

AGENDA

**JOINT WORK SESSION
CITY OF ASPEN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONS &
PITKIN COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Council Chambers
Aspen, Colorado**

July 8, 2010

8:30 AM WORKSESSION

1. Review of the Aspen Area Community Plan update
 - a. Review Lifelong Aspenite Chapter: Policies and Action Items

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Aspen Planning and Zoning Commission;
Pitkin County Planning and Zoning Commission

FROM: Jessica Garrow, City Long Range Planner
Ellen Sassano, County Long Range Planner
Ben Gagnon, City Special Projects Planner

DATE OF MEMO: July 1, 2010

MEETING DATE: July 8, 8:30am in Council Chambers

RE: Planning for the Lifelong Aspenite

BACKGROUND: At the June 29th meeting, the P&Zs began review of the Policies and Action Items of the draft “Planning for the Lifelong Aspenite” chapter.

SUMMARY: The draft chapter, with the changes made at the June 29th meeting as well as a staff attempt to shorten the draft, is attached to this memo. A “clean” version with no track changes is attached as Exhibit A. Attached as Exhibit B is a version with all the changes tracked in redline.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Draft “Planning for the Lifelong Aspenite” chapter (clean version)
Exhibit B: Draft “Planning for the Lifelong Aspenite” chapter (redlined version)

