



Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging

SAPGA Member Meeting Agenda

February 14, 2022

12:00 – 3:00

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- 12:00 pm: Welcome & Roll Call
- Approve Agenda and January Meeting Minutes
- 12:05 pm: Member & Staff Announcements; Public Comment
- 12:15 pm: Updates & Status of the Older Coloradans Act bill & SAPGA Stakeholders Meeting Discussions, *Jarett Hughes, Governor’s Senior Advisor on Aging; Edward Leary, SAPGA Chair & Christian Itin, SAPGA Vice Chair*
- 12:35 pm: Update on Colorado’s Crisis Standards of Care & SAPGA Input to the Governor’s Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee, *Regan Bailey, Justice in Aging; Edward Leary, SAPGA Chair & Christian Itin, SAPGA Vice-Chair*
- 12:55 pm: SAPGA 2022 Subcommittees: Breakout Discussion re Chairs, Membership, Initial Focus of Work & Scheduling
- 1:30 pm: Report Back on Subcommittee Breakout Discussions
- 1:50 pm: Break
- 2:00 pm: Health Disparities in the Older Adult Population & Work of the CO Health Equity Commission, *Yolanda Webb, Director, Office of Adult, Aging & Disability Services, CDHS; Co-Chair of the Colorado Health Equity Commission*
- 2:30 pm: Health Care Costs & Older Coloradans: Overview of the Work of the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care, *Colorado Lt. Governor, Dianne Primavera*

2:50 pm: Public Comment & Next Steps

3:00 pm: Closing Comments by SAPGA Chair & Adjourn

Next SAPGA Meeting – March 14, 2022 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

SAPGA Members: Edward Leary, Chair; Christian Itin, Vice-Chair; Andrea Kuwik, Kelly Osthoff, Kara Harvey, Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Tony Tapia, Steve Child, Jean Nofles, Dave Norman, Karin Stewart, John Zabawa, Tara Trujillo, Jane Barnes, Aisha Young, John Emerson, Diana Conner Reed, Gail Meehan

Public Attendees: Andy Suhaka, Pat Cook, Bob Epstein, Rich Mauro, Erica Reinhard, Rachel Cohen, Diana McFail, Sharon Courtney, Karen Ramey-Torres, Madison Frederick, Gretchen Cerveny, Regan Bailey, Kate Williams, Laura Kinder, Yolanda Webb, Jarett Hughes, Allie Eliot, Jami Shepherd, Lindsay Parsons, Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera

Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting was called to order by SAPGA Chair Ed Leary at 12:01. Andrea Wilkins confirmed the presence of a quorum.
- Group approved the February meeting agenda (motion by Christian Itin, 2nd by Tony Tapia) and January meeting minutes (motion by John Zabawa, 2nd by Dave Norman).

Ed Leary announced the creation of a SAPGA-CCOA workgroup which will include participation by Ed Leary, Christian Itin, and Karen Brown (SAPGA) and Jane Barnes, Chad Federwitz, and Kara Harvey (CCOA). The goal is to bring together expertise and experience of both organizations to ensure new commission is supported in its work and can begin operations from a position of strength. Group will work to ensure that institutional knowledge is not lost and to present a united front as the new body takes over.

Several current CCOA member's terms expire July 30, 2022. CCOA is checking with the state to see if those individuals terms will continue until 8/30/22. New board members will be in place by September. Applications for the new CCOA are currently being accepted, interested parties can check with the Board and Commissions to apply.

Boards & Commissions application link:

<https://www.colorado.gov/governor/boards-commissions-application>

Crisis Standards of Care:

Regan Bailey with Justice in Aging has worked with SAPGA and the CSC Collaborative to provide input and draft revisions to Colorado's crisis standards of care. Dr. Eric France reports that review of SAPGA input into the CSC has been somewhat delayed but review is expected soon. CDPHE has been open to SAPGA's input which has focused on calling attention to age-based bias as a key revision that needs to be addressed. Hospitals and doctors have an obligation to keep current on the CSC (or risk

malpractice). The goal of SAPGA's efforts here is to ensure that age does not count against a person on its own. Age should not be a stand-alone factor in CSC.

In Colorado, there was priority given to "life years saved" which is biased against older people, people with disabilities and minority populations. JIA, SAPGA and CSC Collaborative have pushed for change in focus to instead be on survivability rate at discharge, based on treatment of problem for which patient was admitted.

Breakout Discussions – SAPGA Subcommittees:

Transition –

Determined that this subcommittee is not needed. The joint SAPGA-CCOA work group will take its place. Use of SAPGA and CCOA meeting time to report out to members and stakeholders on what is being recommended by the group. Discussion on this topic will take place at every member meeting, allowing time for member input. Group is interested in ensuring that SAPGA materials and work product is not lost when the SAPGA website goes down. This information must be archived or imported into a new CCOA website. Group has goals to preserve institutional knowledge of both groups and ensure CCOA has information needed to hit the ground running with their work.

Disparities –

Focus will be on implementation of the 2021 Disparities Task Force recommendations. Disparities Task Force co-chairs will connect with the Office of Health Equity to collaborate and share 2021 recommendations.

Conference Planning Committee –

First order of business is to clarify expiration of SAPGA carryover funds, which are needed to pay for a statewide conference on aging. The event will be structured as a hybrid, in-person meeting with remote participation option, taking place in May or June. Group would like to see event take place prior to the deadline for applications to serve on the new commission. Conference can be used as a recruitment vehicle and current SAPGA members should be encouraged to apply.

SAPGA Recommendations & Legislative Action Committee –

First meeting of this subcommittee will take place Feb. 24 and the 4th Thursday of each month thereafter. Participants will be examining past recommendations with an eye toward those where more specific action could be proposed. Additional work may entail approaching departments and stakeholders to support work on implementation of key SAPGA recommendations that are ripe for action. Priority areas for action include transportation, workforce, direct caregiving, social connection, and isolation. Technology training is another possible focus area.

Yolanda Webb, Office of Health Equity:

Provided overview of OHE's purpose and work (see <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/ohe>)

Welcomes input and collaboration with SAPGA and the Disparities Task Force. Health Equity Commission needs stakeholder and SAPGA voices at the table – there is a lot of work that needs to be done and age discrimination should be considered in all aspects of the work of the Health Equity Commission. Current efforts by the Commission include work to ensure diversity of the Commission members and to engage in work directly with the tribes in Colorado.

Lt. Governor, Dianne Primavera

Accomplishments and work to support older adults includes implementation of the Colorado Option to make health care more affordable and accessible, insulin price caps, implementation of the Colorado Secure Savings Plan, and improvements to Colorado's behavioral health care system. In addition the Polis administration has embraced the Lifelong Colorado initiative, which includes support for HB 22-1035 – Older Coloradans Act Modernization. (HB22-1035 passed 3rd reading in the House as of Feb. 14 and will be introduced in the Senate.)