



Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging

SAPGA Member Meeting Agenda January 10, 2022 12:00 – 3:00

- 12:00 pm: Welcome & Roll Call
- Approve Agenda and December Meeting Minutes
- 12:05 pm: Member & Staff Announcements; Public Comment
- 12:15 pm: Updates & Status of the Older Coloradans Act bill, *Jarett Hughes, Governor's Senior Advisor on Aging*
- 12:35 pm: SAPGA 2022 Funding Priorities & Key Focus Areas, *Ed Leary, SAPGA Chair & Christian Itin, SAPGA Vice-Chair*
- 12:55 pm: Overview & Outcomes of the SAPGA Executive Committee Strategic Planning, *SAPGA Executive Committee*
- 1:30 pm: Break
- 1:40 pm: Update on Colorado's Crisis Standards of Care; Status & Next Steps
- 2:00 pm: 2022 SAPGA Committees – Member Breakout Discussion & Planning
- 2:30 pm: Report Back & Next Steps
- 2:45 pm: Public Comment
- 2:55 pm: Closing Comments by SAPGA Chair
- 3:00 pm: Adjourn

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

Meeting Minutes

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

Public Attendees: Laura Kinder, Gretchen Cerveney, Phil Cernanec, Andrea Suhaka, Chad Federwitz, Candace Bailey, Sharon Courtney, Erica Reinhard, Hope Carwile, Jodi Waterhouse, Karen Ramey Torres, Jarett Hughes, Leslie Kalechman, Coral Cosway, Carol Cross, Rich Mauro, Bob Epstein

Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting was called to order by SAPGA Chair Ed Leary at 12:02. Andrea Wilkins confirmed the presence of a quorum.
- Group approved the January meeting agenda (motion by John Zabawa, 2nd by Steve Child) and December meeting minutes (motion by Steve Child, 2nd by John Emerson).

Update & Status of the Older Coloradans Act Bill

See [slides here](#)

Jarett Hughes provided an update on the OCA modernization bill – filed on Jan. 7 in the House. Noted OCA amendments can continue to be made as needed. Budget amendments submitted, discussion of repurposing funding that had gone to DOLA and shifting it to CDHS to support FTE. (Budget Amendment:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WfX8mdZW1ymN4fq3_20CznA4UUxKJKT/view)

New commission is being created despite fact that it will go by the existing CCOA name. Old appointments expire Aug. 31 and new appointments will go into effect Sept. 1. Existing SAPGA and CCOA membership need to apply to serve on new body.

(Boards and Commissions Application:

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

SAPGA continues to have concerns that without dedicated funding to support independent staff the autonomy of the commission is in jeopardy. Kara Harvey notes that she believes CCOA has been moving toward autonomy and believes continued movement here is possible. CDHS and CCOA understand that SAPGA prioritizes autonomy of the citizen-led commission.

SAPGA Focus Areas for 2022:

Key priorities: decision regarding status of carry over funds through July and Aug.; statewide conference on aging. Other priorities include: continue to contribute to OCA, ensuring autonomous, citizen-led body; committee focus areas to include transition, disparities, SAPGA recommendations and legislative action, statewide conference. Also prioritize deeper and closer coordination with CCOA to shape and facilitate transition and support success of new body.

Priorities for use of carry over funds as identified by Executive Committee: staff support, statewide conference on aging, support to CCOA to facilitate transition and operations.

SAPGA is welcome to attend next CCOA meeting – Kara Harvey to share meeting information. Kara notes that first year of transition is focused on infrastructure and figuring out what funding is needed to support this work.

Crisis Standards of Care

SAPGA letter regarding Crisis Standards of Care (CSC) was submitted to CDPHE on Jan. 3. Proposed revisions to the CSC will be provided by Justice in Aging and Center for Public Representation to the GEERC and CDPHE within two weeks of the Jan. 5th meeting. Overall, GEERC has been receptive to SAPGA's concerns. SAPGA will receive an updated copy of the CSC for review.

Breakout Group Discussion – 2022 SAPGA Subcommittees

Conference Planning Committee:

Target date for statewide conference on aging is fall, possibly September or October—potentially in a hybrid format. Planning group felt a conference in the summertime when people are on holiday should be avoided, and a fall timeline would give more time to prepare. It will also serve as vehicle to highlight and celebrate work of SAPGA and 'old' CCOA and facilitate transition to new body. The substance of the conference would focus on speakers and breakout sessions on suggested committee focus areas in OCA; identification and discussion of lessons learned; discussion of regional priorities. Committee focus areas could include 8-10 topics with the main goal to educate on these areas, and to help identify and recruit membership for committees going forward.

Conference should also serve as an entry point for participation in new body. Essential that people outside the metro area are recruited to participate. Need to consider how conference should be publicized to reach people across Colorado – especially rural areas. To better promote the conference, SAPGA/stakeholders may need to spend funds to promote the event statewide.

Transition Committee:

Need working group of key stakeholders to monitor and guide legislation as it goes through the process. Create a working group of key stakeholders and advocates to help guide legislation through the process and ensure autonomy of the new citizen-led body to advocate on behalf of all older Coloradans, allowing for non-dependence on CDHS to avoid being crippled by lack of autonomy. Committee would build as much into the OCA legislation as possible to ensure that aging initiatives are sustained no matter the administration that is in office. New commission, technical advisory committee and CDHS will have a much broader scope of work than they had previously. Suggestions that there may need to be more amendments before the bill passes.

Disparities Committee:

We are still working through how to discuss and address disparities. OCA should include disparities subcommittee. While SAPGA has been slow to address issues tied to disparities in the aging population, this topic must remain on the table through any transition of commissions. Closer review of disparities is needed relative to the OCA, along with enhanced

efforts at looking at age and disparities beyond department of health. Disparities and aging issues must stay front and center as an issue moving forward.

SAPGA Recommendations & Legislative Action Committee:

Should look at 2020 matrix shown in the [SAPGA 2020 Plan](#) capturing all recommendations, including 2021 updates, and prioritize recommendations ripe for action. The committee will need to consider the broader SAPGA recommendations and work to refine them to more specific and actionable legislative or policy opportunities. Need to provide more specifics regarding implementation, including a pathway to an outcome. May need to consider actions in terms of short, medium and long-term implementation strategies. Suggestions were made to engage a broad stakeholder base to help promote next steps on policy and legislative endeavors (including aging stakeholders, businesses, county and city government, and individuals). Additional feedback suggested that there be a strategic assessment of recommendations, the high-level overview, e.g. how does a recommendation lead to sustainable communities tied to older adults vs an individual siloed, and tactical solution.

The group also raised concerns about how there are many organizations, and wondered if they work together on all of the above issues. They also addressed frustrations related to the length of time it takes to accomplish change and how the slow speed increases frustration among stakeholders.

Public Comment:

Steve Child - Opioid settlement will result in money coming into the state, likely to impact older adults. Regional committees are being formed across the state to make decisions on how to channel the settlement money (coming in over an 18 year period). SAPGA should be aware that this is occurring.