FORT COLLINS SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
1996 WORK PLAN

OUT REACH

- Hold four special meetings in the community for the express purpose of introducing the board to seniors and hearing their concerns and needs.
  1) Parklane Towers (1st quarter)
  2) CSU gerontology class at the Senior Center (2nd quarter)
  3) Housing Authority Sites (3rd quarter)
  4) Aspen Supper Club (4th Quarter)

- Be visible in the community through the use of information booths at events:
  1) Healthy Heart Walk in February
  2) Healthy Senior Expo in May
  3) Community Booth at the Mall once in winter and once in summer
  4) New West Fest in August

ADVOCACY

- Take an active role in helping to provide affordable low-income housing by working with the Fort Collins Housing Authority and lobbying appropriate entities for support.

- On an ongoing basis, solicit information on existing programs, service and activities, provide evaluation and support as appropriate.

- Monitor para-transit program possibilities and continue to serve on any ad-hoc committee created for this purpose.

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

COMMUNICATION

- Work to revive the Fort Collins Coloradoan’s interest in Prime Time Plus.
- Look for sponsors for Seniors Airborne to cover remote expenses so that programs can be aired at the Senior Center.

- Invite a variety of speakers to present at SAB meetings to keep members current on emerging issues including:
  1) Para-transit representative (January)
  2) Shelly Stephens -- Housing Authority (February)
  3) Carol Matheis-Kraft -- NOROL on Aging Issues (March)
  4) Carol Plock -- PVH District Board Executive Director (April)

COORDINATION

- Host the annual "Bridging the Gaps" Network luncheon, drawing together both public and private entities which serve or are made up of seniors in the area.

- Provide participant listings at Network Luncheon and follow up in six months with an updated, expanded version (SAGENET).

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

EDUCATION

- Work with local media to provide education to the community to dispell myths on aging.

- Initiate plans for a forum on aging.

- Solicit radio program opportunities for speakers on age discrimination.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Solicit support from computer based companies to establish a computer learning program at the Fort Collins Senior Center.

- Apply for additional funding for the VetPet well-care program.

- Seek funding for sick pet care and establish program.