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(July 1, 2010)**

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<p>1. Ensure that affordable, accessible high quality childcare is available.</p>	<p>1.a. Increase and maintain funding that allows early childhood education to remain affordable for families in all economic categories by working with local, regional, state, and federal organizations that work with young children and families. (I – KF)</p> <p>1.b. Provide appropriate support for child care programs to help improve the quality of child care. (Examples of acceptable steps include pre-licensing support, Qualistar Rating, grants, coaching, and program outreach.) (I – KF)</p> <p>1.c. Establish an on-going program that encourages and supports parent engagement and leadership in child care programs and schools. (LT – Aspen K-12, KF , PH, Community Non-Profits, HHS)</p>
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<p>3. Ensure that all community members have access to all public assistance programs for which they qualify.</p> <p>4. Promote self-sufficiency and self-reliance through coordinated, comprehensive and sustainable programs.</p>	<p>requires. (I - AVH, SrS, Sr Council, Community Non-Profits.)</p> <p>2.e Explore the creation of group homes for disabled adults who who want to age in place. (LT-HHS, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>2.f Ensure the availability of transitional and permanent low income housing (stair step programs) and other continuum of care units for community members striving to become self-reliant, such as out of work, disabled, or homeless people. (LT- Private Sector, HHS, Community Non-Profits, APCHA, P)</p> <p>2.g Reduce barriers to the use of available affordable housing as transitional/temporary housing. (LT- Private Sector, HHS, Community Non-Profits, APCHA, P)</p> <p>3.a As the budget allows, maximize all state/federal allocations by increasing the income levels under which members of the community may access public assistance programs. (I – HHS, KF, APCHA)</p> <p>3.b Lobby the state and federal government to change assistance guidelines and funding to reflect the self-sufficiency standard. (I – HHS, BOCC, CC)</p> <p>4.a Create a working group to review and determine the strategic and coordinated direction of all local- subsidies including RFTA, APCHA, Child Care assistance, food programs, health care, wages. <u>This working group should study the monetary value of all subsidies provided to the community, including affordable housing, food tax refunds, transportation, etc</u> (LT – HHS, RFTA, APCHA, KF, PH, Community Non-Profits, Private Sector)</p>
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	<p>4.b Educate the community about the Self Sufficiency Standard and the importance to sustainability of earning a livable wage. (I – HHS, PH, Aspen K-12, KF) [call out box stating the self-sufficiency standard for the Aspen Area]</p> <p>4.e Provide consistent, quality education about availability of resources and supports to promote family self-sufficiency. (I – HHS, PH, Aspen K-12, KF)</p> <p>4.c Create access to career paths using local educational partners (e.g. Colorado Mountain College, Aspen School District and others) to provide community members the opportunity to train and pursue educational interests leading to locally based careers. (LT – CMC, Aspen K-12, HHS)</p> <p>4.d Encourage education that will foster cultural and language integration in businesses. (LT- Community Organizations, CMC, ACRA)</p> <p>4.e. Establish cultural sensitivity programs in all school settings (preschool to adult education) that recognize and respect diversity. (LT- KF, Aspen K-12, CMC)</p> <p>4.f Ensure our workforce is literate by providing opportunities for English and other language learning. (LT- Aspen K-12, CMC, Community Organizations)</p> <p>4.g. Promote enforcement of fair job and housing laws, especially for immigrants and underserved populations, and ensure effective bilingual communication exists. (LT- Community Non-Profits, APCHA)</p>
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<p>5. Foster self-reliance by creating circulation systems (vehicular and pedestrian) that are fully connected, integrated, and easy to use.</p> <p>6. Promote organic and sustainable local and regional food production.</p>	<p>4.h Create opportunities for more diverse local employment. (LT - BOCC, CC, ACRA, P)</p> <p>4.i Implement programs and policies that provide opportunities for our youth to return here as adults. (I – Private Sector, CMC, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>4.j Develop targeted education programs for teens to reduce early parenthood, and to maximize teens’ ability to be self-sufficient as adults. (I – Community Non-Profits, HHS, Aspen K-12, CMC)</p> <p>4.k Incentivize the creation of local jobs for seniors and people with disabilities. (LT- CM, CoM, HHS)</p> <p>5.a Ensure transportation services are affordable and accessible to members of our community, including families, seniors, those with low income and the disabled, for services that are not available in the Aspen Area. (I - RFTA, T, SrS, Sr Council, HHS, Community Organizations)</p> <p>5.b Conduct a physical inventory of sidewalks, streets, transit stops, etc to evaluate walkability and accessibility of the community (including those with limited mobility) and generate a list of needed maintenance and improvements to be implemented on an annual basis. (LT- P, T)</p> <p>6.a Implement programs and policies to support co-operatives and local production of good, clean, and fairly priced food. (I – CM, CoM, LPHA, EH, Community Organizations)</p> <p>6.b Increase agriculture and permaculture areas in public open spaces (LT – EH, OS/T)</p>
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<p>7. Ensure everyone has local access to quality food.</p>	<p>6.c Amend city and county land use codes to eliminate regulatory barriers to small-scale personal agriculture, such as rooftop gardens, green roofs, cold frames, and green houses. (LT – P)</p> <p>6.d Explore incentives for agriculture activities in Pitkin County. (LT- P, LPHA, EH, Community Organizations)</p> <p>6.e <u>Add action item about ZGreen certified individuals</u></p> <p>6.f Explore the use of public lands for additional community gardens. (I – P, OS/T, Community Organizations)</p> <p>6.g Coordinate efforts to educate the community about local food production, including programs that teaching gardening. (I – EH, CI, Community Organizations)</p> <p>7.a Create incentives so Women Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program vouchers are accepted for fresh produce at the Aspen Farmer’s Market. (I- PH, LPHA, CM, CoM)</p> <p>7.b Ensure access to healthy, fresh and affordable food in the Aspen area for low income, senior, disabled and at-risk residents. (LT- P, Private Sector, Community Non-Profits)</p>
<p>III. PUBLIC SAFETY POLICIES</p> <p>1. Ensure a safe environment exists for all community members.</p>	<p>III. PUBLIC SAFETY ACTION STEPS</p> <p>1.a Support the development of education and prevention programs by strengthening working relationships between public safety, schools and non-profits . (Ex: Teen and Dating Violence Education courses at Aspen HS) (I – HHS, LE, Community Non-</p>

