

COLORADO CENTER FOR AGING

2021-2022 Advocacy Efforts and Advocacy Subgroups

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The table below outlines issues of interest and concern to CCA that have carried over from the past year and issues that have arisen since the 2020-21 advocacy plan was developed.

At its July 12, 2021 meeting, the CCA Advocacy Committee began initial consideration of these issues, and of forming subgroups to work on the issues (including asking for volunteers) and coordinators for each subgroup. Once formed, the **Advocacy Subgroups** will meet as needed to identify the priorities with each policy issue, develop conceptual solutions, and specify policy proposals to implement the solutions. These will be reported to subsequent CCA Advocacy Committee meetings.

For updates to this memo – email GetInvolved@ColoradoCenterForAging.org

UPDATE: We have updated our Advocacy Planning Subgroup List to include 2022 bills from our CCA bill tracker. We have also consolidated some of the Subgroup Topics and renamed them. Please review and share any suggestions.

Policy Issue	Description	Advocacy Subgroup Committee members - Team Lead in Bold
Adult Protection	2022 Bills relevant to this topic to be determined <i>Follow up on HB21-1123, which concerns the CAPS check for substantiated cases of mistreatment of an at-risk adult, before a guardianship is assigned and SB 21-118, which creates an alternative response pilot program for county departments of human services to address a report of mistreatment of an at-risk adult.</i>	Sharon Courtney mscellaneous123@aol.com Rita Widmann widmannsteve@gmail.com Shanee Courtney scourtneyrn@gmail.com Coral Cosway cosway@alz.org

<p>Affordable Housing & Rental Issues</p> <p><i>Including utility bill issues</i></p> <p>*See Tax Issues</p>	<p>HB22-1018 - Electric And Gas Utility Customer Protections Concerning a state regulated utility's practices regarding a customer's ability to pay the customer's utility bill.</p> <p>HB22-1051 – Mod Affordable Housing Tax Credit</p> <p>HB22-1082 – Establish Fair Housing Unit Department Of Law</p> <p>HB22-1127 Income Tax Deduction For Rent</p> <p>HB22-1083 – Colorado Homeless Contribution Income Tax Credit</p> <p>HB22-1102 – Veterans And Military Status In Fair Housing</p> <p>SB22-072 Grants To Incentivize Home Use For Renters</p> <p>SB22-086 Homestead Exemption And Consumer Debt Protection</p> <p>SB22-093 Expand Senior And Veteran Property Tax Exemptions</p> <p>2021 - Housing Security ARPA - <i>Follow up on HB 21-1329, which establishes an interim task force to determine how to make investments in housing to assist persons disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency facing housing insecurity. Consider participation in State Housing Coalition. Address needs for home modification/repair.</i></p> <p>2021 - Rental-Landlord-Tenants - <i>Follow up on SB 21-173, which improved tenant rights related to residential rental agreements, and HB21-1121, which provides protections for residential tenants related to actions by landlords.</i></p> <p><i>Consider participation in the Renters Roundtable. Also consider landlord perspectives. Investigate use of public land and buildings for affordable housing, house sharing, mobile home parks and homeless housing.</i></p>	<p>Rich Mauro rmauro@drcog.org</p> <p>Affordable Housing, rental, and utility bill issues</p> <p>Jean Anhalt jean.anhalt10@gmail.com</p> <p>Housing Security ARPA</p> <p>Bob Brocker bob@rjbrocker.com</p> <p>Pat Cook patriciaplcrn@comcast.net</p> <p>Laural Villiard laural.villiard@dominiuminc.com</p> <p>Dayton Romero DRomero@silverkey.org</p> <p>Rental-Landlord-Tenants</p> <p>Laura Villiard laural.villiard@dominiuminc.com</p>
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<p>Age Discrimination - Training</p>	<p>2022 Bills relevant to this topic to be determined</p> <p><i>2021 - Follow up on SB 21-176, which provides protections for Colorado workers against discriminatory employment practices, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation, specifically age discrimination penalties in employment, remove graduation dates from job applications, discrimination cases are difficult to prove (Bell Policy group - “ban the box”)</i></p> <p><i>HB 21-1264, which funds workforce development activities for displaced workers to increase their skills. Work on rulemaking for grants to workforce centers, higher education, and non-profits</i></p>	<p>Jodi Waterhouse jodi.waterhouse@cuanschutz.edu</p> <p>Janine Vanderburg janine@encoreroadmap.com</p> <p>Rich Mauro rmauro@drcog.org</p> <p>Jeanette Hensley jlhens@hotmail.com</p> <p>Pat Cook patriciaplcrn@comcast.net</p> <p>Karen Brown karen.peffer.brown@gmail.com</p> <p>Michael Hare michaelhare99@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Aging Issues in State Government</p>	<p>HB22-1035 – Modernization Of The Older Coloradans' Act</p> <p><i>2021 - Sustainability of AAA funding</i></p> <p><i>Future of Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging</i></p> <p><i>Future of Senior Advisor on Aging position in the Governor’s Office</i></p>	<p>Rich Mauro rmauro@drcog.org</p> <p>Christina Johnson christinaj6491@gmail.com</p> <p>Bob Epstein bepst24657@gmail.com</p> <p>Karen Brown karen.peffer.brown@gmail.com</p> <p>Kris Geerken kgeerken@coloradocenterforaging.org</p> <p>Sharon Courtney mcellaneous123@aol.com</p> <p>Coral Cosway ccosway@alz.org</p> <p>Muriel Arvay m12arvay@gmail.com</p> <p>Ken Chapin designagefriendly@gmail.com</p>

