Aurora Immigrant & Refugee Commission
Monday, March 8, 2021 5:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Commissioners Present: Samuel Gebremichael; Julie Resalaam; Karen Colato; Sabe Kemer; Kevin Vargas; Jackie Zvejnieks; Linda Skelly; Mark Wideman; Lizzy Beach

Commissioners Excused: None
Commissioners Absent: None
Other present: Mallie Kermiet; Rick Giancola; Nikk Atencio
Staff Present: Ricardo Gambetta and Minsoo Song

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Vice-Chair Julie Resalaam

2. “LiveWellColoradoADS”
   Presentation provided by Rick Giancola (see the attached PPT)
   - Vice Chair Resalaam ask how Covid restriction would be applied and Mr. Giancola answered that they will be compliant with Health department’s guideline.
   - There will be no cost for participant.
   - Mr. Wideman asked if LiveWellColoradoADS will be providing language assistance service and Rick mentioned that bi-lingual staff will be serving the community
   - There will be job opportunity for our community and Mr. Giancoloa will be sharing that information with AIRC
   - Location: Burlington coat factory I-225 & Mississippi

3. OIIA update
   - Ricardo share current initiatives with AIRC (See attached PPT)
   - Chair Vargas asked if OIIA is partnering with any local community for vaccine pop up clinic and Ms. Song will be sharing CDPHE’s application to host vaccine equity clinic.
   - Chair Vargas asked how AIRC could assist in planning for 2021 Global Fest and Mr. Gambetta will inform AIRC once city’s internal committee make final decision.
   - Chair Vargas suggested to schedule a meeting with Chief Wilson and create social media effort to protect our local AAPI community.

4. By-law & Work plan review
   - AIRC members unanimously agreed to keep the AIRC core value as it is
   - AIRC By-law was unanimously approved without amendment
   - AIRC members reviewed AIRC workplan and Chair Vargas suggested to review the work plan and come back with detail ideas for April AIRC meeting. Vice-Chair Resalaam will share AIRC workplan through Google drive. Ms. Beach volunteered to be the moderator to work on the work plan.

5. Application review:
For 2 opening positions, AIRC decide to review 2 newly submitted applications first during April AIRC meeting.

6. Chair Vargas adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

Vargas, Kevin
Chair

Resalaam, Julie
Vice-Chair
LiveWellColorado Management Team

John Bersani – CEO
- Co-Founder of Quality Life Adult Day Care Services
- Operated four successful facilities in Western Massachusetts
- Served 600 seniors per day

Rick Giancola – COO
- Life Sciences executive with over 40 years experience in health care
- In-depth experience with senior’s disabilities

Nikk Atencio – Facility Director
- Long-term experience in acute nursing home and assisted living facilities
- Certified Nurse’s Assistant
- Certified assisted living facility administrator
- Owner/operator of a non-emergent transportation company
What is Adult Day Care?

- Programs provide elderly and disabled adults the opportunity to socialize and take part in recreational activities in a community group setting during a 6-8 hour day.
- Services include nursing and health oversight, meals, medication management, therapy services, nutritional and dietary services, service coordination and case management.
- Transportation to and from the program as well as to third party healthcare providers.
- Services do not include overnight assisted medical care.
Why is this service important?

Consistent socializing helps seniors stay emotionally, mentally and physically fit.

Spending time with others reduces the potential for social isolation and the resulting symptoms of depression, cognitive decline and disease.

More cost-effective than acute care options including nursing homes and assisted living.
What is the cost?

Services are provided at no-charge for clients enrolled with Health First Colorado... Colorado’s Medicaid program

LiveWellColorado will guide families and their loved ones on enrollment process

Services are also available for private pay clients
## Community Partnership Needs

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Community Partnership Needs

- Churches
- Latino Community connections
- Cultural Event Participation
  - Connection with health care providers
- Social Media Assistance
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Adult Day Care Overview
March 8, 2021
OIIA Current Initiatives

Promote immigrant entrepreneurship

Housing and Homeownership / Financial Literacy
Expand English learning opportunities

Work with the Police and Fire Departments to strengthen public safety
Promote refugee and immigrant leadership

Encourage Immigrants to become citizens
Ensure city services are accessible to speakers of other languages
Promote preventive health care and healthy lifestyles
Incorporate immigrants and refugees into the cultural life of the city