

**STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING GROUP ON AGING
Implementation Subcommittee**

Meeting Summary: October 2, 2017

Participants: Mindy Kemp (Co-chair), Natalie Wood (Co-chair), Coral Cosway, Jim Riesberg, Dave Norman, Wade Buchannon, Rich Mauro, Steve Child, Jayla Sanchez-Warren Lisa Carlson (facilitator)

Desired Outcomes:

- Update on Regional Meetings and identify implications
- Update on the Senior Policy Advisor on Aging
- Update on latest CCI and Club 20 activities
- Review and refine Implementation Action Plan
- Develop and agree on next steps

Agenda:

+ Welcome, introductions, agenda review (Lisa Carlson)	9:00
+ Regional Meetings Update (see summaries) --Implications for this Subcommittee?	9:05
+ Senior Policy Advisor on Aging --Next steps (if any)	9:25
+ Update on CCI and Club 20 (Steve Childs)	9:35.
+ Review and refine Action Plan Spreadsheet	9:45
+ Develop and agree on the next steps	10:15
+ Adjourn	10:30

Regional Meetings Update

[Regional Meeting Summaries are available on the website]

Observation by Subcommittee attendees:

Grand Junction key themes (About 60 people attended):

- Mental health
- Opioid abuse use in long-term facilities

Frisco key themes (About 45 people attended):

- Long Terms Services and Supports
- Want to see recognition of aging issues in the area
- Need for health care professionals (have to travel a long way)
- Broadband issues
- General aging issues--how do you communicate with people before it is an emergency situation about what services are available?
- Shortage of nursing home beds and huge shortage of memory care beds (sometimes 70-90 miles away)
- Challenge: how to get people to do retirement planning (health directives, financial planning, etc.)
- Access to healthcare-- if you have a knee problem you can get good care but if you need cancer, you have to travel a long way.
- Affordable housing in general
- There is a disconnect between transient/youthful community and the aging residents (ongoing community versus transient community)

Regional meetings next steps:

1. October 19th – Pueblo, Fort Morgan (Steve, John will be there)
October 25th – Fort Morgan
2. *Eastern Plains Speak Out* is this week (Rich Mauro will attend and advertise the regional meetings)
3. We may want to set up a matrix to see if there are any trends. Utilize the dots polling in the final report/analysis?

Senior Policy Advisory on Aging

- The Governor's Office announced a new Senior Policy Advisory on Aging
- The NextFifty will fund the position for \$450,000 over three years
- A number of people have already expressed an interest

- The Governor's Office is currently writing a job description which should be available soon
- A hope was expressed that the position goes beyond State policy and programs and extends to the community services/business doing work also
- A hope was also expressed that the person has both legislative and aging issue experience
- The Planning group should look for opportunities to help the Governor's Offices as needed for this hiring this person

Implementation Action Plan

[A spreadsheet is available with the updates provided on the website]

Additional items

- Steve is talking to the two contenders who may be replacing Diane Mitsch Bush when she steps down to run for congress to keep them updated
- The staff at the legislature is delaying the reprinting of the State Directory of elected office holders in anticipation of # of changes—we should monitor this.
- The Elder Law had a meeting with 200 attorneys and judges and elders –was a good conference
- Two articles came out this week which has painted a bleak picture of retirement savings
- Jayla will forward an article to Lisa from Politico about funding aging issues
- Bureau of Labor Statistics has come out with unpaid caregiver support. The press release can be seen at:

<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/elcare.pdf>

- AARP is having a conference this week about livable communities.

CCI and Club 20 Update:

- CCI is currently looking at county legislative issues (none at this point concerning aging issues) Steve will continue to monitor

- Rich Mauro is working with the Senior Lobby and will assist Steve in monitoring their efforts so he can let CCI know.
- Club 20 had a staff person at both regional meetings
- Should consider tracking AARP legislative efforts as well

Next Steps

Next Meeting: November 6, 2017, 9-10:30 a.m.

- Meeting Topics:
 - PERA impacts (Wade will call Donna)
 - CDOT's State Coordinating Council Update (Jayla)
- Jim will miss the November meeting (get any updates ahead of schedule)

Wade will give the Implementation Subcommittee update at the Planning Group's meeting in Mindy's and Natalie's absence