Strategic Action
Planning Group on Aging

Advocacy and Action: Rapid Recommendations and Paradigm Shifts

Issues/Questions to Consider for Small Group Work:

Since the emergence of COVID-19, various issues have been raised within Planning Group meetings, subcommittee work, and to the Executive Committee about more actively taking clarifying positions on guidance, rules, and policies related to older Coloradans on a rapid timeline. Examples include time sensitive issues such as the Crisis Standards of Care, Adult Protective Services and Long-Term Care Ombudsman being considered essential workers, and the Governor's stay at home orders for adults 65+. The time sensitive nature of these issues means that response from the Planning Group would have to be done quicker than the typical timeframe for long-term recommendations in more succinct formats. The goal in taking any active position would be to link the position to our existing recommendations and, ideally, inform future recommendations.

Given this reality, we want you consider the following questions.

A. What concerns might you have about the Planning Group making strong post-COVID, recommendations related to older Coloradans? This may include generating memos, white papers, or rapid response recommendations related to a specific issue.

B. Two issues the Planning Group could possibly follow-up on and engage with policy makers are:
  - Ombudsman and Adult Protective Services are currently not considered essential workers.
  - The recommendation that those 60+ continue to engage in "safer at home", a self-imposed social isolation, without consideration of those who need to engage in paid employment and/or the impacts of isolation on older Coloradans.

Please, identify and list the key points you would like to see made in relation to these two issues. Are you interested in being part of a small group that helps draft language for either a memo or recommendation related to either of these issues? List all those in your group who are interested and able to participate.