

STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING GROUP ON AGING

Monday, January 25, 2016

9:00 – 12:00pm

1290 Broadway

First Floor Independence Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jim Riesberg (chair), Claire Anderson, Donna Baros, John Barry, Karen Brown, Wade Buchanan, Dale Elliott, Christian Itin, Doug Farmer, Susan Franklin, Mindy Kemp, Linda Mitchell, Ben Moultrie, Jean Nofles, Dave Norman, Sharron Williams

By Phone: Jennifer Schaufele, Sallie Thoreson

Action Items:

- ✓ Committees must meet at least twice between the January 25th and February 22nd Planning Group meetings
- ✓ Wade and Lorez to discuss the Outreach and Communications committee and when a next meeting is needed

Next Meeting: February 22, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes:

- I. Jim called the meeting to order and took roll call. A quorum of members were present.
- II. Agenda was approved with correction of the presenter's name under IV.B to *Kevin Neimond*.
- III. Minutes from January 11th were approved with correction of the date to *January 11, 2016*.
- IV. **Presentations**
 - A. **SAPGA Talking Points:** Jim discussed a memo provided to the Planning Group on general talking points. Members were reminded to share relevant documents with the Planning Group via the document on google drive.

The group discussed the talking points for the strategic action plan when it is completed by the Planning Group and who will be in charge of those. It was noted that the plan will be delivered to Governor and general assembly. If there are things that show cost reductions, state departments should implement those findings as outlined in the bill. The plan will need to be updated on November 1st of 2018 and 2020, assuming the Planning Group stays together and has the funding to continue. It was also noted that like any report, where it goes will be dependent on how well the Planning Group can put it in front of the right audiences in order to keep promoting it. There are organizations in Colorado to help promote the Planning Group's research and need to get it in front of media to keep its momentum.

- B. Colorado aging funding and data gaps:** Kevin Neimond, JBC Analyst, presented to the Planning Group on the Colorado Department of Human Services' funding for Adult Assistance Programs in Colorado. Adult Assistance Programs provide assistance and support for needy, elderly and disable adults in Colorado. The FY 2015-16 appropriation for these programs totaled \$174,015,125 with a mixture of funding from General Fund, cash funds and federal funds and a total of 29.5 FTEs.

The Planning Group discussed how Medicare and Medicaid fit into the memo provided by Mr. Neimond, who noted that Medicare is appropriated at the federal level and Medicaid is appropriated through the Department of Human Services which is handled by a different analyst and he could provide the Planning Group with that information.

The Planning Group was also interested if the JBC analyst was provided with wait list information to help make decisions on budgeting. It was explained that the JBC did not receive that information from the state in their budget request, the department requested to authorize expenditure of moneys sitting in the account but did not provide information on what the funds would be used for. The discussion then led to how the analyst goes about assessments in understanding needs for quantitative analysis and to what extent are qualitative elements incorporated in assessment of recommendations. Mr. Neimond noted that for his purposes, he needs specific data to take back to the general assembly to share where the budget requests are going and what the money is paying for. More quantitative and qualitative data is needed to make budget recommendations. Planning Group members suggested that it could be helpful for the JBC analyst to go on ride-alongs with service providers to have a better understanding of the services they provide.

V. Public Comment

- A. Rich Mauro, DRCOG:** From the information DRCOG has been able to get about waiting lists to build a case on unmet needs, it is my understanding that it is much more difficult for other triple As to do this. I hope the data study will help get some of this information. My sense in dealing with these issues over the last few years is that the Older Americans Act programs are by their nature going to have a qualitative aspect to them, particularly on eligibility criteria and the type of data collected for people qualified for services is not as strict and detailed as Medicaid by comparison. This is by design because these are preventative programs that are designed for people living in the community which is hard to prove you have prevented those folks from having to access other more expensive types of programs. That will always be a challenge and something we try to portray to the JBC and legislature.

VI. Presentations (continued)

- A. State fiscal impacts of the aging of Coloradans –** Phyllis Resnick, Colorado Futures Center at Colorado State University, provided a presentation on the Colorado's budget and its impact on aging program spending. The presentation noted that long term care is projected to be very unsustainable in the state's budget. This is largely due to an aging population that is very likely to need more care and that care is becoming more expensive each year. The other important issue has to do with the revenue side of state budget, because the population is aging Colorado will see a rate of decline in the revenue collected to the state's general fund. The presentation from Colorado Futures center can be found on the Planning Group's [website](#).

Planning Group discussion with Ms. Resnick centered around her suggestion that a key question for the Planning Group is how the General Assembly should fund long term care services in the future and any suggestions or options she might have to help pay for these services moving forward. Ms. Resnick responded that she thinks Colorado needs to think about different kinds of services than are available right now that try to keep people in their homes longer. The state could try wrap around services for folks to take pressure off the long term services because institutional services are more expensive. It was noted that some cities are looking at changes to their zoning codes to allow for accessory dwelling units to allow those who need extra help to be close to their families or care providers and not have a need to be in an institutional type setting. It was also noted that the Colorado Futures Center does not yet know total Medicaid dollars spent on institution verses non-institutional care, but is looking into those numbers which HCPF may be able to help figure out.

