Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board
2002 Work Plan

The Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board will be having a working retreat in January 2002 to further define the role of the Senior Advisory Board, establish goals for 2002, reenergize members and discuss issues resulting from the Senior Network Luncheon, and the Office On Aging needs assessment. The Board will also conduct new member orientation at this time.

OUTREACH

Hold special meetings in the community at least quarterly with the express purpose of introducing the Board, answering questions and hearing concerns of seniors and groups/organizations with interest in senior issues.

Be available in the community through the use of information booths and participation in events such as:

- Bridging the Gap-Senior Network Luncheon
- Annual Chili Cook-off to benefit Friends of the Senior Center
- New West Fest
- Others as appropriate

Establish a closer relationship with Los Ancianos Unidos to collaborate on senior issues.

ADVOCACY

Support attainable senior housing by working with appropriate entities to develop specific recommendations.

Solicit information on existing senior programs, services and activities; provide evaluation and support as appropriate.

Encourage expansion and enhancement of senior transportation services and continue to monitor changes and proposals for Transport and Dial-A-Ride and give feedback as appropriate.

Take an active role in seeking solutions to health care access problems particularly affordable prescription medications.

Monitor and support affordable leisure services for older adults.
COMMUNICATION

Monitor, report, support, and initiate media information that impacts seniors such as:
- Senior Resource Network
- Articles and news releases

Invite a variety of speakers to be present at Senior Advisory Board meetings to keep members current on emerging issues.

Continue to communicate effectively with City Council

COORDINATION

Continue to work with City Council to have more input regarding the selection of new Senior Advisory Board Members.

Co-host the annual Bridging the Gap-Senior Network Luncheon, drawing together both public and private entities which provide services for seniors.

Update and make available listings of agencies providing services to seniors from the Bridging the Gap-Senior Network Luncheon.

Maintain existing liaison positions with senior agencies/organizations and establish new relationships as appropriate.

EDUCATION

Hold outreach meetings at least quarterly for seniors and groups interested in senior issues.

Provide education to dispel myths on aging and act as a resource for the community to provide information and education on the realities of aging.

Provide input on senior issues to relevant organizations, agencies, boards and commissions.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Monitor and work closely with private and city services to ensure our city is safe for seniors.

Work to ensure the transportation needs of seniors are being effectively met by Transport and Dial-A-Ride