<p>2. Ensure a comprehensive safety net exists for all “at risk” community members.</p>	<p>Profits, Aspen K-12)</p> <p>1.b Establish reliable public safety and human services funding and staffing levels to meet growing public needs and unfunded mandates. (LT - HHS, PH, LE)</p> <p>1.c Promote conflict resolution skills and efforts amongst neighbors and homeowners’ associations. (I- LE, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>1.d Expand community policing and neighborhood watch programs throughout the Urban Growth Boundary. (LT- LE)</p> <p>2.a Reduce the incidence of family violence and ensure safety, permanency and well being of children in the Aspen area. (I – HHS, LE, PH, Aspen K-12, KF, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>2.b Streamline and coordinate the community response to family violence, adult financial exploitation, sexual assault and child/adult/self neglect through enhanced collaboration between HHS, Response, DA’s office, Law Enforcement, Mental Health/Substance abuse providers, Probation, Case management programs, etc. (I – HHS, LE, Community Non-profits)</p> <p>2.c Establish a year round homeless shelter with substance abuse, mental health, physical health, job support and intensive case management (LT- HHS, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>2.d Encourage half way houses and programs for at risk adults that address mental health, substance abuse, case management. (LT- Community Non-Profits, HHS)</p>
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<p>2. Ensure all community members have access to primary care including prevention, palliative care, long term care and health maintenance services.</p>	<p>1.b Encourage collaborative relationships to address local and regional issues and solutions best resolved through a regional effort. (I-PH, LPHA, HHS, AVH, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>1.c Support incentives to improve access to Medicare, Medicaid, CHP+ and indigent care providers (I – PH, Community Non-Profits, HHS, AVH, private providers, SrS)</p> <p>1.d Establish a mechanism for the City and County Boards of Health to collaborate and communicate. (I- PH, EH, LPHA)</p> <p>2.a Increase access to preventative and primary care in all health areas for young children by collaborating with local, regional and state organizations (such as Federally Qualified Health Centers-FQHC), that work with young children and families. (LT – KF, PH, LPHA, AVH, HHS)</p> <p>2.b. Collaborate with FQHC’s and other providers to ensure quality health care is available and accessible to all community members, including adults over 65, regardless of ability to pay (those on Medicare /Medicaid/ uninsured/ underinsured) (I-PH, LPHA, HHS, Community Non Profits, AVH)</p> <p>2.c. Support community efforts to attract and engage health care providers to share in the provision of health services to at risk community members and those over 65 (Medicare insured). (I – PH, LPHA, HHS, SrS, AVH, Private Sector.)</p> <p>2.d. Encourage development of imbedding social services within the Aspen School district (LT- Community Non-Profits, Aspen K-12 , HHS)</p>
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<p>3. Ensure all community members have access to a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse system.</p>	<p>2.e. Address the causes of childhood and adult obesity through development of comprehensive programs and education about nutrition, physical activity and access to healthy food. (LT-PH, LPHA, Aspen K-12, Community Non-Profits, Private Sector)</p> <p>3.a. Support the creation of a comprehensive, integrated, and sustainable mental health system. (I – Community Non-Profits, HHS, Private Sector)</p> <p>3.b. Increase access to preventative care in all mental health areas for children by collaborating with local, regional and state organizations that work with children and families. (LT – KF, Community Non-Profits, HHS)</p> <p>3.c. Ensure that accessible and affordable mental health screening and treatment is available to all community members. (I – Community Non-Profits, SrS, HHS)</p> <p>3 d. Create an action plan to address identified older population mental health and substance abuse issues, especially depression and anxiety. (I – SrS, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>3.e Support the creation and implementation of a comprehensive suicide prevention program (I- Community Non-Profits, HHS)</p> <p>3.f Strengthen opportunities for substance abuse prevention education for children, adults and families. (I- Community Non-Profits, Aspen K-12, HHS)</p> <p>3.g Establish accessible and affordable detoxification services and programs for the Aspen Area. (LT- Community Non-Profits, HHS)</p>
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<p>5. Ensure a comprehensive health care system exists in the Aspen Area and that community members are aware of the system.</p>	<p>5.a Strengthen opportunities and partnerships between Public Health, AVH and health care providers to enhance community health programming, cohesive case management and electronic communication. (LT- PH, HHS, AVH, Private Sector)</p> <p>5.b Create a seamless social support system for families to encourage their children’s’ positive development from birth through school aged by collaborating with local, regional and state organizations. (LT- KF, PH, Aspen K-12)</p> <p>5.c Improve health care support to individuals and families by establishing a formal system of communication (electronic and secure)between child care programs, health nurses, doctor’s offices, city and county offices, schools, and community organizations. (I – KF, PH, EH, LPHA, Aspen K-12, Community Organizations)</p>

