



Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging

SAPGA Member Meeting Agenda April 11, 2022 12:00 – 2:00

Zoom Link:

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- 12:00 pm: Welcome & Roll Call
- Approve Agenda and March Meeting Minutes
 - Welcome to CCOA Members in Attendance; CCOA May 19 Meeting - SAPGA Members Encouraged to Attend
- 12:05 pm: Member & Staff Announcements; Public Comment
- 12:10 pm: Update on SAPGA-CCOA Workgroup Meeting
- 12:15 pm: Updates from Jarett Hughes, Governor’s Senior Advisor on Aging
- 12:35 pm: Overview of Boards & Commissions Application Process re Membership on Colorado Commission on Aging, Kara Harvey, Division Director of Aging & Adult Services, CO Department of Human Services
- 12:45 pm: Discussion & Input on SAPGA Proclamation
- 1:00 pm: Colorado Office of Public Guardianship Overview & Next Steps, Sophia Alvarez, Director
- 1:30 pm: Statewide Aging Conference – Update on Topics & Focus Areas
- 1:50 pm: Public Comment
- 1:55 pm: Closing Comments by Chair
- 2:00 pm: Adjourn

Next SAPGA Meeting – May 9, 2022 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

SAPGA Members: Ed Leary, Chair; Christian Itin, Vice Chair; Aisha Young, Dianna Conner Reed, John Zabawa, Kara Harvey, Kelly Osthoff, Steve Child, Dave Norman, Gail Meehan, Tony Tapia, Jane Barnes, John Emerson, Tara Trujillo

Public Participants: Pat Cook, Bob Epstein, Suze Kanack, Gretchen Cerveny, Laura Kinder, Myles Crane, Mark Levine, Diana McFail, Shannon Courtney, Ben Moultrie, Jarett Hughes, Coral Cosway, Andrea Suhaka

Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting was called to order by SAPGA Chair Ed Leary at 12:03. Andrea Wilkins confirmed the presence of a quorum.
- Group approved the April meeting agenda (motion by Tony Tapia, 2nd by Aisha Young) and March meeting minutes (motion by Aisha Young, 2nd Christian Itin).

Ed Leary recognized CCOA members in attendance and participants (Jane Barnes, Myles Crane) introduced themselves. No member or staff announcements. No public comment.

Update on the SAPGA-CCOA Joint Working Group:

Group met on April 6. Participants included Ed Leary, Christian Itin, Karen Brown, Jane Barnes, Chad Federwitz and Kara Harvey. Focus is on distilling lessons learned, areas of strength and areas of impediments to shape lessons learned for CCOA. As part of the effort to support the new CCOA, SAPGA intends to provide a redline version of the existing CCOA bylaws incorporating key elements of SAPGA bylaws, work collaboratively to archive past reports, update the matrix of SAPGA recommendations, and capture the key priorities and input provided on the OCA modernization.

Updates from Jarett Hughes:

Health care workforce development legislative package expected mid-April. Working to build out Lifelong CO data sets and county profiles. Engaging with federal partners – HUD, DHHS, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Administration for Community Living.

Overview of Boards & Commissions Application Process for new CCOA:

Process starts with CDHS but ultimately Boards & Commissions has the final say. Applicants will be reviewed for all roles specified within OCA with some candidates providing overlap into more than one placement criteria. SAPGA members are encouraged to share information on application process within their networks. The deadline for application is May 20. The new commission will begin operations on September 1, 2022.

SAPGA Request for Governor Proclamation Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis:

Draft proclamation provided to members and public participants for input and review. Focus is on systemic, structural racism – not relative individual advantages. Statement should specifically relate to older Coloradans – this is where SAPGA has authority to speak. Final draft will be submitted to the Governor's Office requesting Governor issue proclamation in conjunction with the June 16 aging

conference. Staff is communicating with Jarett Hughes and will share the draft proclamation in advance of formally submitting.

Sophia Alvarez, Office of Public Guardianship:

Goal is to see office become a permanent part of state government, as opposed to a pilot program. Guardianship appointees were delayed by pandemic. This has also resulted in limited resources and services.

Statewide survey completed in August. Office was serving 73 clients at the end of 2021 (with a capacity for 80). Goal is to provide appropriate and quality public guardianship services within target judicial districts. Most clients are in nursing homes; most are older with significant medical and/or behavioral health conditions. Primary obstacle in establishing guardianships is the lack of available guardians/services.

For more information see slides [here](#).

SAPGA-CCOA State Aging June 16 Conference:

Steve Child provided an update and overview of the work of the conference planning committee to date, which includes members from both SAPGA and CCOA. Members provided input on structure and focus areas, which will be considered by the planning committee and used to help shape the agenda.