



Utah Commission on Aging: June 2016 Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday - June 2, 2016 **Time:** 12:00-1:30 PM

Location: The Alta Club, Eagle Gate Board Room - 100 East South Temple, SLC, UT 84111

Luncheon Served

Welcome and Minutes Approval (5 min)

Becky Kapp

Introduction of attendees. Minutes approved from the previous meeting.

Director, Center on Aging - Comments (5 min)

Mark Supiano

- **Debrief on process and hiring of new Executive Director** – at the previous meeting it was announced that Anne Palmer had left her position and the search had started for the new director. Gave a brief history of the commission and how the director position came to be controlled under the University – the original request came through the former Governor Huntsman’s office to have the position moved to the University.
- **Introduction of Rob Ence** – Mark Supiano introduced Rob Ence and summarized the search and approval process. Rob’s bio can be found at: <http://aging.utah.edu/programs/utah-coa/index.php>
- Appointment was vetted through the Governor’s office.

Strategic Activities Reports

- **Debrief on Aging Better Together Cohousing Conference (5 min)** Cindy Turnquist
First Senior Cohousing Conference was held in Utah – 249 individuals attended from all around the country. The CoHousing model provides new opportunities for socially active and engaging communities that promote meaning and purpose in our later years.
- **Age-Friendly Cities – Healthy City Initiative SLCo (10 min)** Becky Kapp
Aging in Place the big topic – Transportation is an issue, homelessness, issues with navigating the health system. Also, what are other cities best practices and who else is needed at the table.
- **Financial Fraud (10 min)** Alan Ormsby
7-10 members are on the committee – looking at the prosecution of financial crimes in the older adult communities. Looked at the scope of the problem over a million dollars a week stolen from Seniors just in Utah. The further away that you get from the Wasatch Front the harder to prosecute the crimes. Need to see the boosting of Adult

Protective Services and giving them the means to help. Where are these crimes coming from and needing to create a single repository to search. Proposal of the issue brief – recommendation to create a comprehensive piece of legislation to introduce and help the older adults.

- **End of Life** (10 min) Deepthi Rajeev
HealthInsight was given a state innovation model award. Advanced care – research study End of Life. Serious EOL conversation needs to be provided to the older adults. Deepthi has agreed to chair the End of Life committee.

Conversation with new Executive Director (30 min) Rob Ence

Please see the attached outline of Rob Ence's comments.

Upcoming Events (FYI)

- 2016 Elder Abuse Conference – Monday, June 6 – Davis Conference Center

Next Commission Meetings: Site review discussion (5 min) Becky Kapp/Rob Ence

Need to look at having a conference call in number for members that cannot attend; also helpful to have internet access. David Gessel has offered space and the possibility of having the host sponsor the lunch. Gary Kelso (in the past) and Ralph Vaughan, Bountiful Center Community Center, have also offered space.

Aug 11 – Tenth East Senior Center

Oct 13 – Alta Club

Dec 08 – UofU Union Building, Parlor A

Meeting Adjourned

Members in Attendance:

Stewart Barlow

Ron Bigelow

Marion Davis, proxy for Jon Pierpont

David Gessel

Nels Holmgren

Becky Kapp

Joseph Miner

Allie Miraglia, proxy for Deepthi Rajeev

Alan Ormsby

Lewis Singer

Mark Supiano

Cindy Turnquist

Bette Vierra

Excused

Barry Burton

Andrew Jackson

Tracey Larsen

Guests in Attendance:

Sally Aerts

Lindsay Cosby

Kayla Goodson

Mandy Jarvis

Cile Hansen

Margene Luke

Lynn Meinor

Nan Mendenhall

Kate Nederostek

Deborah Parker

Christine Passey

Blake Rose

Ralph Vaughan

Rob Comments: UCOA Meeting – June 2, 2016

Past Context

- Acknowledge Maurine Henry, Anne Palmer, Mark Supiano and others for commitment and persistence to keep the vision of the Commission alive
- Reality of limited initial vision, courage required to carry it forward, in spite of limited resources
- Future remains uncertain
- Survivors, good caretakers of the charge

Current

- Assessment process in play
 - Scan historical docs including past few years of minutes and reports
 - Conducting interviews with members and community partners
 - Conversations with influencers and key legislators
- The body of work, accomplishments, alignment and successful completion of statutory mission
 - What is in place because of the COA
 - What policy, partnerships, products, etc.
 - How does that inform our future
- Preparing for reauthorization request
 - June 15 hearing
 - Story and future promise
 - Letters of support – discussion with suggestion by David Gessel to have a sign-on letter
 - In or out of Sunset Review process – Stewart Barlow offered support of moving it out of the Sunset provisions
 - Indicator of additional resources – with justification – need to discuss with interim committee members
 - Recommended changes to the statute
 - Who needs to be at the table
 - Flexible appointments?
- What I bring
 - Not a prolific grant writer or fund-raiser; researcher
 - Access to research vs having conducted research
 - Access to nationwide network in aging community, commissions, public policy, etc.
 - Knowledge of key issues
 - Knowledge and relationship with key players in aging as well as community and state
 - Clear strategy with defined ends – results based accountability
 - Coalesce partners for effective collaboration to drive ends – collective impact

Future

- Strategic re-envisioning – Theme of Intelligent Aging
 - Oct 15 conversation – build on and refine your prior strategic conversations – focus stages through 2050

- Input from membership
- Increasing relevant impact and accounting for our stewardship
- I am not going to be satisfied to just survive – would rather thrive
- Less interested in caretaking the mandate – want to move social impact and demonstrate results
- Watchdogs – sheep dog analogy – care for all
- Caring for those in the “shadows of life”
- Membership – moral ownership
 - Improve engagement – mutual vision and collaborative commitment
 - Broader view than current work or current constituency – bring your talents to the table for broader application
 - Avg attendance of the Commission members is 11 – 52% - barely a quorum – often more guests
 - What is the model for our meetings and structure that will allow for the highest and best use of our members’ time?
- The Work Itself
 - Highest priority, alignment with mission
 - Buckets:
 - Finance – save, grow, protect
 - Health – access, quality, affordability – EOL realities
 - Community – housing, safety, isolation, environment, community design
 - Tiered approach
 - Commission hands on
 - Commission facilitates
 - Commission source of information - reference
 - Tools:
 - Communications – All media – including Social Media, Education, Website, etc.
 - Community Education – including adult literacy
 - Public Policy

Future meeting sites -

- Accessible location – time travel, parking, ease of location
- Food sponsorship
- Conferencing capabilities
- Internet access