**Meeting Summary**

**Strategic Action Panning Group on Aging**

**1290 Broadway, Independence Pass Conference Room**

**Monday, January 9. 2017**

**Members Present:** Jim Riesberg, Ky Agnew, Claire Anderson, Karen Brown, Wade Buchanan, Susan Franklin, Christian Itin, Mindy Kemp, Ben Moultrie, Jean Nofles, Toni Tapia, Sharron Williams

**By Phone:** Dave Norman, Sallie Thoreson, Steve Child

I) Jim Riesberg opened the meeting with roll call. At quorum was not present at roll call but was achieved later in the meeting.

II) The meeting agenda for January 9 was approved by those present.

III) The minutes for the December 12, 2016 meeting were approved without changes by those present.

IV) Public Comment:

Margaret Frankhauser introduced herself as the new Executive Director for Next 50, the nonprofit organization that was created after Innovage became a for profit entity. She stated that she was sure that she and the Planning Group would be working together on a regular basis.

V) Planning Group Business:

A) Susan Franklin distributed Senior Housing Options that was created by Jefferson County Aging Well program and asked that the booklet be distributed to interested organizations.

B) Jim distributed a handout that described Ashton Applewhite, named as the 2016 Influencer of the Year on aging issues by Next Avenue. When asked if she could change one thing about aging in America, what would it be? She responded, “Catalyze a social movement to raise awareness of ageism that would transform the experience of aging in America and make discrimination on the basis of age as unacceptable as racism and sexism. We would no longer see aging as a problem to be ‘fixed’ or a disease to be ‘cured’, but for what it is: a powerful, natural, lifelong process that connects us all.”

C) A current schedule of 2017 SAPGA presentations was handed out and will be posted on the website.

 D) Review of the last 15 months of the Planning group

 1) Several comments on the Initial Action Plan have been received.

2) The Initial Action Plan was sent to all Executive Directors of state departments with programs dealing with aging matters, to all legislators, the Leg Council staff, and select members in the Governor’s office.

3) The Action Plan will be reviewed by a legislative committee, probably the Health and Human Service committee; the time and date of this prospective meeting will be sent out.

4) Committee members should talk about the recommendations in the Action Plan to their own legislators.

5) Any SAPGA Planning Group member interested in speaking at a committee hearing may do so depending on the time allotted.

6) A list of other opportunities available was prepared by the Communications Committee and will be sent to Chair Riesberg.

7) While the Governor made an unscripted sound bite that the SAPGA recommendation for an aging leader or position within the executive branch was something that the Governor has not made an official statement on at this time.

8) DOLA has indicated that the Planning Group may continue to use our website, and that the state is in the process of introducing a new password protocol for our E-mail address; to ensure the web site’s security.

9) Planning Group members are encouraged to be present at as many forums as possible so that the plan could be reviewed by as many as possible

10) Rural areas and urban areas are not the same and messages should be tailored to various areas, especially northeastern, and southeastern Colorado as well as the San Luis Valley.

11) Radio station interviews have been a good source of distributing information.

VI) Ideas for Planning Group Meetings in 2017

1. Many members have indicated that they do not know each other on a personal level so it was decided that future meetings would include time for lunch or breakfast for those who are interested.
2. It was noted that the 2016 meeting schedulemade itdifficult for some members to attend meetings..
3. Locations of meetings was discussed but any alternative location should have good teleconferencing.
4. Currently, one meeting per month is envisioned for 2017.
5. It was decided that inclusion of the private sector is vital.
6. Three to four issues from the plan should be the focus of the SAPGA for 2017. Discussion resulted in:
* Innovation, Barriers and Opportunities;
* Workforce Development, public and private;
* Emphasis on local communities and regional efforts.
* In each area public/private interchange and ethnicity should be considered.
1. An update on the Action Plan is due in November, 2018, providing sufficient funding is secured.
2. The guiding documents are:

i)The HB15-1033

ii)The eight goals established in the Initial Action Plan

1. Implementation of the 2016 recommendations will be key in 2017. It was decided there would be an implementation committee (including the Executive Committee, and volunteers including Ben Moultrie and Toni Tapia).

VII) Executive Committee Update

The contract with Keystone has expired and a debriefing with the company will be held. A new RFP should focus on the committee processes and staff participation.

VIII) Membership:

There are currently three vacancies on the Planning Group. Any interested parties should go to [www.colorado.gov/governor/boards-commissions](http://www.colorado.gov/governor/boards-commissions)-app-lication.

IX) Travel Reimbursement:

There are funds available for travel reimbursement. A new form has been distributed and should be filed in the month following the expense.

X) Communications and Outreach:

The role of administrator will support the committee’s work. This includes picking up media items. Any administrator should have the expertise but should be given specific assignments.

XI) Other Business

 There was no other business at this time

XII) Public Comment

 There was no public comment at this time.

XIII) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 13. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will be held from 12 noon until the end of business but no later than 3:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.