<p>6. Ensure healthy family functioning</p>	<p>5.d Support future opportunities and programs that will maximize the potential of national health legislation. (LT- HHS, PH, LPHA, AVH, Private Sector, Community Non-Profits.)</p> <p>6.a Provide consistent quality education to the community about what behaviors reflect healthy family functioning and the availability of resources that support healthy family development. (LT- KF, PH, HHS, Aspen K-12)</p> <p>6.b Create a network of “Family to Family” type support programs to use local families to mentor community members who have relocated to the area, who may be isolated from extended family or who may lack the knowledge or skills related to healthy development and interactions. (LT- HHS, PH, Community Non-profits)</p> <p>6.c Support intergenerational and intercultural programming in all public facilities that allow young parents to learn from seniors, etc. (LT- KF, SrS, HHS)</p>
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<p>V. LIFE QUALITY POLICIES</p> <p>1. Ensure the Aspen area is a place that people, regardless of age, can choose for a lifetime.</p> <p>2. Promote family friendly business practices, including flexibility in hours, health insurance, and self-sufficient wages.</p>	<p>V. LIFE QUALITY ACTION ITEMS</p> <p>1.a Create a working group to study and implement ways to become a community that supports healthy aging through community planning and design, services, accessibility, and collaborative approaches to support aging in place. (I – SrS, APCHA, P, RFTA, T)</p> <p>1.b. Establish an “Active Retiree Database” that includes a list of retirees and their talents/skills, along with a list of volunteer and part-time/full-time “help wanted” opportunities to match people with activities/jobs (LT- ACRA, Private sector, SrS)</p> <p>1.c. Explore establishing new facilities or converting old ones that can serve as a “hub” for activities and community gathering places that are easily accessible and close to complimentary community amenities. (LT – SrS, Community Non- Profits)</p> <p>1.d Provide diverse programs and activities for adults and seniors that support physical and intellectual health. (LT- SrS, CMC, Aspen K-12)</p> <p>2.a. Increase public awareness regarding the “best business practices” that enhance a business’s bottom line while supporting families (I – HHS, KF, Private Sector)</p> <p>2.b. Educate employers on benefits of family friendly business practices. (I – HHS, KF, CMC)</p> <p>2.c. Explore the creation incentives for businesses that provide family friendly business practices and pay sustainable wages (LT</p>
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<p>1. Ensure that affordable, accessible high quality childcare is available.</p>	<p>1.a. Increase and maintain funding that allows early childhood education to remain affordable for families in all economic categories by working with local, regional, state, and federal organizations that work with young children and families. (I – KF)</p> <p>1.b. Provide appropriate support for child care programs to help improve the quality of child care. (Examples of acceptable steps include pre-licensing support, Qualistar Rating, grants, coaching, and program outreach.) (I – KF)</p> <p>1.c. Establish an on-going program that encourages and supports parent engagement and leadership in child care programs and schools. (LT – Aspen K-12, KF , PH, Community Non-Profits, HHS)</p>
<p>2. Ensure safe and healthy housing choices exist for those in need, including the elderly, people with disabilities, and low income populations.</p>	<p>2.a Establish a comprehensive network of in-home support services for seniors and people with disabilities that encompass areas of mobility, information, resources and choices to support aging in place. (I - HHS, SrS/Sr Council, Private Sector)</p> <p>2.b Support planning of continuing care facilities and programming that provides a range of support services, including memory support and skilled nursing care, that is integrated into the community. (LT- Sr Svcs, Sr Council, Private Sector)</p> <p>2.c Explore the creation of a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) within the Urban Growth Boundary that is consistent with community character. (LT- Sr Svcs, Sr Council, Private Sector)</p> <p>2.d Expand Whitcomb Assisted Living Facility, as future demand</p>

