

MEETING MINUTES

STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING GROUP ON AGING

Monday, February 22, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1290 Broadway

First Floor, Independence Conference Room

Members present: Jim Riesberg (chair), Ky Agnew, Claire Anderson, Rob Andresen, Donna Baros, John Barry, Karen Brown, Wade Buchanan, Steve Child, Greg Cooper, Dale Elliott, Doug Farmer, Susan Franklin, Christian Itin, Mindy Kemp, Ben Moultrie, Dave Norman, Barbara Raynor, Sharron Williams

By phone: Jennifer Schaufele, Sallie Thorenson

Action Items/Follow-up:

- ✓ Committee chairs to provide specific data needs to the Executive Committee in order to put together a scope of work for the RFQ contractor.
- ✓ Planning Group members should send suggestions of presenters for Planning Group meetings to Karen Brown.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- I) Chair Jim Riesberg called the meeting to order and took roll call. There were a quorum of members present. Jim also introduced new members to the Planning Group - Ky Agnew, Greg Cooper and Sallie Thorenson – followed by a round-table introduction of all the Planning Group members.
- II) The meeting agenda was approved unanimously by the Planning Group without additions or corrections.
- III) Minutes of the January 25th Planning Group meeting were approved by unanimous consent. It was also clarified that previous minutes of the Planning Group are available on the Planning Group website by date under the “Planning Group Meetings” tab.

IV) Presentations

- A) **Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado:** Brian Lewandowski, Associate Director, Business Research Division and Robert McNow, PhD, Professor, Department of Economics provided a presentation on their results of modeling projects using econometric models to forecast Colorado state revenues and revenues for the Regional Transit District. It was noted that this methodology was appropriate for the Planning Group to examine issues before the committee. The data provides historical trends on key variables and how demographic trends may affect those key variables. The results of the models are preliminary at this time. The [presentation](#) from Leeds School of Business can be found on the Planning Group website.

Planning Group discussion included questions around the data and influx of migrants to Colorado and whether the growth was from international immigration verses national migration. Dr. McNown responded that Leeds did not have the data now but that this was an important question to answer. It was also discussed that one area Leeds struggles with is that the public is not aware of the impact on aging, including economic impacts.

Additionally, Leeds noted that they had very productive meetings with the Office of State Planning and Budgeting and the Colorado General Assembly's Legislative Council on what to do with overly optimistic Moody's forecasts because state economists have seen that year after year their optimistic growth rates do play out as projected. The state has been proactive in using the more pessimistic scenarios as they saw Moody's economic forecasts tend to be inaccurate.

Finally, there was discussion on keeping more adults 55 and older in the workforce and if that would that improve generation of income tax and sales tax revenue. According to Leeds, the simple answer is yes, but the follow-up is that as people reach retirement age, their productivity is waning and there is a cohort of younger workers who want to move into those positions. We want to take advantage of younger workers and if we prevent them from stepping into important positions that is also to the detriment of the economy.

- B) Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging, University of Denver:** Mary Cullen and Dr. Leslie Hasche presented information on the newly formed Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging at University of Denver. The presentation included an overview of the Institute's vision, mission statement, strategic objectives and committee members. [Information](#) on the Institute for Healthy Aging can be found on the Planning Group's website.

The Planning Group discussion with the Institute focused on strategic partnerships and ideas for the Institute to engage. It was mentioned that it would be helpful for the Institute to work with the hotel management department to work on nutritional and dietary requirements involved for seniors. It was also noted the Institute should actively engage with nutritionists, doctors and nurses especially since University of Denver does not have a medical focus. The Institute responded that they are aware of these gaps and are actively working to find strategic partnerships to bring in health care providers and want to be inclusive in their work, including pursuing cross institution partners in Colorado.

- C) Respite Care Task Force:** Mindy Kemp, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services and Planning Group member provided a presentation on the background of and report recently completed by the Respite Care Task Force including recommendations made by the Task Force. The [presentation](#) can be found on the Planning Group's website as well as the full HMA [Respite Care Task Force report](#).

Planning Group discussion focused on different items the Task Force looked at in their study including pay scales and longevity for workers in respite care and families that don't qualify for respite care services but have high needs. Mindy responded that the Task Force looked at the need for quality care and options that meet the demand and needs for people in need of respite

care, but did not address payment scale issues. It was also noted that looking at families that fall into a gap to quality for respite care was a primary focus of the Task Force and how to make more respite care services available. The Task Force is trying to make a case for expanding services to those families that are in high need but may not qualify.

V) There was no public comment provided during this time of the meeting.

