency continues to have a vacancy representing Lake County. Minutes attached. The next RAC meeting is scheduled for May 13th @ 141 E. 3rd Street Salida @ 9:30 a.m.

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Personnel

Rachel Gilpin is the new Staff Assistant @ the Salida office. Rachel's duties include greeting the public, referrals, information & assistance and data entry.

Wendy Chanden, Senior Services Coordinator will be on an extended leave from May 5th for 6 weeks. In her absence her duties will be shared by the existing AAA staff.

Respectfully,

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