

STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING GROUP ON AGING

Minutes of the Planning Group Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2017

Members Present: Ben Moultrie, Dale Elliott, Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Jean Nofles, Jim Riesberg, John Zabawa, Joshua Laipply, Karen Brown, Sharron Williams, Steve Child, Susan Franklin, Tony Tapia, Wade Buchanan

Members Present by Phone: Dave Norman, Donna Baros, Greg Coopman, Ky Agnew, Sallie Thoreson

Jim Riesberg Called the Meeting to Order at 12:00 p.m. and Called the Roll. A quorum was present.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved without changes.

The minutes of the Planning Group meeting on March 13, 2017 were approved with one correction to the time that the meeting was Called to Order.

Lisa Carlson was announced as the newly contracted Subcommittee Facilitator. She will work with the Chairs/Co-Chairs, help facilitate all Subcommittee meetings, keep and distribute records, and share information with the Planning Group and the Project Administrators. She introduced herself and shared her plans for the formation and facilitation of the Subcommittees.

Bonnie Siva, Jayla Sanchez-Warren, John Zabawa and Joshua Laipply were recognized as newly appointed members of the Planning Group and each introduced themselves, the organizations they represented, and personal information about their desire to serve on the Planning Group. All Planning Group members introduced themselves to the new members and all members and guests completed 3 x 5 cards with their name and preferred contact information for the records.

Sinergie Project, LLC was introduced as the new Project Administrators. Andrea Wilkins, Amber Minogue, and Gene Rose, Principals, shared their experience and plans for the Planning Group.

Public Comment included an announcement that DRCOG received a \$4.5M health care grant from CMS to sustain good recovery programs in the community, and an appeal to make sure the subcommittees work hard to recruit strong members in 2017.

Presentations and Reports on Legislation

Elizabeth Garner reviewed some of the work that was being done in the Office of the State Demographer and introduced Chris Akers and Cindy DeGroen from her office to preview a report on their research in Senior Supported Jobs in Colorado. The final report will be released soon and will be posted on the website.

Cera Meintzer and Neil Miller of Masterpiece Living presented an overview of the work of their organization as a preview of the presentation by Roger Landry, MD, President, scheduled for the May meeting. Their mission is to help people create a life of Growth, Empowerment, Vitality and Purpose.

There was a quick review of the progress of bills the Planning Group is watching in this legislative session, and general discussion of the quick changing reports coming out of Washington, DC. John Zabawa and Jayla Sanchez-Warren reported on their recent trip to Washington, DC and the meetings they had with federal lobbyists and Colorado Representatives.

Planning Group Business

Jim Riesberg showed two letters of support for Planning Group recommendations that had been sent to Governor Hickenlooper from: Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado and the Colorado Commission on Aging. He also indicated there is a growing interest in the Action Plan and an increase in the number of E-mails received.

Activities at the Senior Day at the Capitol were highlighted, and Jim said several Rotary Clubs in his area have requested presentations and suggested members reach out to service clubs in their area to set presentations. Other presentations are scheduled for the Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners, Douglas County Seniors' Council, Regional Advisory Council of the Alpine Area Agency on Aging, and the State Board of Human Services.

Planning Group members expressed their interest in the subcommittees.

Implementation: Mindy, Ky, Jim Wade, Karen, Dave, Sallie, John, Jayla, Bonnie, Greg

Technology and Innovation: Ben and Karen (Co-chairs), Jean, Susan, Ky, Donna, Joshua, Greg

Workforce Development: Christian and Tony (Co-chairs), Sharron, Karen, Ben, Bonnie, Greg

Local and Regional Implications and Planning: Jean, Dale, Mindy, Dave, Wade, Claire, Steve, John, Jayla, Joshua

There was a recess to allow time for each subcommittee to meet and begin organizing leadership, goals, meeting date, and membership possibilities. Many guests also participated in break-out sessions. Complete lists of members and reports of activity will be available after their first official meetings and will be posted on the website.

The **Executive Committee Report** included meeting planning, execution of two contracts, organizing pre-meeting luncheons, and printing copies of the Action Plan.

There was no Other Business or Public Comment so the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 8th, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at DRCOG.