

STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING GROUP ON AGING

LOCAL AND REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS AND PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

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Desired Outcomes:

- Present and clarify AARP Colorado Survey information and identify implications for this Subcommittee and for the Planning Group
- Review and refine intern “assignment” on AAA Plans and planning documents
- Develop and agree on next steps including next meeting and agenda items

Proposed Agenda:

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| + Welcome, introductions, agenda review | 9:00 |
| + AARP Survey Information (Roberto Rey, AARP CO)
--Review and clarify survey information
--Takeaways/What does the Planning Group need to know? | 9:10 |
| + Intern “Assignment”
--Identify gaps and over laps in current plans (competition?) | 10:10 |
| + Next Steps
--Next meetings meeting agenda topics/actions | 10:20 |
| + Identify relevant upcoming events
--Grand Junction meeting update
--Other new business | 10:45 |
| + Adjourn | 11:00 |

AARP Survey Information (Roberto Rey, AARP CO)

[The survey results are available upon request or on the Planning Group’s Google Docs site]

- The surveys are all of the same questions in different communities

- More similar than different in terms of results
- Where there are differences, there are incremental differences, not “night and day” differences
- In Colorado, Eagle County just got added to list of communities and Fruita is expected to come online soon

Larimer County [A Power Point available upon request]

- Based on 188 telephone interviews in Larimer County, 50 and over.
- Respondents 65 years and older were more likely to rate their community high and indicate the importance of staying in their community higher.
- Rural people tended to give a higher rating on the “age-friendliness” of their community.
- In lower income areas, the % of people who walk is less, in part because of safety issues
- 42% of people walk as a mode of “transportation” showing that safe and maintained sidewalks are important
- In rural areas, “well maintained and convenient hospitals” was rated lower than urban areas.

Denver [Survey results are available upon request]

- The issue of affordable housing is seen as very important (particularly for people that do not own a home), this concern is a Colorado-wide issue.

Comments:

- AARP is limited nationwide to conduct surveys (very expensive)
- Will probably be doing more online surveys with emails of AARPs

Takeaways/What does the Planning Group need to know?

- The issue of affordable housing is very wide spread across the State
- Access to services between urban and rural is a big gap. With growing older populations in rural areas, this will be a big problem.
- Consistent responses observed with Boomer Bond surveys as well

- Walking is very important in rural and urban communities (e.g. Idaho Springs). Low-income areas do not have as good of infrastructure and there are safety concerns for pedestrians.
- Community Assessment surveys of DRCOG and AARP typically get white, middle class generally in the same age range. We need better outreach to other groups (e.g. go out to the communities and partner with specific organization that may reach these other populations) Also include key informant interviews (e.g. Todd Coffey, Jayla, Dave).
- Do we need an overview with other subcommittees on these surveys?

Intern Assignment Scope of Work Suggestions

- USAA Aging survey data should be included (compares Denver metro area to other areas)
- NRC has surveys for 4-year plan on aging
- Important to know that the AAA plans are “prescribed” by Federal and State government. 4-year plans are compliance plans. There is a gap analysis in the 4-year plans of the AAAs.
- Identify best or promising practices
- Review AARP Survey’s to see if identified needs are being addressed

Next Steps

- Next Meeting on September 27, 2017
 - Updates on regional meetings
 - Update on Intern (from Sinergie?)

Other Suggestions:

- Take feedback from listening sessions to put into an action plan right way.
- Talk about what organizational structure we need to feed back into the local community networks? Advertise website input?
- Jean made great effort to bring on the Black Chamber on but to no avail.
 - Is there another way to get this input?

Other related events:

- Club 20 Update (Steve Child) September 8-9 will have fall meeting to go over policy—Steve will update on Planning Group work.

- AARP is having a conference October 5th 9-3 pm at the Warwick Hotel
Roberto will send announcement to Lisa