

STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING GROUP ON AGING

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

July 24, 2017

Meeting Summary

Participants: Karen Brown, Ben Moultrie, Kate Williams, Ky Agnew, Hank Braaksman, Bob Brocker, Josh Laipply, Jean Nofles, Karin Stewart, Kate Williams, Lisa Carlson (facilitator)

Guests: Matt Helfant, Elizabeth Kelly, Janet O'Connor, Doug Rex

Desired Outcomes:

- Review and clarify progress to date
- To better understand the workings of Drive Smart (and innovations) to identify the implications for this planning group's work
- Identify key concepts to forward to Planning Group
- Develop and agree on next steps

Agenda:

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| ✚ Welcome, introductions, agenda review | 12:00 p.m. |
| ✚ Overview of progress to date (Karen/Ben)
--Work plan and timeline | 12:05 p.m. |
| ✚ Veteran's Transportation Community Living Initiative
--Matt Helfant (DRCOG) | 12:15 p.m. |
| ✚ Elizabeth Kelly (Drive Smart) | 12:45 p.m. |
| ✚ Takeaways: What does SAPGA need to know? | 1:15 p.m. |
| ▪ Develop and agree on the next steps
--Next meeting time/agenda topics
--Other updates or assignments | 1:50 p.m. |
| ▪ Adjourn | 2:00 p.m. |

Subcommittee Progress

- The Innovation and Technology Subcommittee is wrapping up investigative work and will be moving on to making recommendations
- May need to have two meetings in September to complete the work

- **Veteran's Transportation Community Living Initiative (Matt Helfant)**
[A power point is available upon request]

- Based on the *One-call, One-click Infrastructure* from Obama Administration for Veterans.
- Addresses vulnerable populations: disabled, senior, low income, veterans
- CDOT applied for grant in 2011 and worked with agencies across the State to have a project for each different area (NWCOG, Pikes Peak, Montrose)
- Get more information on the other projects (follow up with Matt)
- It was going well but then it stalled and DRCOG asked DRCOG to take it over
- This is a technology project – one “click” –“no wrong door” approach
- Several different *pots* of money—goal is to better share the trips instead of having multiple buses going to the same places
- The target is veteran's for this pilot but the technology is expected to ultimately extend to other vulnerable populations
- There is a related project that is developing a concept technology for this project. The Veteran's project's purpose is to procure the technology and integrate with others that serve vulnerable populations “networks of care”, including AAA Veterans Directed HCBS
- The project hopes to coordination amongst State and Federal programs, particularly in the area of human services transportation
- Colorado has a complex transit system compared to other States, trust will be key in pooling the funds
- Host kick off meeting with Stakeholders in the next two weeks
- December 31, 2020 is the end of the grant cycle
- Concept plan will be fleshed out by end of 2017 (Share with SAPGA or Subcommittee?)
- *Mobility Service for All Americans* is another grant working on software concept
- If DRCOG project is successful, the next step would be to work with other projects across the State.
- There are other trip exchanges nationally but not in Colorado.

Drive Smart (Elizabeth Kelly)

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- There are three programs in Colorado
- Technology could assist in the common mistakes of older drivers (but cost is a factor). There may be implications for 2030 as there are older adults on the road.
- Issue: Can seniors learn to utilize new technologies and/or do they have the desire?

- CarFit works with people to help train participants to use their vehicles for a safer ride (e.g. extending their pedals, adjusting seat, etc.)
- Focus group indicated that visibility was an issue; there are implications for signage, bigger windows, clearer lane markings, streetlights, pedestrian crosswalks, mirrors, etc.
- Issue: There is a disconnect between car manufacturers and older adults/consumers
- Opportunity: Convene the industry to discuss aging population
- There are “Driving Rehab Specialists” – a specialty with no Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement.
- Opportunity: Have a consumer report on what cars are better for what issues, “Safest cars for Aging Adults”—with report from AARP or Consumers Union?
- CarFit is available on the front range and the Colorado Springs, and has the Capability to take this on with Assistive Technology
- Working with Lutheran for a CarFit program—challenge of time.
- CarFit wants to go to a “train the trainer” with Car Dealers and have this be more systemic.
- CarFit works with local governments and Kaiser, DRCOG case managers should know about CarFit
- CarFit should talk to AAAs
- Could this be a part of the regular DMV process?

Takeaways: What does SAPGA need to know?

- Do not reinvent the wheel for knowledge, programs and funding
- Should leverage the Veteran’s project (VTCLI) – Everyone involved in human services transportation needs to work together. Once the VTCLI is implemented it is an open-source platform that others can use
- Should have press on the VTCLI and it will be a reality within a year
- Have SAPGA write a letter of support/resolution, a press release
- Get Congressman Coffman involved in this (let him know about the duplication of efforts within the (VA is doing a national program) and that this local program is progressing rapidly)

Next Steps

1. Get more information on the other Veteran’s project in the Colorado (follow up with Matt)
2. Next step: Contact other projects funded under this Veteran’s Grant
3. Concept plan will be fleshed out by end of 2017 (Share with SAPGA or Subcommittee?)
4. Connect with other organizations (Katie William’s will send a list and talk to Matt)
5. Invite Marybeth Sussman to Subcommittee meeting
6. Panasonic will present at the next meeting