

## MEETING MINUTES

### STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING GROUP ON AGING

Monday, August 8, 2016

9:00am – 12:00pm

1290 Broadway

First Floor, Independence Conference Room

**Members present:** Jim Riesberg (chair), Karen Brown, Ben Moultrie, Sharron Williams, Wade Buchanan, Mindy Kemp, Dale Elliot, Linda Mitchell, Donna Baros, Christian Itin, Claire Anderson, Susan Franklin, Jennifer Schaufele, Jean Nofles, John Barry, Dave Norman

**By Phone:** Tony Tapia, Sallie Thorenson, Rob Andresen-Tenace, Ky Agnew, Steve Child, Greg Coopman

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- I) Jim Riesberg called the meeting to order and took roll call. There was a quorum of Planning Group members present.
- II) The meeting agenda for August 8, 2016 was approved as revised. Minutes from July 25, 2016 accepted as presented.
- III) Public Comment:
  - A) Gretchen Cerveny shared her goal to keep older drivers on the road safely as long as possible; participating with the CDOT safety driving workgroup.
- IV) Presentation by Elisabeth Borden, The Highlands Group, on Housing:
  - A) The presentation started with statewide and five sub areas (page 35 of the report) and pages 4-8 of the executive summary; provided an overview of what is in the report and reviewed findings in the executive summary. Page 9, demographic table that lines up statewide with each of the regions. The report used consistent language in housing that was developed by eight housing and care facility types – definitions included in the back. The presentation also reviewed trends starting on page 14, then looked at gaps and opportunities starting on page 20 – moving into assisted living average age is 83. Finally the presentation walked through strategies.
  - B) Aging Group questions and comments included the following:
    - 1) The difference in dynamics in sub areas is important to look at as the Planning Group reviews the report.
    - 2) Is home ownership included in the report?
      - (a) Yes, in each section (statewide example is on page 40)
    - 3) Housing credit has been important to advocates, but the report does not do a review of how well it is working.
    - 4) Obsolete skilled living facilities – is there a number of facilities that we know need to be updated? Have many of the dates these were built but not able to get something from CDPHE that has year of building. It would be valuable if it is not too difficult to get the percentage of obsolete facilities.
      - (a) Sallie will follow up on this item. Some properties have had renovations but many have not.
      - (b) Sallie: What have been the barriers to getting this data?

- (i) Health facilities have not been specifically asked for this information. Quality of physical plant influences whether people move in.
  - 5) Is there a rating of nursing homes? ABCD ratings?
    - (a) There is a quality of rating of care provided.
  - 6) Ben would like more examples of successful strategies – manufactured housing, housing defects, high density housing, trailer home ombudsman – associated with these recommendations.
  - 7) Sallie commented a lot of “Not in my back yard” sentiment is still high and needs to be addressed.
  - 8) Tony asked for an acknowledgement about changing demographics (especially with Latinos projected to be 20 percent of the 65+ population by 2030) and some of those implications would have been helpful.
  - 9) Jim asked about memory care and affordability which Elisabeth acknowledged there currently is not a lot of supply but more is being built so price should come down. The payment/ reimbursement rate is also a challenge for getting memory care spaces.
- V) Presentation by Sara Schmitt, CHI, on Transportation:
- A) Key takeaways from the presentation were that these are ideas/ recommendations related to preliminary findings on transportation. Categories of recommendations based on assumptions and not new resources made available. Wade asked if that meant something was left behind. Specifics were not included but issues were not left behind. The report did not include ballot initiatives.
  - B) Recommendations and topics in the presentation included:
    - 1) People tend to get around in cars; evidence does not bear that older adults are worse drivers for those 65+. It is important to help older adults access tools and training as well as how to plan for a “driving retirement”.
    - 2) Importance of partnering with regional and local coordinating councils and having more coordination among state efforts.
    - 3) There are opportunities with ride sharing, non-traditional partners, and expansion of vouchers. Successful examples include Gainesville, Florida’s Freedom in Motion which city commissioners expanded the pilot. More information can be included on this example if it is of interest.
    - 4) Walking is the third most common way older adults get around. Data from Walk Score showed the walkability of metropolitan areas. There are opportunities to support efforts to implement Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Path as well as the building of livable communities.
      - (a) Ben: Does the Plan incorporate electric bike, tricycles, etc.?
        - (i) Sara will look at the plan in more detail to understand the assumptions.
      - (b) Sallie: What is the need for 55-60 year olds, are they underserved?
        - (i) Local community needs – role of the local and regional coordinating councils as a resource for what community needs are and have capacity. Most have a mobility coordinator that have to address these questions.
      - (c) Rob described process in creating the plan – started in regional areas but then came to transportation commission. Requested support for State Coordinating Council to make the state departments work together to better coordinate services and leverage funds. CDOT and HCPF have coordinated efforts over last couple of years but would like coordination with other state agencies and will likely to have legislation this year.

- C) Planning Group questions and comments included the following:
- 1) Sharron asked about vouchers and issues with cab companies not accepting them. Is there a way to perform quality assurance for the rides and how seniors were treated?
    - (a) CHI: There needs to be a gaps assessment, quantitatively or qualitatively.
  - 2) CHI: Volunteer programs are an important way of keeping older adults connected to their communities and to give them access to services they need.
  - 3) Gretchen Cervený, community member making public comment: Street signs need to be larger and striping needs to be easier to see. Both will keep seniors on the road longer and less in need of other transportation services.
  - 4) Dave: Mesa County has been participating in CDOT's regional planning process. We have an application turned in through our regional transit organization that would combine more of these things into one place.
  - 5) Jim: Please get any additional comments/ edits related to CHI's or The Highlands Group documents by next Monday, August 15.

VI) Executive Committee

- A) Jim provided an update on the Executive Committee which is continuing to work with the committee chairs to evaluate the progress being made. The Committee also spent time recently looking at the Planning Group budget and money that has already been expended. The Executive Committee is working with all of the contractors to ensure appropriate guidelines have been established.

VII) Communications Committee

- A) Wade provided an update on the Communications Committee. The social media campaign continues, and the Planning Group has received positive earned media coverage. Keystone continues to develop materials and work with other outlets to continue this progress. The committee is finalizing a plan for editorial board outreach.
- B) Planning Group discussion included the following:
- 1) Karen: Asked Keystone to circulate the newsletter verbiage to SAPGA members again.
  - 2) Dave: I would like to put together a community event for West Slope media around the time of the report coming out.
  - 3) Jim ran through a series of upcoming events he is attending or speaking to.

VIII) Public Comment

- A) Ed Shackelford, President of Colorado Senior Lobby: 4.5 percent of housing stock in Colorado is mobile home. It's the only low-cost option without cost to the state. The only issue is park owners have "a way big advantage" over the residents. It costs \$8,000 to move one of those homes; most cannot afford this. Urged people interested to contact Fort Collins state Sen. John Kefalas.
- B) Gretchen Cervený, former mayor and current Colorado Commission on Aging member: We need to keep people safely driving on the road as long as possible.

IX) Next Meeting: August 22, 2016, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

X) The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.