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<p>3. Ensure that all community members have access to all public assistance programs for which they qualify.</p> <p>4. Promote self-sufficiency and self-reliance through coordinated, comprehensive and sustainable programs.</p>	<p>requires. (I - AVH, SrS, Sr Council, Community Non-Profits.)</p> <p>2.e Explore the creation of group homes for disabled adults who who want to age in place. (LT-HHS, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>2.f Ensure the availability of transitional and permanent low income housing (stair step programs) and other continuum of care units for community members striving to become self-reliant, such as out of work, disabled, or homeless people. (LT- Private Sector, HHS, Community Non-Profits, APCHA, P)</p> <p>2.g Reduce barriers to the use of available affordable housing as transitional/temporary housing. (LT- Private Sector, HHS, Community Non-Profits, APCHA, P)</p> <p>3.a As the budget allows, maximize all state/federal allocations by increasing the income levels under which members of the community may access public assistance programs. (I – HHS, KF, APCHA)</p> <p>3.b Lobby the state and federal government to change assistance guidelines and funding to reflect the self-sufficiency standard. (I – HHS, BOCC, CC)</p> <p>4.a Create a working group to review and determine the strategic and coordinated direction of all local- subsidies including RFTA, APCHA, Child Care assistance, food programs, health care, wages. <u>This working group should study the monetary value of all subsidies provided to the community, including affordable housing, food tax refunds, transportation, etc</u> (LT – HHS, RFTA, APCHA, KF, PH, Community Non-Profits, Private Sector)</p>
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	<p>4.b Educate the community about the Self Sufficiency Standard and the importance to sustainability of earning a livable wage. (I – HHS, PH, Aspen K-12, KF) [call out box stating the self-sufficiency standard for the Aspen Area]</p> <p>4.e Provide consistent, quality education about availability of resources and supports to promote family self-sufficiency. (I – HHS, PH, Aspen K-12, KF)</p> <p>4.c Create access to career paths using local educational partners (e.g. Colorado Mountain College, Aspen School District and others) to provide community members the opportunity to train and pursue educational interests leading to locally based careers. (LT – CMC, Aspen K-12, HHS)</p> <p>4.d Encourage education that will foster cultural and language integration in businesses. (LT- Community Organizations, CMC, ACRA)</p> <p>4.e. Establish cultural sensitivity programs in all school settings (preschool to adult education) that recognize and respect diversity. (LT- KF, Aspen K-12, CMC)</p> <p>4.f Ensure our workforce is literate by providing opportunities for English and other language learning. (LT- Aspen K-12, CMC, Community Organizations)</p> <p>4.g. Promote enforcement of fair job and housing laws, especially for immigrants and underserved populations, and ensure effective bilingual communication exists. (LT- Community Non-Profits, APCHA)</p>
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Comment [jg9]: (identifies what income is necessary to live independently in the Aspen area considering cost of housing, transportation, health care, child care, food)

<p>5. Foster self-reliance by creating circulation systems (vehicular and pedestrian) that are fully connected, integrated, and easy to use.</p>	<p>4.h Create opportunities for more diverse local employment. (LT - BOCC, CC, ACRA, P)</p> <p>4.i Implement programs and policies that provide opportunities for our youth to return here as adults. (I – Private Sector, CMC, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>4.j Develop targeted education programs for teens to reduce early parenthood, and to maximize teens’ ability to be self-sufficient as adults. (I – Community Non-Profits, HHS, Aspen K-12, CMC)</p> <p>4.k Incentivize the creation of local jobs for seniors and people with disabilities. (LT- CM, CoM, HHS)</p> <p>5.a Ensure transportation services are affordable and accessible to members of our community, including families, seniors, those with low income and the disabled, for services that are not available in the Aspen Area. (I - RFTA, T, SrS, Sr Council, HHS, Community Organizations)</p> <p>5.b Conduct a physical inventory of sidewalks, streets, transit stops, etc to evaluate walkability and accessibility of the community (including those with limited mobility) and generate a list of needed maintenance and improvements to be implemented on an annual basis. (LT- P, T)</p>
<p>6. Promote organic and sustainable local and regional food production.</p>	<p>6.a Implement programs and policies to support co-operatives and local production of good, clean, and fairly priced food. (I – CM, CoM, LPHA, EH, Community Organizations)</p> <p>6.b Increase agriculture and permaculture areas in public open spaces (LT – EH, OS/T)</p>

