



# Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

## NWCCOG Council & EDD Board Meeting

March 26, 2020

Conference Call Only ("Present" means on the call)

### **Council & EDD Board Members Present:**

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village  
Andy Miller, Town of Fraser  
Anne McKibbin, Town of Eagle  
Bill Infante, Town of Basalt  
Bob Sirkus, Town of Snowmass Village  
Carolyn Skowyra, Town of Dillon  
Eric Gotthelf, Town of Minturn  
George Brodin, Town of Minturn  
Heather Sloop, Town of Steamboat Springs  
Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County  
Jennie Fancher, Town of Avon  
Jennifer Ooton, City of Glenwood Springs  
Jo McQueary, Town of Walden  
Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County  
Kris Manguso, Grand County  
Michelle Metter, Town of Minturn  
Patti Clapper, Pitkin County  
Patty McKenny, Town of Vail  
Watkins Fulk-Gray, Town of Basalt

### **Others Present:**

Matthew Kireker, Senator Bennet's Office

### **NWCCOG Staff:**

Doug Jones  
Elaina West  
Erin Fisher  
Jon Stavney  
Nate Walowitz  
Rachel Lunney

### **Call to Order:**

Karn Stiegelmeier, NWCCOG Council Chair at 10:03am. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the groups.

### **Approval of December 2019 Council & EDD Board Meeting Minutes**

***M/S: Patti Clapper/Alyssa Shenk*** to approve the December 2019 Council & EDD Board Meeting Minutes with revisions.  
***Passed: Yes***

### **Approval of 2019 End of Year Financials**

***M/S: Patti Clapper/Alyssa Shenk*** to approve the 2019 End of Year Financials as presented.  
***Passed: Yes***

### **Mountain Ride Call Center Status with State of Colorado**

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) put out an RFP to provide Mountain Ride services to 21 counties in Colorado. Currently, NWCCOG Mountain Ride services only 6 of those counties. THE RFP also required one full-time clinical employee (RN, LN, or EMT). NWCCOG was not awarded bid to continue services as of July 1, 2020. NWCCOG Mountain Ride has one call support specialist and one Mountain Ride Manager. NWCCOG submitted a bid for the 6 counties we are already servicing as NWCCOG could not support all 21 counties. NWCCOG was not awarded the bid and has notified counties and other partners that it will close the Mountain Ride program at the end of June.

### **CDBG funding to NLF Program awarded through March of 2022**

Contract was approved by the State of Colorado for CDBG funds for NLF which provides the bulk of the funding for the program, and administration costs for the next two years starting April 1, 2020 up to a million dollars through CDBG each year and \$80,000 each year for Administration (proportional to actual amount loaned).

**Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Grant Review Committee's recommendations for AAAA SFY 18-19 funding**

The RAC Grant Review Committee went out to RFP for all services (occurs biennially). According to AAAA's Policy & Procedure manual, the NWCCOG Council must review the RFP funding proposals and recommendations within the packet. Chart of amounts by County by agency was in the packet. No approval necessary.

**NWCCOG COVID-19 Response Update**

The NWCCOG Office is closed to the public. Almost all of the staff are working remotely. The State is paying the Energy Program employees to stay home until April 19<sup>th</sup> as of now. Those employees are still working by completing trainings from home. The Elevator Program is an essential service and was excluded from the Governor's March 25, 2020 Executive Order. The inspectors are still working in the field for now.

**2020 Member Handbook**

2020 Member Handbook is available on website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>.

**Program Updates:**

In packet: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>.

**Legislation Updates:**

**Senator Bennet's Office, Matthew Kireker:** Senator Bennet's Office update regarding new legislation to help Colorado's Rural Hospitals and Providers is in packet: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>. In addition to the packet update, Matt quickly reviewed the bill that was passed in the Senate March 25, 2020, but not yet passed in the House. The direct cash payment is \$1,200 to Americans below the income cap and \$500 per child. Typical family of 4 would receive \$3,400. When those would be received is still being discussed. Amount and acquisition of PPE is a major concern right now. Matt provided some information regarding the Small Business Provisions in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Keeping American Worker Paid and Employed Act Section-by-Section on March 27, 2020. The documents reflect what was passed in Senate legislation, but has yet to be verified as the accurate, final legislation passed by the House on its way to the President's desk. That information is now posted to the website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>

**Member Updates:**

Council discussed their responses and plans during the current COVID-19 epidemic throughout the council meeting.

**Letters of Support:**

ECO transit support letter and Energy Program thank you email in packet: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>.

**Adjournment:**

**M/S: Alyssa Shenk/Anne McKibbin** adjourned the NWCCOG Council meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**Passed: Yes**

  
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Karn Stiegelmeier, NWCCOG Council Chair

8.21.2020  
Date