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Burlington Aging Council

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**Minutes of the In – Person Meeting of the Burlington Aging Council
Tuesday 21st March, 2023 4:00pm – 5:30pm**

In person at Contois Auditorium, 2nd Floor City Hall, 149 Church Street, Burlington VT

We have a zoom link available for those online but want to warn that the technology in Contois is not the strongest and it is sometimes a struggle for those on Zoom to hear and participate in the meeting - so please attend in person, if possible.

Please contact mgange@burlingtonvt.gov if you have questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you at City Hall!

Zoom link - <https://zoom.us/j/96991258349?pwd=Znk1M3lieUd2akUzNURUalBmQmhtUT09>

Attendance

Member Status	Full Name	March 21st 2023
*Denotes Co-Chairs		
1 member representing an organization supporting New Americans in Vermont	Symphorien Sikyala	x
1 member representing a healthcare provider	Jeanne Hutchins	x
1 member representing a long-term care organization in Burlington		x
1 member representing an affordable housing organization in Burlington	Molly Dugan	x
1 member representing an organization working to fight food insecurity in Vermont	Jane Catton	
1 member representing an organization providing advocacy and support for older adults in VT	Kelly Stoddard Poor	x
1 member representing a senior center in Burlington	Andrea Viets	
1 member representing an organization providing mental health services in Vermont	Alison Miley	x
1 member representing an organization providing transportation services in Vermont	Chris Damiani	x
1 member representing the City's Community and Economic Development Office	Brian Pine*	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Barbara Shaw-Dorso	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Glenn McRae*	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Martha Molpus	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Charles J Messing	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Lorna Kay	x
Staff	CEDO Staff MG CB	xx
1 member representing an organization advocating for racial equity, inclusion, and belonging in Burlington		

Recording of the meeting available here:

https://zoom.us/rec/share/6XecD7btQ7_9nZsGsOfkqmkbpPxjJMY8sFPRHA4OPYdrP7-1nYGypfrFf8jEq2Zn.F5AxaLFviHD0hlyo

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Meeting called to order at 4.05pm

- 1. Motion to approve agenda 03 21 23** moved by MD and second MG - unanimous
- 2. Public Comment** – no members of the public present
- 3. Review Updates from all Working Groups** – Where are we at with emerging priorities?

Caregivers Update MD. See Caregiver meeting notes.

- What is a caregiver – define

The programs and services of the City of Burlington are accessible to people with disabilities. For accessibility information, call 865-7144. For questions about the meeting Contact Marcella Gange at mgange@burlingtonvt.gov or 802 865 7178

- Inventory of resources and existing support groups
- Education for service providers on needs of BIPOC communities

Technology Update BSD See Working Group Report [Tech Access](#)

- Planning – complete PlanBTV
- Training and Education – presumption of educ gap, needs to be verified. Explore options for education
- Funding – Assess funding, be aware of legislative priorities, what role might insurance play in funding tech education?
- Safety and Security – particularly home security

Transportation CD

- Prioritize access – funding
- Require hardware to increase frequency and routes
- Prioritize within City for aging community and transport

Accessible Outdoor and Indoor Public spaces KSP

- Example of making City more dynamic and accessible in Winter – BTV Winter Access Strategy, including extended ,patios, heat extend Winter festival, ensure lighting for safety, sidewalks for safety, business pop-ups and frontages, central info access points

4. Review of Working Group Emerging Priorities from [Presentation](#) and Action steps:

- i) Continue to refine Recommendations for programming and investment & Recommendations for new policies/plans (Note the desired outcomes, outputs, and how these recommendations may address racial equity and other identity disparities.) Discussion and review of other working group priorities.
- ii) Activate final set of work groups. Still need to ID the leader for the final WG Health Promotion. Discussion of additional priorities to add and also overlap of groups – eg transportation and accessible spaces etc.
- iii) Outline steps to producing a final report to City Council in June. Move towards producing the TOP FIVE recommendations, prioritized from the Action Areas.

The presentation is the first draft moving towards the Action Plan for an Age Friendly Burlington – present to BTV CC – be mindful of state actions on aging – ensure the plan is resource appropriate and is adequately funded.
- iv) Determine how to use the City funding originally targeted at an internship. The group agreed to use the funds for a consultant to develop and shepherd the Action Plan and other recommendations. CEDO and CoChairs will produce the RFP. The consultant should consider the working group reports and ensure the priorities are justified – the action plan is comprehensive and actionable. CM suggests to look at examples from other cities. Aim to present to City Council in Summer.
- v) Report out on NPA 2/3 and other opportunities to represent the work of the BAC by BP and CM

5. AOB – None

Meeting closed at 5.32pm

Work Group Focus Area	Contact for meeting information and notes	Action in Process
I. Combating Social Isolation, Increasing Social Inclusion	Glenn McRae Glennmcræ56@gmail.com	Revise & update report
II. Housing: Affordability, Availability, & Accessibility	Kelly Stoddard-Poor kstoddardpoor@aarp.org	Revise & update report
III. Health Care Workforce	Molly Dugan Dugandugan@cathedralsquare.org Brian Pine bpine@burlingtonvt.gov	Revise & update report
IV. Accessible Outdoor & Indoor Public Spaces	Kelly Stoddard-Poor kstoddardpoor@aarp.org	Active now
V. Technology accessibility	Jane Catton jcatton@agewellvt.org	Active now
VI. Multimodal Transportation	Chris Damiani cdamiani@ridegmt.com	Active now
VII. Family Caregiver Support	Jeanne Hutchins jeanne.hutchins@med.uvm.edu	Active now
VIII. Food Security	Marcella Gange mgange@burlingtonvt.gov	Organizing: Connect to other stakeholders
IX. Industry Support & Working past 64	Glenn McRae Glennmcræ56@gmail.com	Organizing: Connect to other stakeholders
X. Civic Engagement and Volunteerism	Andrea Viets viets@heinebergcsc.org	Organizing – Connect to : HANDS +, CEDO staff + Dir Engagement Agewell
XI. Health Promotion Disease Prevention, Access Quality Nutrition & Physical	?	

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