<p>Behavioral Health - ARPA</p>	<p>HB22-1065 – Emergency Mental Health Treatment And Evaluation Standard</p> <p>SB22-077 Interstate Licensed Professional Counselor Compact</p> <p><i>2021 - Follow up on HB21-1097, which establishes a behavioral health administration.</i></p> <p><i>Follow up on SB 21-137, which establishes an interim task force to determine how to spend \$550 million in ARPA funds.</i></p>	<p>Need Team Lead</p> <p>Patricia Cook patriciaplcrn@comcast.net</p> <p>J. Ronald DeVries ron@yourgoodhealthco.com</p> <p>Dayton Romero DRomero@silverkey.org</p>
<p>Broadband</p>	<p>SB22-083 Broadband Provider's Use Of Public Rights-of-way</p> <p><i>2021 - Follow up on HB 21-1109, 1289, SB 21-060, 072, and 091. Digital literacy-Office of inclusion (CDLE)</i></p>	<p>Phil Cernanec phil.cernanec@gmail.com</p> <p>Amy Mitchell AMitchell@parkco.us</p>
<p>Caregiving</p>	<p>SB22-079 Dementia Training Requirements Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Department of Health Care Policy and Financing</p> <p>HB22-1133 Family And Medical Leave Insurance Fund</p> <p><i>2021 - Consider recommendations from Bell Policy survey. Also in SB 21-176.</i></p>	<p>Pamela Wilson pamela@pameladwilson.com</p> <p>Linda Garcia lianmaluga@gmail.com</p> <p>Karen Brown karen.peffer.brown@gmail.com</p> <p>Coral Cosway ccosway@alz.org</p> <p>Ed Shackelford ed@edshackelford.com</p>

<p>Congregate Care Facilities</p>	<p>SB22-053 Health Facility Visitation During Pandemic</p> <p><i>2021 - The pandemic has raised legislative and regulatory issues with long-term care, particularly skilled nursing facilities and assisted living residences. Legislators are interested in increasing regulations, resident rights, and the number of Ombudsmen.</i></p>	<p>Gail Meehan gmeehan@ColoradoCenterforAging.org</p> <p>Linda Garcia lianmaluga@gmail.com</p> <p>Coral Cosway ccosway@alz.org</p> <p>Ed Shackelford ed@edshackelford.com</p> <p>Rich Mauro rmauro@drcog.org</p> <p>Corky Kyle ckyle@thekylegroup.com</p> <p>Jami Shepherd jami@cpachecojr.com</p>
<p>Dialysis Transportation</p>	<p>2022 Bills relevant to this topic to be determined</p> <p><i>2021 - Continue to push for SB 21-187, which would have established a program to pay for transportation to dialysis treatments.</i></p>	<p>Bob Brocker bob@rjbrocker.com</p> <p>Rich Mauro rmauro@drcog.org</p> <p>Bob Epstein bepst24657@gmail.com</p> <p>Jeanette Hensley jlhens@hotmail.com</p> <p>Sharon Courtney mscellaneous123@aol.com</p> <p>Corky Kyle ckyle@thekylegroup.com</p>
<p>Financial Security</p>	<p>HB22-1029 – Compensatory Direct Distribution To Public Employees' Retirement Association</p> <p>HB22-1034 – Fire and Police Pension Association Statewide Retirement Plan</p> <p>HB22-1057- Public Employees' Retirement Association Employment After Teacher Retirement</p> <p>HB22-1101 – Public Employees' Retirement Association Service Retiree Employment In Rural Schools</p> <p>SB22-036 State Payment Old Hire Death And Disability Benefits</p> <p><i>2021 - Follow up on SB 21-148, which created the Office of Financial Empowerment</i></p>	<p>Julie Evans jfevans721@gmail.com</p> <p>Cec Ortiz cec.ortiz@comcast.net</p> <p>Phil Cernanec phil.cernanec@gmail.com</p> <p>Ann Witherspoon annw@csa.us</p> <p>Michael Hare michaelhare99@hotmail.com</p>

