

Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging

March 12, 2018

Participants: Karen Brown (chair), John Zabawa (vice-chair), Karin Stewart, Sharron Williams, Josh Laipply, Jim Riesberg, Christian Itin, Sarah Elliott, Ben Moultrie, Dale Elliott, Mindy Kemp, Dave Norman (by phone), and Steve Child (by phone)

Not in Attendance: Claire Anderson, Coral Cosway, Donna Baros, Maureen McDonald, Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Tony Tapia, John Barry, and Jean Nofles,

Public Participants: Rich Mauro (DRCOG), Laura Mae (Health District), Wade Buchanan (Governor's Office)

Meeting Notes

Welcome

- Called to order by chair, Karen Brown at 12:05pm
- February minutes approved
- Discussion of Office of Public Guardianship support added to end of agenda
- Public comment: None

Sponsorship, Potential Funding, and Project Support

- An overview of potential CRC and CGS collaborative projects for The NextFifty Initiative was discussed
 - o Concerns were raised over collaborative grant application efforts and ensuring the work coincides with the legislative intent. There was also discussion regarding maintaining our autonomy in any collaborative work
 - o Doug Rex, DRCOG (Josh recommends reaching out to him)
- Rich Mauro and Karen Brown, are scheduled to meet with Rep. Moreno on Wednesday March 14 to explore state funding via the Joint Budget Committee
- Strategic plan for budget request should be established soon, the request must be in by August - Perhaps an EC meeting topic
- Motion made and approved by Karen Brown to hire Jarett Hughes as project support for SAPGA

Legislative Caucus on Aging (LCOA)

- The next and last LCOA of 2018 legislative session will be April 4, 12pm-1pm SCR 357
- Topic: Homestead Exemption and future projections with brief presentations from Natalie Wood, Bell Policy Center, Vance Roper, Joint Budget Committee Staff, and Rep. Chris Kennedy

Aging Summit

- The summit purpose is envisioned to be education and awareness more so than a conference
- Participants should include non-traditional and traditional stakeholders- advocates, business community, policy makers, and older adults
- What is the direction?
- Why are we doing this? What is our goal?
 - o Who is the target audience?
 - o Incorporate universities- DU, CU, UNCO, UCCS, CSU, Metro
- It has been suggested that Colorado be one of the first states to enroll as being “age-friendly” (AARP & WHO)
 - o Requires a commitment from leadership and planning/implementation.
 - o This may already be in the works
- Late Fall was suggested for summit but by June 26 parties will have had primaries to select potential legislative and gubernatorial candidates
 - o May be beneficial to do prior to primaries
- Could engage legislators, gubernatorial candidates, and stakeholders
 - o Aging summit should take advantage of election year
- Utilize other forums or town halls to include aging?
- Could CASOA be useful in this context?
- How we bring focus to statewide actions is what makes the Planning Group unique

Retirement Security Breakout Groups – Members broke into two groups and discussed retirement security solutions offered from participants in the Conversations on Aging meetings held across Colorado

Group 1

- Focus was on education across all ages
- Develop, fund, and implement pre-retirement education and education for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and state-level programs
- Focus on increased understanding of insurance types and financial planning
- Implement education campaigns or PSA’s regarding retirement and savings
- Discussion then went to employer-based solutions and the potential role of state policies

Group 2

- Incentivize employers to offer retirement benefits, better savings policies, PERA, Ensure Medicaid/Medicare
- LTC insurance needs to be affordable and accessible
- Adding aging parents to children’s health insurance
- Insurance industry is looking for new approaches and products, it is also in their interest to promote health
 - o Involve insurance companies in this conversation?

Respite Care Task Force- Megan Kluth

- Easter Seals manages the respite care task force implementations
- The Advisory Committee for Respite Care is meeting April 10 at their Lakewood office
- Working with Health Management Associates for cost-benefit study
 - o Medicaid claims data
 - o Impact on labor force of informal caregiving
 - o Final Report June 2018
- Training database is in the works: Available April 2018
- Respite Medicaid waivers are underutilized
 - o \$\$\$ not being used
 - o Improve access to providers
- HCPF Committee on Medicaid reimbursement rates
 - o Provider rate review to address incentivizing providers

Transportation subcommittee

- 3rd or 4th Monday of the month- Upcoming meetings March 19 & April 23
- What are the deliverables here:
 - o Veterans Transit and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI) grant is something to keep an eye on
 - o Most of these trips are for dialysis, bring in a contact from DaVita
 - LTC care communities could benefit from this
 - Encourage collaboration with Lyft or Uber?
 - New training program for door-to-door service
 - Provides a way to not disrupt fixed routes
 - o Sarah- can contact Lyft and DaVita
 - Should we look into the Centennial transportation project?
- Coordinating with existing providers would be most effective
- Compiling transportation resource guide
 - o Combine blue book guides for a Colorado transportation guide?

Office of Public Guardianship

- Sponsors have asked for a support letter for their grant application going to The Next Fifty Initiative
- John Z. will send out letter indicating we are unable to provide a letter of support at this time due to the limited time and the process we need to follow to get approval

3:02 Adjourn

Next meeting April 9, 12:00 - 3:00pm at the Daniels Fund- 101 Monroe Street