Call to Order
Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair, called the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) meeting to order at 10:30am. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

Update COG: Executive Director Annual Evaluation
Alyssa shared input and staff comments from Jon’s annual evaluation which was held prior to the Council meeting.

Approval of December 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
M/S: Patty McKenny/Josh Blanchard to approve the December 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented
Passed: Yes

Approval of 2021 NWCCOG Preliminary End of the Year Financials
The financials were provided outside of the packet and are available on the website
https://www.nwccog.org/about/people/our-council/council-resources/
M/S: Carolyn Skowyra/Patty McKenny to approve the Preliminary End of Year financials for NWCCOG as presented
Passed: Yes

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Approval of 2021 Foundation Preliminary End of the Year Financials
M/S: Patty McKenny/Tim Redmond to approve the Preliminary End of Year financials for Foundation as presented
Passed: Yes
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Introduction of New Members
Alyssa introduced new members - Tim Redmond, Routt County; Kristin Brownson, Town of Breckenridge; Michael Buccino, City of Steamboat Springs.

Election of Executive Committee Municipal Members for 2022
Jon explained the Officers were reelected in December for a second year. It is still necessary to elect four Municipal Members who will be a part of the Executive Committee. The Municipal Members do need to be a designated member. Alyssa asked if anyone is interested in joining as a Municipal Member; there was no reply. The 2021 members agreed to another term. Andrew Miller was not on the call to confirm.

M/S: Tim Redmond/Carolyn Skowyra to approve the 2021 Executive Committee municipal members for 2022
Passed: Yes

Designate County Health Pool (CHP) Representative for 2022
There was a discussion regarding the responsibilities as CHP Representative and it was recommended that Talai Shirey and Jon Stavney be elected as CHP 2022 representatives.

M/S: Patty McKenny /Coby Corkle to appoint Talai Shirey and Jon Stavney as CHP representative for 2022
Passed: Yes

NWCCOG to Issue a Parallel Statement as CAST on Legislative Housing Policy
Following the Mountain Migration Report, CAST held a Housing Task Force which affirmed and refined these legislative goals. According to Margaret; CML, CCI CCAT will likely be supporting parallel recommendations. There was a discussion about the benefits of having a strong statement to keep NWCCOG in the public conversation. Legislation is moving quickly. It was recommended that Jon draft a statement to publish upon review by the Chair.

M/S: Alyssa Shenk /Skippy Mesirow move to authorize the Executive Director to draft and issue a parallel statement as CAST on Legislative Housing Policy matters
Passed: Yes

Legislative Update
Janeth Stancle, Sen. Bennet’s Office is taking specific questions regarding the infrastructure bill and is working to provide more detailed information soon. CDOT will likely manage the transportation portion of the bill and it was recommended that regions stay in contact with their TPS committees. Build Back Better is currently still in conversation and an update will be provided as soon as possible.

Program Updates
Program updates are provided in each packet for review. Instead of reading through each update, members can review and contact Jon with questions.

New Business
Jon explained Letters of Support are placed in the packet for review. Included in this packet is the Letter of Support YVEA Broadband Grant Application.

Summit County Behavioral Health Presentation and Discussion
Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager, Summit County Government
The presentation includes information on initiatives to address the community mental health crisis. Building Hope Summit County developed a dedicated funding source through 1A Strong Future which passed in 2018. The Strong Future Committee has approx. $2M per year to use in school counseling, substance abuse support, community response team (SMART/Co-Responder Team) and other initiatives that are recommended by the community and mental health providers. The full presentation can be found on NWCCOG website at https://www.nwccog.org/about/people/our-council/council-resources/council-clipboard/
Vail Health Behavioral Health Presentation
Chris Lindley, Chief Population Health Officer and Dana Erpelding, Senior Operations Director for Eagle Valley Behavioral Health

Eagle County approved 1A taxes to fund behavioral health in 2019. With the support of Vail Health and the new revenue stream, Eagle Valley Behavioral Health was created to collaborate with the community and transform behavioral health reform. The full presentation can be found at https://www.nwccog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Eagle-Valley-Behavioral-Health-EVBH.pdf

Adjournment
M/S: Coby Corkle/Josh Blanchard adjourned the NWCCOG Council meeting at 12:06 p.m.
Passed: Yes

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