



Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging

Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2019

Participants: Christian Itin (Chair), Maureen McDonald (Vice Chair), Jayla Sanchez-Warren, John Emerson, Karen Brown, John Zabawa, Sarah Elliott, Chris Lee, Dave Norman, Hayley Gleason, Steve Child, Kelly Osthoff, Jean Nofles, Gabriel Kaplan, and Tony Tapia

Not in Attendance: Sophie Shulman, Mindy Gates, Jim Collins, and Karin Stewart

Public Participants: Ed Leary (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute), Lisa Streisfeld (Department of Transportation), Doug Krug (Institute for Unlearning), Rachael Minore (Alzheimer's Association), Jen Briggs (American Cancer Society), Greg Smith (Department of Human Services), Rich Mauro (Denver Regional Council of Governments), and Jodi Waterhouse (CU- Center on Aging)

Action Items:

- Executive Committee to review bylaws in order to address potential issue related to quorum and number of voting members.
- Jarett Hughes to remove reference to “traditional Medicare” and “complex cases” from meeting minutes at the request of Jean Nofles.
- Jarett Hughes to connect with Carolyn Kampman, Staff Director of the Joint Budget Committee, regarding new analyst for Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).
- Jarett Hughes to send SAPGA slide deck to members for use during presentations about the group
- Jarett Hughes to incorporate edits from SAPGA members and public comment into draft recommendations
- Jarett Hughes to share Transportation recommendations with full SAPGA to prioritize
- Jarett Hughes to send Transportation and the Role of Hospitals to SAPGA members – suggested by Jenn Briggs from the American Cancer Society

Meeting Notes

Welcome, Roll Call, and Approval of Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Christian Itin at 12:03 pm
- September meeting minutes approved with a motion by Chris Lee, seconded by John Zabawa with understanding that Jarett Hughes will edit based on comments from Jean Nofles
- October meeting agenda approved

Budget Update

Jarett Hughes provided a budget update to members. Currently, SAPGA has a total of \$103,416 available for the remainder of FY19-20. Average monthly expenses are just around \$6,000. This is expected to rise as reimbursements for member travel begin to go out. Anticipated expenses for FY19-20 are expected to be within the proposed budget. Once the Governor's Budget is available November 1, SAPGA will be able to see whether or not the \$110,000 for FY19-20 was included in DOLA's budget



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for FY20-21. Once the budget is made publicly available, Jarett Hughes along with members of the Executive Committee, and possibly Rich Mauro, will begin meeting with the Joint Budget Committee to discuss future appropriations.

Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Discussion

Sarah Elliott, Chris Lee, and John Zabawa led a brief discussion about potential areas to further explore related to LTSS. Issues and topics that rose to the top included:

- Transitions from care settings: e.g., hospital to community, hospital to rehab, rehab to community, assisted living to skilled nursing.
- Assisted living reimbursement
- Funding for services and not only referrals, must expand capacity for community-based providers
- Long-Term Care Insurance: e.g., creative funding, LTC research committee, wellness fund
- Other state-models of respite care

There was significant discussion around the Hospital Transformation Project (HTP) and its impact on community-based providers. The group will revisit HTP at a later date, most likely at some point in 2020.

Update on Education and Engagement Committee

Maureen McDonald provided an update on the Education and Engagement Committee which will no longer be meeting. With current regional meetings and Aging Summit planning efforts underway, the committee's goals are moving along. Maureen also encouraged SAPGA members to use the slide deck created by the committee to share updates on the group's efforts and progress. As the Aging Summit planning moves ahead, there may be opportunities for broader SAPGA involvement in working groups.

SAPGA Input on Recommendations

Transportation Committee

Lisa Streisfeld, Colorado Department of Transportation, joined the group to provide some input and answer any questions regarding the Transportation Committee's proposed recommendations. The Transportation Committee ranked their proposed ideas at the suggestion of the full SAPGA. Leading up to November 4 meeting, the full SAPGA will prioritize the transportation recommendations. There were no direct edits made.

Work Force Development Committee

SAPGA members, Tony Tapia and Christian Itin, led discussion related to the work force recommendations. Leading up to the November 4 meeting, the subcommittee will rank the recommendations before their final review by the full SAPGA. The ranked recommendations will be kept in their two domains when brought back to the group on November 4.



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Health and Wellness Committee

Chris Lee and John Emerson led the discussion on the health-related recommendations. The group discussed the need to condense some of the recommendations where possible. It was suggested the recommendation related to age-friendly public health be moved under the Office of Saving People on Health Care heading.

There was also discussion related to whether or not the Hospital Transformation Project (HTP) should be included in this year's update or if it should be an item for 2020. The important piece regarding the HTP is that referrals will be going to hospitals to incentivize community-based care. The concern is that community-based providers are already stretched and this could result in hospitals making referrals for individuals who will not actually receive services. Further, there is no efficient process for tracking whether referrals are being fulfilled. The group decided to consider language related to this referral and service dilemma but avoid making any formal recommendations around HTP so that more information can be gathered on the subject.

Public Comment

Jenn Briggs from the American Cancer Society briefly mentioned a report released during the Social Determinants of Health Series titled Transportation and the Role of Hospitals. Jenn will share the link with Jarett Hughes and he will then share with the full SAPGA.

Jodi Waterhouse from the University of Colorado-Anschutz Center on Aging suggested that some of the Health and Wellness committee recommendations involve partnership/consultation/involvement with geriatric practitioners. This was seconded by Ed Leary. It was mentioned that reference to geriatric practitioners could be included in under the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care recommendation.

Meeting Adjourned 3:00 pm