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# Lifelong Colorado

**A Colorado well adapted for aging is one where  
all individuals can thrive - a Colorado for all**

# Four Key Components for Success

Responsive and proactive state office on aging

Engaged and empowered citizen advisory council

Strong non-profit organizations that engage and coordinate community stakeholders

Active philanthropic foundation to push innovations and support community-based organizations

# Key Components of Past Recommendations

## Organization and Structure:

Permanent, high-level position or office within the executive branch

Sufficient autonomy and authority for policy development, coordination, and implementation

Advisory council of statewide stakeholders with diverse membership

Sustainable funding and adequate staffing

# Key Components of Past Recommendations

## Duties and Responsibilities:

Set and coordinate consistent policy priorities with federal, state, local, and private partners

Maximize efficiencies and identify gaps, strengths, and funding opportunities

Collect, analyze, share data, convene, and coordinate across agencies

Help drive public education and outreach efforts

Implement Lifelong Colorado/Action Plan strategies and develop age-friendly communities

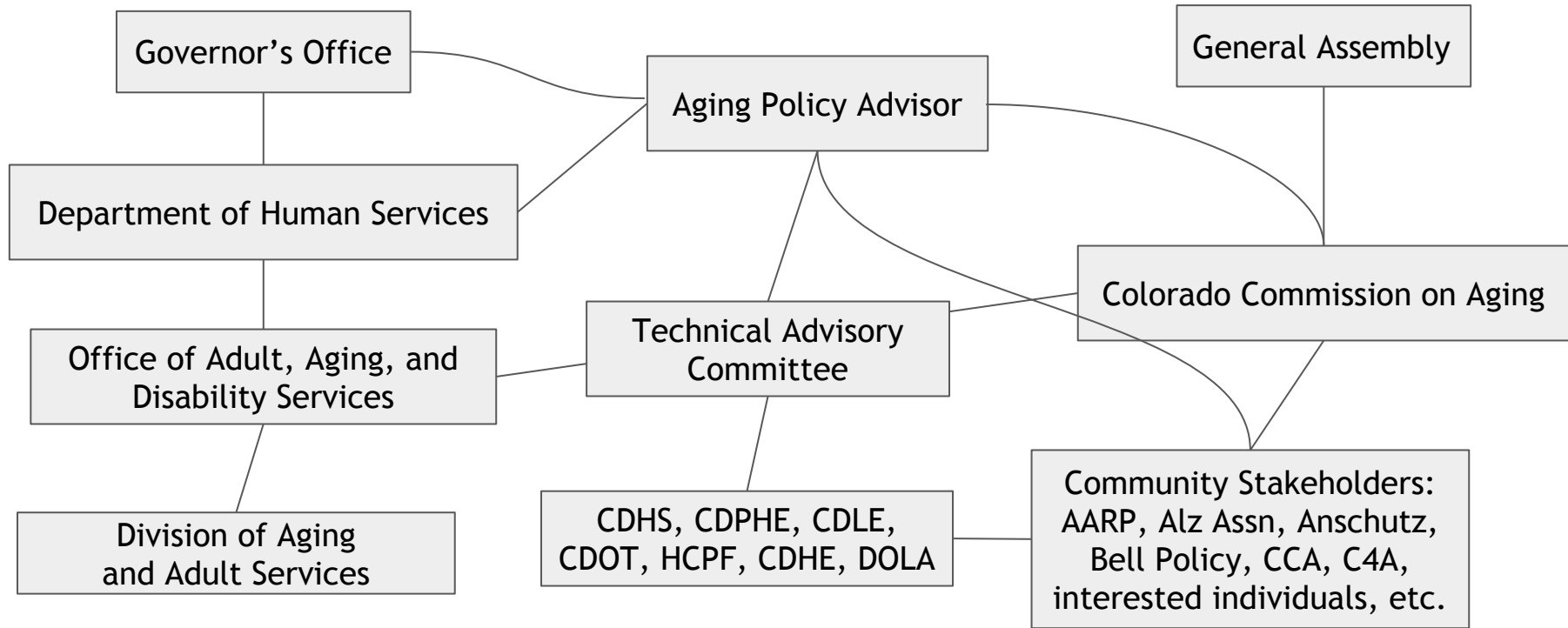
# Modernization of the Older Coloradans Act

**Part 1 - Colorado Commission on Aging** - Modify structure and empower to make objective recommendations to the Department and its legislative designees in order to contribute directly to the continued implementation of the Strategic Action Plan on Aging through a shared leadership model with the Office of Adult, Aging, and Disability Services;

**Part 2 - State Office on Aging** - Establish Technical Advisory Committee and align the duties of the State Office on Aging with the mission of the state agency on aging as laid out in the Older Americans Act with a goal of moving beyond the administration of core services and adopting the strategic direction laid out in the Strategic Framework for Action; and,

**Add Part 3 - Strategic Action Plan on Aging and Lifelong Colorado** - Establish and define the Lifelong Colorado initiative in statute and give ownership of coordination, collaboration, and implementation of the Strategic Action Plan on Aging to the Office of Aging, Adult, and Disability Services.

# Proposed Organizational Chart



*Note: There will be significant overlap among these entities - this is not meant to indicate isolation but to help visual operational components*

# Older Coloradans Act - Outstanding Items

Appointments to the Commission, pages 8-10

- Concerns over specificity, what might not be needed?

Clarify liaison, staff, and contractor language, pages 12-13, 17

Clarify duties of the Technical Advisory Committee, page 20

Clarify data dashboard, page 20

Expand upon Lifelong Colorado definition, pages 21-22

General: Clean up, simplify, and not be overly prescriptive