



# Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging

## SAPGA Member Meeting Agenda

**March 14, 2022**

**12:00 – 3:00**

### Zoom Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89441488531?pwd=VGILOTV0aIB4SzlrZEpFOVF3T3h5UT09>

Meeting ID: 894 4148 8531

Passcode: 993406

One tap mobile [+13462487799](tel:+13462487799),89441488531#,,,,\*993406# US (Houston)  
[+14086380968](tel:+14086380968),89441488531#,,,,\*993406# US (San Jose)

- 12:00 pm: Welcome & Roll Call
- Approve Agenda and February Meeting Minutes
- 12:05 pm: Member & Staff Announcements; Public Comment
- 12:15 pm: Age-Friendly Universities & Impact on Lifelong Colorado  
*Jodi Waterhouse, MHA - Director, Outreach Programs, CU Anschutz Multidisciplinary Center on Aging & Hannah Halusker - Communications and Outreach Coordinator, Columbine Health Systems Center for Healthy Aging, Colorado State University*
- 12:55 pm: Age-Friendly Health Systems & Impact on Lifelong Colorado  
*Danielle Hubbard - Region 4 (CO, MT, NM, UT, & WY): Health Systems Director on behalf of Alzheimer's Association of Colorado and Institute for Healthcare Improvement & Briana Kohlbrenner, Project Manager, Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence*
- 1:35 pm: Break
- 1:45 pm: Updates & Status of HB22-1035 - Older Coloradans Act Modernization & Legislative  
Updates Impacting Older Coloradans, *Jarett Hughes, Governor's Senior Advisor on Aging*

- 2:05 pm: Legislative Updates, *Coral Cosway, Alzheimer's Association; Rich Mauro, DRCOG; Andrea Kuwik, Bell Policy Center; Allison Hiltz, AARP*
- 2:35 pm: Updates on SAPGA-CCOA Joint Work Group; SAPGA 2022 Subcommittees
- 2:50 pm: Public Comment & Next Steps
- 3:00 pm: Closing Comments by SAPGA Chair; Adjourn

**Next SAPGA Meeting – April 11, 2022 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

---

**Meeting Minutes**

---

**SAPGA Members:** Ed Leary, Chair; Christian Itin, Vice Chair; Andrea Kuwik, Kelly Osthoff, Tony Tapia, Claire Cruse, Steve Child, Jean Nofles, Dave Norman, Karin Stewart, John Zabawa, Tara Trujillo, Jane Barnes, Aisha Young, John Emerson, Diana Conner Reed, Gail Meehan

**Public Participants:** Phil Cernanec, Bob Epstein, Pat Cook, Heather Halusker, Laura Kinder, Jodi Waterhouse, Danielle Hubbard, Diana McFail, Rachel Cohen, Andrea Suhaka, Briana Kohlbrenner, Lorye McLeod, Coral Cosway, Allison Hiltz, Gretchen Cerveny, Ronica Rooks, Suze Kanack, Vanessa Sifuetnes, Audrey Krebs, Lindsay Parsons, Lorye McLeod, Bob Murphy, Jarett Hughes, Karen Brown, Andrea Wilkins, Amber Minogue.

**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 March meeting agenda (motion by Tony Tapia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karin Stewart) and February meeting minutes (motion by Aisha Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Tapia).

Ed Leary announced to the group that SAPGA received clarification from the Office of Legislative Legal Services that the sunset date for SAPGA and the cash fund that supports its work is June 30, 2022. All work and any expenditures made by SAPGA must be final before July 1, 2022.

***Age Friendly Universities & Impact on Lifelong Colorado, Jodi Waterhouse and Hannah Halusker***

- Age friendly universities are predicated on 10 principles and 6 pillars.
- Principles include:
  - To encourage the participation of older adults in all the core activities of the university including educational and research programs
  - To promote personal and career development in the second half of life
  - To recognize the range of educational needs of older adults