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<p>7. Ensure everyone has local access to quality food.</p>	<p>6.c Amend city and county land use codes to eliminate regulatory barriers to small-scale personal agriculture, such as rooftop gardens, green roofs, cold frames, and green houses. (LT – P)</p> <p>6.d Explore incentives for agriculture activities in Pitkin County. (LT- P, LPHA, EH, Community Organizations)</p> <p>6.e <u>Add action item about ZGreen certified individuals</u></p> <p>6.f Explore the use of public lands for additional community gardens. (I – P, OS/T, Community Organizations)</p> <p>6.g Coordinate efforts to educate the community about local food production, including programs that teaching gardening. (I – EH, CI, Community Organizations)</p> <p>7.a Create incentives so Women Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program vouchers are accepted for fresh produce at the Aspen Farmer’s Market. (I- PH, LPHA, CM, CoM)</p> <p>7.b Ensure access to healthy, fresh and affordable food in the Aspen area for low income, senior, disabled and at-risk residents. (LT- P, Private Sector, Community Non-Profits)</p>
<p>III. PUBLIC SAFETY POLICIES</p> <p>1. Ensure that a safe environment exists for all Aspen Area residents, visitors and workers <u>community memebrs</u>.</p>	<p>III. PUBLIC SAFETY ACTION STEPS</p> <p>1.a Strengthen working relationships between public safety, schools and non-profits to <u>S</u>upport <u>the development of</u> education and prevention programs <u>by strengthening working relationships between public safety, schools and non-profits</u> . (Ex: Teen and</p>

