Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board
1999 Work Plan

OUTREACH

- Hold four special meetings in the community for the express purpose of introducing the Board to seniors and hearing their concerns and needs from the following:

  1. Friends of the Senior Center
  2. C.S.U. Gerontology Class
  3. Long-term Care Resident Council
  4. Golden K Kiwanis

- Be available in the community through the use of information booths at events:

  1. Bridging the Gaps Luncheon
  2. Fort Collins Senior Center Activities Fair
  3. Others as appropriate:
     a) Eldercare Conference
     b) Older Women's Conference

ADVOCACY

- Support attainable senior housing by working with other 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.

- Take an active role in seeking solutions to health care access problems.

- Actively monitor the results merger of county services into the newly formed community services.

COMMUNICATION

- Act for and with the Board to monitor and report media information that impacts older citizens.

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

- Operate and evaluate outreach phone line for Seniors on City Line.
COORDINATION

- Co-host the annual "Bridging the Gaps" network luncheon to be held in Fort Collins, drawing together both public and private entities which serve or are made up of seniors in the area.

- Update participant listings from the Network Luncheon and follow up in six months with an updated, expanded revision (SAGENET) with participating co-sponsors.

- Maintain existing and create new liaison positions with interested key senior agencies/organizations.

- Collaborate with the Senior Center Council on common issues.

EDUCATION

- Myths on Aging - provide timely education to dispel myths on aging.

- Positive Aging - Continue relationships with interested organizations including the City of Fort Collins Youth Advisory Board and the Commission of the Status of Women.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Work closely with and support the current Vet-Pet (Elder Pet Care) program provider to ensure the program meets seniors' needs.

- Coordinate activities for the principle "Dignity" during the International Year of the Older Person.

- Investigate and find a sponsor for a program similar to the "Dollar Value" programs in other parts of the country.

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

- Participate in the International Year of the Older Person.