- To promote intergenerational learning to facilitate the reciprocal sharing of expertise between learners of all ages
- To widen access to online educational opportunities for older adults to ensure a diversity of routes to participation
- To ensure that the university's research agenda is informed by the needs of an aging society and to promote public discourse on how higher education can better respond to the varied interests and needs of older adults
- To increase the understanding of students of the longevity dividend and the increasing complexity and richness that aging brings to our society
- To enhance access for older adults to the university's range of health and wellness programs and its arts and cultural activities
- To engage actively with the university's own retired community
- To ensure regular dialogue with organizations representing the interests of the aging population
- Pillars include:
  - Teaching and learning
  - Research and innovation
  - Life-long learning
  - Intergenerational learning to improve educational quality for all learners
  - Encore careers and expertise
  - Civic engagement

For more information on CSU age friendly university status see: <https://source.colostate.edu/colorado-state-university-named-an-age-friendly-university-by-afu-global-network/>

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

***Age Friendly Health Systems & Impact on Lifelong Colorado, Danielle Hubbard and Brianna Kohlbrenner***

- Age friendly health systems are predicated on 4 components:
  - What matters – know and align care with each older adult's specific health outcome goals and care preferences including, but not limited to, end-of-life care, and across care settings
  - Medication – if medication is necessary, use age friendly medication that does not interfere with what matters to the older adult, mobility, or mentation across settings of care
  - Mentation – Prevent, identify, treat, and manage dementia, depression, and delirium across settings of care
  - Mobility – Ensure that older adults move safely every day in order to maintain function and do what matters.

For more information on age friendly health systems see:

<http://www.ihl.org/Engage/Initiatives/Age-Friendly-Health-Systems/Pages/Resources.aspx>

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

### ***Updates from Jarett Hughes, Governor's Senior Advisor on Aging***

- HB 1035 Older Coloradan's Act Modernization – has been sent to the Governor for signature.
- SB 053 – Health Facility Visitation During Pandemic – awaiting hearing in Appropriations.
- HB 1247 – Requirements for Nursing Facility Funding – awaiting hearing in Appropriations.
- HB 1114 – Transportation Services for Medicaid Wavier Recipients – awaiting hearing in House Public and Behavioral Health & Human Services Committee
- HB 1057 – PERA Employment After Teacher Retirement – passed by General Assembly, sent to Governor for signature.
- HB 1101 – PERA Service Retiree Employment in Rural Schools – passed by General Assembly, sent to Governor for signature.

For additional information see presentation slides [here](#).

### ***Legislative Updates:***

#### ***Coral Cosway, Alzheimer's Association***

- SB 079 – Dementia Training Requirements – passed the Senate and is awaiting a hearing in the House Public and Behavioral Health & Human Services Committee.

#### ***Rich Mauro, DRCOG***

- HB 1018 – Electric and Gas Utility Consumer Protections – passed by House, introduced in Senate.
- HB 1055 – Sales Tax Exemption Essential Hygiene Products – being heard by House on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
- SB 086 – Consumer Debt Protections – being heard by House on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
- HB 1223 – Mobile Home Property Tax Sale Notice and Exemption – awaiting hearing in House Appropriations
- Senator Danielson's assisted living bill is expected soon

#### ***Andrea Kuwik, Bell Policy Center***

- Workplace protection bill is forthcoming
- Bill addressing access to lower cost loans is forthcoming

#### ***Allison Hiltz, AARP***

- HB 1029 – Compensatory Direct Distribution to PERA – awaiting hearing in House Finance

### ***Subcommittee Updates***

#### **Disparities Task Force:**

- Jean Nofles is connecting with her legislators to see if they will sponsor a SAPGA proclamation or resolution declaring racism a public health crisis. AA/iA working to develop proclamation request to Governor.
- Jean is meeting with the Office of Health Equity to explore a racial equity "czar" position.

#### **Conference Planning Committee:**

- Target date for conference is June 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>
- Identifying venue in Colorado Springs and exploring options to secure an onsite event planner
- Conference will include presentation of CCOA's Alan Buckingham Award

- Meeting will be structured as a hybrid event
- SAPGA and CCOA will collaborate to build agenda

SAPGA Recommendations & Legislative Action Committee:

- Committee is examining previous SAPGA recommendations to identify those that are ripe for implementation or other action
- Keep eye toward helping new commission to carry forth this work
- Main focus has been on review of direct care and workforce recommendations