<p>2. Ensure a <u>comprehensive</u> safety net exists for all “at risk” Aspen Area residents, visitors and workers<u>community members.</u></p>	<p>Dating Violence Education courses at Aspen HS) (I – HHS, LE, Community Non-Profits, Aspen K-12)</p> <p>1.b. Create healthy, affordable and accessible programs that involve opportunities for individuals and families to reduce stress, reduce isolation and increase connection. (I – Community Non-Profits, PR)</p> <p>1.be. Establish reliable <u>public safety and human services</u> funding and staffing levels to provide all necessary public safety and health/human services staffing and operations to meet growing public needs and unfunded mandates. (LT - HHS, PH, LE)</p> <p>1.cd. Promote conflict resolution skills and efforts amongst neighbors and homeowners’ associations. (I- LE, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>1.de. Explore e<u>Expanding</u> community policing and neighborhood watch programs throughout the Urban Growth Boundary. (LT-LE)</p> <p>2.a Create collaborative programming to r<u>Reduce</u> the incidence of family violence and ensure safety, permanency and well being of children in the Aspen area. (I –HHS, LE, PH, Aspen K-12, KF, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>2.b Streamline and coordinate the community response to family violence, adult financial exploitation, sexual assault and child/adult/self neglect through enhanced collaboration between HHS, Response, DA’s office, Law Enforcement, Mental Health/Substance abuse providers, Probation, Case management programs, etc. (I – HHS, LE, Community Non-profits)</p>
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<p>3. Reduce juvenile and adult crime.</p> <p>4. Ensure Aspen area residents, workers and guests<u>all</u></p>	<p>2.c. Develop a comprehensive inmate re-entry program. (LT- LE, HHS, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>2.c Establish a year round homeless shelter with substance abuse, mental health, physical health, job support and intensive case management (LT- HHS, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>2.d Encourage half way houses and programs for at risk adults that address mental health, substance abuse, case management. (LT- Community Non-Profits, HHS)</p> <p>2.f. Ensure dedicated funding and comprehensive resource development to provide coordinated, timely and quality services to at-risk Aspenites. (LT- HHS, CoM, CM, LPHA, PH)</p> <p>3.a. Support productive and collaborative recreational, cultural, and educational choices for youth to keep kids safe and engaged in the community, including mentoring, and after school and recreation programming (I-HHS, Community Non-Profits, PR, Aspen K-12)</p> <p>3.b. Create a Restorative Justice Program and/or other alternative sentencing <u>programs</u> for juveniles and adults that allows for people to learn from and make amends for their crimes (I- LE, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>3.c. Develop and implement programs that provide<u>Encourage</u> prevention, intervention and treatment <u>programs</u> for juvenile sexual offenders. (LT- HHS, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>4.a. <u>Support all efforts to instill</u> Participate in local and regional</p>
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<p><u>community members</u> are protected from natural and man-made emergencies.</p>	<p>training on emergency plan components and instill a strong <u>and cooperative local and regional</u> incident command culture (LT, LE, PH, HHS, AVH, Aspen K-12, CMC)</p> <p>4.b. Foster public safety council development and continue to Clarify roles and responsibilities <u>within the Public Safety Council</u> to be <u>maximize</u> responsiveness to national changes in homeland security and ultimately to protect the Aspen Area residents, workers and visitors <u>all community members</u>. (LT-LE)</p> <p>4.c. Strengthen cooperative and collaborative local and regional emergency response teams. (LT-LE, PH, HHS, AVH, Aspen K-12, CMC)</p>
<p>IV. HEALTH POLICIES</p> <p>1. <u>Ensure optimal health and wellness for all community members</u>. Determine specific gaps related to health and wellness in the Aspen Area and prioritize collaborative solutions.</p>	<p>IV. HEALTH ACTION ITEMS</p> <p>1.a. <u>Conduct a comprehensive health assessment</u> Work with local and regional healthcare partners to develop, implement and align community health priorities (based on attainability and criticality of solutions) through the community health assessment. (I-PH, LPHA, EH, AVH, Community Non-Profits).</p> <p>1.b. Encourage collaborative relationships to address local and regional issues and solutions best resolved through a regional effort. (I-PH, LPHA, HHS, AVH, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>1.c. Determine the need for improved <u>Support incentives to improve</u> access to Medicare, Medicaid, CHP+ and indigent care providers in the Aspen Area (I – PH, Community Non-Profits, HHS, AVH, private providers, SrS)</p>