Food-Nutrition	<p>HB22-1016 – Voluntary Contribution Check-off Feeding Colorado</p> <p><i>2021 - Address persistent food shortages for certain demographic/economic groups and the barriers to access. Work with AAAs, Hunger Free Colorado and others.</i></p> <p><i>SNAP issues; get better statistics</i></p>	<p>Need Team Lead</p> <p>Ed Shackelford ed@edshackelford.com</p> <p>Lindsay Parsons lparsons@bouldercounty.org</p> <p>Amy Mitchell AMitchell@parkco.us</p> <p>Judith Rice-Jones jricejon@gmail.com</p> <p>Jonelle Addabbo jaddabbo@foodbankrockies.org</p>
Geriatric Health Care Providers	<p>HB22-1005 - Health-care Preceptors Tax Credit</p> <p>HB22-1050 – International Medical Graduate Integrate Health-care Workforce</p> <p>HB22-1076 – Telehealth For Hearing Aid Providers</p> <p>HB22-1095 – Physician Assistant Collaboration Requirements</p> <p>SB22-003 Community College Nursing Bachelor Degree Eligibility</p> <p><i>2021 - Follow up on SB 21-158. Need to obtain funding continuation and provider expansion. (CoCares)</i></p>	<p>Bob Brocker bob@rjbrocker.com</p> <p>Jody Waterhouse jodi.waterhouse@cuanschultz.edu</p> <p>Rich Mauro rmauro@drcog.org</p> <p>Bob Epstein bepst24657@gmail.com</p> <p>Coral Cosway ccosway@alz.org</p>
Homeowners Associations	<p>HB22-1040 – Home Owners' Reasonable Access To Common Areas</p> <p>SB22-059 Home Owners' Association Voting Proxy Limitations</p> <p>SB22-060 Limit Home Owners' Association Fee Increases For Common Elements</p> <p><i>2021 - Colorado has around 60 developments of 55+ housing, all in HOA arrangements. Legislation passed last session (HB21-1229) was significantly watered down. Many residents are concerned about lack of transparency; being bullied by the boards, poor management of properties and finances; no effective dispute resolution process. Should we consider action in the next session?</i></p>	<p>Julie Evans jfevans721@gmail.com</p> <p>Bob Brocker bob@rjbrocker.com</p> <p>Ed Shackelford ed@edshackelford.com</p> <p>Phil Cernanec phil.cernanec@gmail.com</p> <p>Denali Davidson denali.davidson@gmail.com</p>

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Pain Management	HB22-1115 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program HB22-1122 Pharmacy Benefit Manager Prohibited Practices SB22-027 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program <i>2021 - Allowances for chronic pain and how to approach opioid prescription restrictions for people on Medicaid who are experiencing extreme pain.</i>	Christina Johnson christinaj6491@gmail.com Jeanette Hensley jlhens@hotmail.com Renie Fouts jaggerfan33@gmail.com Jeanine Tarrant jolly8girl@yahoo.com Muriel Arvay m12arvay@gmail.com Jean Anhalt jean.anhalt10@gmail.com Kathleen Zahller solideogloriakz@gmail.com
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<p>Transportation including NEMT and NMT</p>	<p>HB22-1114 Transportation Services For Medicaid Waiver Recipients</p> <p><i>2021 - Non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) and non-medical transportation (NMT); including transportation voucher programs, statewide coordination, and increasing funding. (HCPF, CDOT Office of Innovation)</i></p>	<p>Rich Mauro Bob Broker bob@rjbrock.com Bob Epstein bepst24657@gmail.com Jeanette Hensley jlhens@hotmail.com Sharon Courtney mcellaneous123@aol.com Amy Mitchell AMitchell@parkco.us Denali Davidson denali.davidson@gmail.com Paula Hillman mnpjh@comcast.net</p>
<p>Value of Older Adults</p>	<p>2022 Bills relevant to this topic to be determined</p> <p><i>2021 - Make sure older adults are considered in all legislation and regulations. Value of older adults.</i></p> <p><i>SB 21-181 Office of Health Equity and new health disparities task force</i></p>	<p>Kris Geerken kgeerken@coloradocenterforaging.org Christina Johnson christinaj6491@gmail.com Jodi Waterhouse jodi.waterhouse@cuanschutz.edu Jeanette Hensley jlhens@hotmail.com Ann Witherspoon AnnW@csa.us Cat Stone cat@thirdagemoj.com</p>