

Report of the Associate Member sub-committee on revising the 2014 Master Plan on Aging Services

The sub-committee met twice over the last month (9/12 & 9/26) to review the existing Master Plan and make recommendations to the Board about moving forward.

Our recommendations are as follows:

1. Recommend the Board condense the plan into the following 9 Goals:

Goal 1: Increase participation of seniors and others in volunteerism that benefits seniors and the community. (combining goals 1 & 2 of the original plan)

Enrich the lives of seniors through volunteerism and improve the programs and services that help people of all ages.

Goal 2: Food Insecurity

Expand seniors' access to food and nutrition services.

Goal 3: Home and Community-based Services

Ensure the availability of a continuum of care that supports "aging in place."

Goal 4: Increase Social Engagement and Reduce Social Isolation (combining goals 5 & 6 of the original plan)

Promote events and activities that support active lifestyles and enrich the lives of isolated seniors.

Goals 5: Affordable and Accessible Housing

Expand housing options to help seniors "age in place."

Goals 6: Neighborhood Supports

Strengthen neighborhood supports that encourage seniors to "age in place."

Goal 7: Services Information and Referrals (combining goals 9 & 10 of the original plan)

Assure that all seniors are aware and have access to the information and services that enable them to live healthy, safe, and productive lives

Goal 8: Legal Services

Provide legal advice and representation to protect the rights of seniors, and to eliminate fraud and abuse perpetrated against them.

Goal 9: Transportation

Expand public and private transportation options that allow seniors to live independently.

2. Recommend that the Board review 1 goal at each of the next 9 meetings. The Board would invite content experts to present on the current state of the issue and offer suggestions for needed improvements. Board members would have the opportunity to ask questions and identify updates to the current strategies and action plans for each goal.
3. Recommend that the Chair ask each Board member to select 1 to 2 goal(s) that they want to focus on as we move forward. Those members could then meet with the Associate Members to update their selected goal.
4. Recommend that the Associate Member sub-committee continue to meet to identify content experts to present at each meeting and to begin to update the goal Vision, Objective, Strategies and Action Plans as guided by the Board discussion.