Planning Group members also discussed folks staying in the workforce longer which can have an impact on growth rate in costs to state and if the analysis has taken into consideration some recent trends seen of people staying in the workforce longer. It was noted that the analysis does implicitly take those numbers into consideration but it is not looked at as an individual factor. If the numbers are in the long-term historical data, then it is in Colorado Future's models. It was also noted that there is a double edged sword about keeping folks in the workforce longer because of the side effects of not opening up jobs for younger folks in the workforce.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee:** Jim Riesberg provided an update on the Executive Committee. The Committee met and was given responsibility to do the final scope of work for lit review. The scope of work has been completed with the budget set and will go to state contracting by the end of today. The Committee also spoke about the RFQ and the Planning Group will be spending more time on the RFQ later during today's meeting. The Committee discussed presenters for the Planning Group meeting; the Group will be hearing about gaps in information from the JBC analyst to know areas where the Planning Group should look to fill those gaps. The Committee spoke about the talking points which have been distributed to the Planning Group. The Committee talked about committee meeting schedules and determined not all the committees are scheduled to have two meetings between today's Planning Group meeting and the one on February 22nd. Committees without two meetings scheduled between now and February 22nd need to make sure to get this done. If increased committee work is not done, the Planning Group would need to look at getting a second meeting back on the schedule in February/March.

- B. Technical Advisory Committee:** Karen Brown provided an update for the TAC. The TAC met and talked about the role of the committee and brainstormed possible presenters for the Planning Group. TAC will send out an email to rest of the Planning Group for ideas for other presenters. There is a resource sheet on google drive that can be populated by Planning Group members and TAC would like to get their information on there. TAC crafted an RFQ to discuss later in today's Planning Group meeting. TAC is also looking at more specific resource contacts.

- C. Outreach and Communications:** Wade Buchanan noted there is no report from the Outreach and Communications committee as this is an ad hoc committee; Wade and Lorez discuss when the next meeting is needed.
- D. Workforce Development:** Christian Itin provided an update for the Workforce Development Committee. The committee is meeting later today.
- E. Family Economic Security:** Donna provided an update on the Family Economic Security committee. The committee is close to completing their outcomes and have begun discussing objectives related to the outcomes. The committee is being careful not to overlap in other areas and duplicate efforts, especially with regards to financial impacts. The committee has had robust conversations and appreciate the willingness of members to have tough discussions. The committee would like to get more detailed as they move along with their work.

The Planning Group discussed that they liked how the committee's focus areas are looking at more than seniors and it was asked the committee knows what schools offer and if they have financial planning services. Donna responded that part of the committee's process is to evaluate what is out there and what is offered; part of the research will be identifying what is out there and how effective existing programs have been and if there are adaptations needed for our particular situation in Colorado.

- F. Physical Community:** Susan Franklin provided an update for the Physical Community committee. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 8th. The committee has had 3 meetings and are focused on making sure folks can get to where they want to go, when they need to get there as well as community design supports.

The Planning Group discussed that there are a lot of home automation technologies that could be very helpful for older adults to have a home that permits them to stay there as they get older and how someone could find out about these technologies. It was noted the committee may want to explore an outcome focused on the communications of these types of capabilities that many service providers would also find useful to know about. It was also noted the committee may want to research statistics regarding transportation and works and what doesn't work in Colorado.

- G. Health and Wellness:** Sharron Williams provided an update on the Health and Wellness committee. The committee has come up with a number of outcomes. The committee also has an outcome around improving education and training for clinicians and healthcare professionals they would like to collaborate with the Work Force committee on.
- H. Public Finance:** Wade Buchanan provided an update for the Public Finance committee. The committee has arranged bi-monthly meetings and has created seven outcomes that are broken up by federal, state and local programs.

Planning Group discussion included a need for committees to discern if state funding will be available for various recommendations as they come up with different strategies. Much of the state health department is funded through grants which end soon and the committees

should be aware of funding constraints if they suggest state departments take on new strategies and programs in their recommendations.

- I. **Supportive Community:** Dave Norman provided an update on the Supportive Community committee. Committee members are reading through the various state and organizational plans on aging to determine the top priorities drawn from each plan since they overlap with the Planning Group's work. The committee will be setting priorities and making recommendations in those areas. The next meeting of the committee is on February 9th.

Planning Group members noted there seems to be some areas of integration between the supportive community committee and the health and wellness committee. The committees should identify those overlaps and set priorities for them.

VIII. **Consulting Services**

- A. **Research RFQ:** Karen Brown provided an overview of the draft RFQ for data research. The RFQ focuses on research and information themes to provide a broad brush of the information and needs of each committee. The RFQ is intended to get conversation started with groups that will likely be able to meet the goals and objectives of SAPGA. It is to be a broader inquiry than a traditional RFP. This could lead to more than one contract and provides flexibility to find the right contractors.

Members should email corrections or suggestions on the RFQ to Karen Brown as quickly as possible, deadline for input by COB Tuesday, January 26th. Committees should also identify the items and questions that are main priorities to be answered by the chosen data consultant.

- IX. There was no public comment provided during this time of the meeting.
- X. Next Meeting of the Planning Group: February 22, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- XI. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.