

**Countywide Leadership Council
Social & Civic Engagement Committee**

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2007. 9:30 – 11:30

Frasier Meadows

In Attendance: John Riggle, Morgan Rogers, Josie Heath, Laura Kinder, Adrienne Mihelic

Because so few of our members were present and different people than those that met in November, we discussed the possibility of rescheduling. Knowing that work needed to proceed, we continued with the meeting.

We went over the strategy flow chart developed by Adrienne in order to get a handle on process. We then recapped past meeting discussion and found consistency in the focus on strategies 7.1, 7.2, 7.7, and 8.3. These generally aim to increase leadership in civic roles for older adults.

After selecting these strategies to begin work on, we acknowledged the need for more information on what's currently being done and by whom. We outlined a strategy for collecting baseline data that asks two basic questions:

- How many people in your organization's leadership (ie. policy planners, senior staff, board positions) are within the age 60-75? 75+? (# out of total leadership positions.)
- What leadership positions or activities are available within your organization?

These questions will be sent out to various groups listed below to gather initial baseline data and to help establish goals. Along with the request for information, we will provide a short paragraph on who we are and why we seek this information (to assess the current participation of older adults in civic leadership and to encourage further engagement.)

Assignments are as follows:

Nonprofits – Morgan; Morgan asked Carly Hare at The Community Foundation about adding these questions to the survey and she is unable to do that at this juncture – the survey focuses on people of color. However, the question about age on staff, boards, and within communities served will be asked on every grant application collected, beginning with our Millennium Trust cycle in March. (We typically get in 50-100 applications for this, depending on the focus.) We will continue to collect that information through grant applications throughout the year (and will end up with more than 200 applicants.)

Faith Communities – Laura.

Cities (Boards, commissions, elected officials, etc.) – John.

County (Boards, commissions, elected officials, etc.) – Barb.

Rotaries, Optimists, Fire Districts, Professional Associations, etc. – Laura

School Districts – Morgan.

Voting Participation – Morgan. Update on the voting records for 60+ in the county: I called the Clerk's office – they don't break out age of voters for public distribution. They have a CD you can buy for \$50 that has that information (but she warned that it's a ton of information and requires a database more robust than excel ie. access to organize the info.)