

2022 Planning Group—Priorities and Teams 7.0 Updated 100920

Three highest priorities developed to date and volunteers assigned to each. I will be updating all this between now and 10/19/20, and again on that date.

The people who are still with us in these groups, as far as we know, are:

Bob Brocker, Bob Epstein, Sandy Thomas, Christina Johnson, Ed Shackelford, Francette Orsi, Gail Meehan, Jarett Hughes, Jeanette Hensley, Jill Topper, Karen Brown, Karin Hall, Kelly Roberts, Lindsay Parsons, Jodi Waterhouse, Sharon Courtney. Pat Cook, Phil Cernanec, Rich Mauro, Vivian Stovall, Kris Geerken, Lisa Smith, Evelyn Tileston, Ashley Wheeland, Jonnah Glassman, Julie Evans, Dayton Romero.

Leaders of each team in column three are in **bold**.

Priority Issue	Topical Area	Volunteers (062920) for this Area of Priority	What are we addressing?
In GENERAL		NA	First—To Identify the problems associated with each priority area, then to develop conceptual solutions, and finally to develop specific policy ideas that will help implement the solutions. There will likely be several potential solution pieces and possibly even more additional ideas for implementation—most policy, and some regulatory.
Maintaining Good Health with Better Nutrition, Access to Nutritional Foods, Food Security	PREVENTION of Health Care Issues through Healthier Eating in 50+ population	Bob Brocker , Ed Shackelford, Blaine Cole, Ashley Wheeland, Jonnah Glassman, Joel McClurg, and...others	Why do food shortages exist for certain demographic or economic groups; why are nutritious foods hard to attain for these groups—what are the barriers; how can we show that access and intake of more nutritious foods will help prevent health issues over time, and what are the barriers to making that a reality? We are connecting to other groups: Hunger Free Colorado (Ashley Wheeland), End Hunger Colorado, the Blueprint project, C4A.
Housing--1	Congregant Care Facilities	Gail Meehan Kelley Horton, Diane Robinson, Ed Shackelford Evelyn Tileston, Christina Johnson,	Pandemic raised issues with nursing homes, assisted living—long-term care in general. What can be done at the state level? Legislative and Regulatory: More ombudsmen, require PPE, allow visitors willing to waive liability and furnish and wear their own PPE, and Other ideas the team to develop. <i>072720-update: Gail has made contact with team. First priority may be resident rights, facility updates to families, guardians; preparing for the next wave/epidemic.</i>
Housing--2	General	Rich Mauro Phil Cernanec, Blaine Cole, Sharon Courtney, Lisa Smith, Pat Cook	Rental property issues from the perspectives of both tenant and landlord; home ownership—property taxes, maintenance, insurance costs, utilities—affordability, taxpayer funded breaks; affordable housing, accessible housing, public land and buildings and when they have a place in the affordable housing scheme, house sharing, mobile home park developments. Foreclosures a recent developing issue.
Housing--3	HOA Issues in 55+	Ed Shackelford, Julie Evans , Bob Brocker	Colorado has 56 developments of 55+ housing, all in HOA arrangements and governed by elected boards. Number of people under these HOA's Many residents deeply concerned about lack of transparency; being

			<p>bullied by the boards, poor management of properties and finances. No effective dispute resolution process in place. What are possible solutions? (see below for more information)</p> <p>Is the existing HOA model totally broken? Do we need a new model? What would that look like?</p> <p>HB19-1212 Licensing of Managers: vetoed by Polis. Resurrect, and in what form? Which legislators to involve?</p> <p>See also this link from DORA: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/stakeholder-process-examine-community-and-homeowner-associations</p>
Value of Older Coloradans		<p>Sandy Thomas Jodi Waterhouse, Jill Topper, Lindsay Parsons, Kelly Roberts, Kris Geerken, Vivian Stovall</p>	<p>Developing the story around the value of that older Coloradans add to our communities, society, economy; how to gain recognition of the value while also changing perceptions of other demographics—the 80%—toward the older 20%. Addressing the issue of ageism in a factual way. Focus is on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voting; 2. Workforce; 3. Wage Earnings; 4. Consumer Spending; 5. Home Ownership/Stock Market; 6. Volunteer statistics; 7. Child Care/Seniors raising grandchildren/seniors fostering children; 8. Adult Care; 9. Charitable Giving; 10. Payment into Health Care System; 11. Payments into income, property and sales taxes.
2021	Health care—older adults	<p>Rich Mauro, Jeanette Hensley, Bob Brocker, Jodi Waterhouse, Pat Cook, Dayton Romero</p>	<p>Increasing geriatric health care providers—picking up SB20-022 into 2021; CoCares involvement to be assessed in September meeting (Jodi). Are there other supporters?</p> <p>Increase mental health providers re older adult care—some of this is caused by old perceptions of Medicaid being slow to no pay, the process of billing and getting paid. HCPF has made recent strides to improve. Medicare side is potentially more difficult to address.</p> <p>Bottom line: the process for payment to providers must be simplified to encourage more provider participation.</p>
2021	NEMT	<p>Jarett Hughes, Rich Mauro, Jeanette Hensley, Bob Brocker</p>	<p>Non-emergency Medical transportation/Dialysis; transportation voucher programs and funding of those instances. CSL is tightly focused on Dialysis transportation.</p> <p>DRMAC is doing some NEMT coordination now. DRCOG region and some counties providing transportation vouchers to those qualified to receive.</p> <p>HCPF has recently set up a contracted NEMT coordinator for the entire state.</p>
2021	Workforce	<p>Karen Brown, Pat Cook,</p>	<p>Older adult workforce: specific issues TBD. Recently issued a survey. Looking at paid work, business startups, and mentorships.</p>