

Aging Well Minutes from Team Meeting 10/20/10

Introductions

Announcement: Sue Bozinovski's consultant contract is expiring on Nov. 30, 2010. Her role on the project will be done. She was ill and missed the cake that Susan had brought in to share with everyone. We all appreciate the hard work that Sue has done. Sue and Susan will be presenters in San Francisco at an Aging conference. Sue will also do some other presentations with Susan as they come up and she has time.

Susan shared reports that are almost finished: Housing, Caregiver, Transportation and Basic Needs. There are two remaining reports. Social and Civic Engagement: Jennifer Martinez will proof, and then it will be sent to Susan and then onto Doyle. Health and Mental Health: after Susan reads it, she will send to Vickie Rogers and Beth Heimbichner to proof. Susan is setting a spring deadline to have all reports completed.

Cross Cutting Topics:

Donna Mullins suggested a statement that the reports and strategic plans for all workgroups are "All Inclusive." Susan will ask Sue to put this in the Introduction.

Housing has GLBT in their strategic plan. There is also a separate overall, cross-cutting GLBT plan. The GLBT advocate has not been attending the Housing Workgroup meetings; so Jennifer Martinez volunteered (not to chair) to work on this with Pat Tunnell, from the Housing Workgroup, who was going to contact the advocate to see if still interested or if he could provide us with names of GLBT agencies so we can inform them about what we are doing in Jefferson County.

DD: Lori Ropa from ARC and members from the DD community did develop a separate DD strategic plan. Susan has heard that Lori is looking at putting a member from the DD community on each of the workgroups. Susan will look at this and update Lori who missed the discussion.

Access: Basic Needs is including this in their workgroup and using Network of Care so as not to duplicate.

Homeless: may need a separate workgroup or if stated in the reports that all workgroups are “inclusive,” will this suffice that this population is included?

Advocacy: Many groups advocate for seniors (JCCOA, Commission on Aging, AAA). However, the executives on boards as well as elected officials do not meet on a regular basis to collaborate and be aware of all the issues. There was discussion on ways to target these Jeffco Stakeholders. There was a luncheon meeting this past spring where these stakeholders met perhaps for the first time and it appears that they have not met again as a group. January will be a good time to target legislators. This topic will continue to be discussed at the next Aging Well Leadership meeting on January 19, 2011.

Sustainability: Aging Well Project will continue. Sue and Susan will continue to do presentations to the community and other agencies such as City of Lakewood, Rotary Club, Co. Gerontological Society. Others will have to assist Susan in the future with these presentations. Boulder County's Aging Project fell apart in its 3rd year. Susan will ask them to attend one of our meetings; so that we can learn from each other's projects.

Some goals of the workgroups have already been met. The CASOAs will not be included in the large report however a list is being generated of mayors, city council persons, county commissioners, etc. to send the CASOAs to. This list will probably be the list that we also send the large AW report to. Susan will ask Sue to reference the CASOA in the large report with the website link so folks can access it if they so desire.

Publicizing the work we have done: There was a great deal of discussion on how to publicize the work of Aging Well: present to DRCOG's Advisory Board, Jefferson County Council on Aging, Senior Legislative Day as well as more mailings to seniors. There were questions as to who would be the audience: funders or the general population. All need to be educated that the County is being proactive not reactive and that Jeffco is a good place to age in place. Everyone needs to be reminded that this is not a county government project as all agencies and the faith community are involved in this plan which will continue to change. Susan will need assistance from all members of Aging Well to do power point presentations. Susan asked that folks at the meeting make a commitment to share the AW info with folks in their agencies. Members of this committee said they would.

Summit: There are still funds to have another summit next June. Susan will send out a list of assignments that need to have volunteers to assist with planning this conference. Susan thinks that there needs to be new topics for the Summit; so let her know your ideas. Venue needs to be decided; many like Waterstone Church. Senior Law Day is scheduled for June 11 at WaterStone so this may be an issue in having these back to back.

Adjourn

Next Meeting January 19, 2010. Cary Johnson to check and see if the DA's conference room is available for this meeting as the Café Conf. Room is not.

Minutes submitted by Brittani Trujillo and Rena Kuberski