VI) Committee Reports

- A) **Executive Committee:** Jim Riesberg provided an update on the Executive Committee. During their last meeting the Committee discussed the charge of the outreach and communications committee, amending the contract for the literature review, and reviewed RFQ responses for the data researcher. The Executive committee interviewed RFQ respondents and hope to make a decision on the contractor in the coming week; more information on this process will be shared later in today's meeting. Additionally it was noted that the Bell Policy Center will be hosting a breakfast focused on the budget at the Legislative Services Building this Wednesday, February 24th at 7:45 a.m.; members who are interested in joining should RSVP at www.bellpolicy.org. Finally, the Committee worked with the Governor's Office to fill vacancies on the Planning Group and now have a full committee.
- B) **Technical Advisory Committee:** Karen Brown provided an update on the TAC. The TAC discussed different presenters for the Planning Group which included the presentation from Mindy Kemp today on the Respite Care Task Force and would also like to bring in other presenters from the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting, Long Term Services and Supports, Boomer Bond at DRCOG, CMS federal projections, etc. Members with suggestions for presentations should email Karen. Additionally, the TAC is working on general information related to aging to add to the Planning Group's resource list on google drive.
- C) **Outreach and Communications:** Wade Buchanan provided an update on the Outreach and Communications Committee. The committee met for the second time last week and discussed the functions of the group. The committee initially thought of selves as a group to guide the communication needs of the Planning Group, but have added an additional task on communications for future work of the Planning Group committees. Throughout the framework matrix there are a number of recommendations to increase awareness or education in the draft outcomes – there may be a role for the committee to help develop those recommendations and make them into something more unified. The committee will begin interacting more with other committees and the Executive Committee to figure out how to do this. There is good participation from communication and outreach experts on the committee.

Updates on the following committees' outcomes and objectives can be found in the [Strategic Framework Matrix](#) on the Planning Group's website.

- D) **Workforce Development:** Christian Itin provided an update on the Workforce Development committee. The committee met one time in the last month to identify objectives and will be meeting again today to continue their work. Christian led the Planning Group through the

outcomes and objectives the committee has put together to date, noting that there is with the work of other committees where there will need to be an exchange to get clarity on how to move forward.

During Planning Group discussion it was noted that it might be helpful to look at some workforce centers in the objectives from outcome #1. Additionally, one member suggested it would be appropriate to add the word “secure” to objective 2a. - ...*secure* “Volunteer Exchange”...

E) Family Economic Security: Donna Baros provided an update on the Family Economic Security committee. The committee is scheduled to meet twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday each month and will meet again tomorrow. During the last meeting the committee had a thorough discussion on concerns with the committee’s outcomes. There was a difficult discussion on where the committee should be with the outcomes they want to achieve. The committee was tasked with preparing and sending suggestions on objectives during the interim because there is not enough time on the phone to accomplish everything. Donna walked the Planning Group through the outcomes and objectives the committee has drafted to date.

During the Planning Group discussion the committee was asked a number of questions it will give thought to in their upcoming meeting, including:

- Given 1b, does something in the outcomes need to suggest the safety piece of this objective?
- Objective 1b may fit better under outcome 2.
- What is the definition of financially secure? (Workforce Development and Family Economic Security may want to talk jointly about what this definition should be.)
- What is the difference between economically secure and financially secure? (Outcomes 1, 3 and 4)

F) Physical Community: Rob Andresen provided an update on the Physical Community committee. The committee met earlier in the month and again this morning before the Planning Group meeting. The committee is focused on two different sections related to physical community: Mobility and Housing. Rob walked the Planning Group through the outcomes and objectives the committee was come up with to date.

The Planning Group had many questions and additions for the committee to think about, including:

- There is an implication in the objectives that the existing transportation infrastructure is adequate – is there a sense the current system is adequate or is there a sense we need to improve the current system?
- It might be better to say there is a shortage of transportation systems, particularly in the rural areas.
- Has the committee addressed the concept of when do people decide to give up their car and think about alternative transportation options?

- Objective 2a includes navigators under volunteer systems – the committee should think about the group, contact, etc. in their conversations.

G) Health and Wellness: Sharron Williams provided an update on the Health and Wellness committee. The committee recently made changes in their outcomes and have filled out most of the framework matrix through their committee discussion. Sharron walked the Planning Group through the outcomes and objectives the committee has come up with to date.

During Planning Group discussion it was noted by one member that they would like to see reference to navigators and community health case managers in the objectives, even though “Professional care coordinators” was meant to be an inclusive term it is not always considered to be one to folks in the field.

H) Public Finance: Wade Buchanan provided an update on the Public Finance committee. The committee has come up with a number of outcomes and objectives and understand there is a need to consolidate but wanted to be inclusive at the outset. Wade walked the Planning Group through the outcomes and objectives the committee was come up with to date.

Planning Group discussion included that part of the education piece is helping leaders understand the cost/benefit analysis and why it is important – it’s not just serving people, but is also saving money. Two state agencies also noted that when talking about demonstration projects, they have to be mentioned in some fashion in their plans and need to figure out how to incorporate including this in the planning process to take advantage of it.

I) Supportive Community: Dale Elliott and Dave Norman provided an update on the Supportive Community committee and walked the Planning Group through the committee’s outcomes and objectives to date.

VII) Jim provided an update on consulting services and the RFQ process for a data researcher. The Executive Committee interviewed RFQ respondents and is beginning to put together a scope of work on what the contractor is expected to do. It is important for committee chairs to provide specific data needs to the Executive Committee so they can begin developing a scope of work to have a better understanding of what needs to go into the contract and what it will cost. In order to proceed, the Executive Committee would like to have contract complete and approved by the next Planning Group meeting on March 28th.

Wade Buchanan provided a motion, seconded by Ben Moultrie, to provide the Executive Committee the power to move ahead with the scope of work for the research contractor. The motion was approved unanimously by the Planning Group.

VIII) There was no public comment provided during this time.

IX) Next meeting of the Planning Group: March 28, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

X) The Planning Group adjourned at 12:10 p.m.