<p>2. Ensure that Aspen area residents<u>all community members</u> have access to primary care including prevention, palliative care, long term care and health maintenance services, regardless of payer source.</p>	<p>1.d- Establish a mechanism for the City and County Boards of Health to collaborate and communicate. (I- PH, EH, LPHA)</p> <p>2.a Collaborate with local, regional and state organizations (such as Federally Qualified Health Centers- FQHC), that work with young children and families to i<u>nc</u>rease access to preventative and primary care in all health areas for young children <u>by collaborating with local, regional and state organizations (such as Federally Qualified Health Centers- FQHC), that work with young children and families.</u> (LT – KF, PH, LPHA, AVH, HHS)</p> <p>2.b. Collaborate with FQHC’s and other providers to ensure quality health care is available and accessible to all residents<u>community members</u>, including adults over 65, regardless of ability to pay (those on Medicare /Medicaid/ uninsured/ underinsured) (I-PH, LPHA, HHS, Community Non Profits, AVH)</p> <p>2.c. Support community efforts to attract and engage health care providers to share in the provision of health services to residents at risk <u>community members and those</u> over 65 (Medicare insured). (I –PH, LPHA, HHS, SrS, AVH, Private Sector.)</p> <p>2.d. Establish a school based health clinic and resource center <u>Encourage development of imbedding social services within</u> the Aspen School district (LT- Community Non-Profits, Aspen K-12 , HHS)</p> <p>2.e. Address the causes of childhood and adult obesity through development of comprehensive programs and education about nutrition, physical activity and access to healthy food. (LT-PH, LPHA, Aspen K-12, Community Non-Profits, Private Sector)</p>
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<p>3. Ensure that residents in the Aspen area of all <u>all community members</u> have access to a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse system that addresses acute and chronic mental health needs.</p>	<p>3.a. <u>Support the creation of a comprehensive, integrated, and sustainable mental health system.</u> Work with Community Non-Profits, local mental health and health care providers to create a comprehensive, integrated and sustainable mental health system (I – Community Non-Profits, HHS, Private Sector)</p> <p>3.b. <u>Increase access to preventative care in all mental health areas for children by collaborating</u> Collaborate with local, regional and state organizations that work with children and families to increase access to preventative care in all mental health areas for children. (LT – KF, Community Non-Profits, HHS)</p> <p>3.c. Ensure that accessible and affordable mental health screening and treatment is available to all Aspen residents <u>community members</u>. (I – Community Non-Profits, SrS, HHS)</p> <p>3 d. Work with public and private mental health practitioners to e <u>Create an action plan to address identified older population mental health and substance abuse</u> issues, especially depression and anxiety. (I – SrS, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>3.e Support the creation and implementation of a comprehensive suicide prevention program (I- Community Non-Profits, HHS)</p> <p>3.f. Enhance <u>Strengthen opportunities for</u> substance abuse prevention education for children, adults and families. (I- Community Non-Profits, Aspen K-12, HHS)</p> <p>3.g. Establish sustainable <u>accessible and affordable</u> detoxification services and programs for the Aspen Area. (LT- Community Non-Profits, HHS)</p>
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<p>4. Ensure that all Aspen Area residents <u>all community members</u> have access to a comprehensive dental program that includes education, prevention and treatment.</p>	<p>4.a. Create local and/or regional preventative and primary low income dental care <u>programs</u>. (I- PH, LPHA, HHS)</p> <p>4.b. Secure on-going funding for development of preventative and primary low income dental care. (LT –PH, HHS, Community Non-Profits)</p> <p>4.c Provide community outreach, communication, and education on the importance of oral health and the availability of affordable dental services available in the Roaring Fork Valley. (I – Community Non-Profits, PH, HHS).</p> <p>4.d. <u>Support efforts to s</u>Secure a pediatric dentist for the Aspen Area. (LT- Private Sector)</p>
<p>5. Ensure that a comprehensive health care system exists in the Aspen Area and that <u>community members</u> Aspenites are aware of the system.</p>	<p>5.a Strengthen opportunities and partnerships between Public Health, AVH and health care providers to work towards <u>enhancing</u> community health programming, cohesive case management and electronic communication. (LT- PH, HHS, AVH, Private Sector)</p> <p>5.b- Create a seamless <u>social support</u> system for families to support <u>encourage</u> their children’s’ positive development from birth through school aged by collaborating with local, regional and state organizations. (LT- KF, PH, Aspen K-12)</p> <p><u>5.c Improve health care support to individuals and families by establishing a formal system of communication (electronic and secure)between child care programs, health nurses, doctor’s offices, city and county offices, schools, and community organizations. (I – KF, PH, EH, LPHA, Aspen K-12, Community</u></p>

	<p>6.d. Create a seamless social support system for families to encourage their child's positive development from birth through school aged by fostering collaborative programming between local, regional and state organizations. (I-KF, PH, Aspen K-12)</p> <p>7.a. Support partnerships between AVH, Public Health, Environmental Health, RFTA, Schools and businesses to create year round safety education and prevention programs – to include things like public service announcements, media promotions, events, direct education to youth and adults. (LT- AVH, PH, EH, Aspen K-12, RFTA, CMC)</p> <p>7.b. Secure diverse funding sources for year round safety education and prevention programs in order to share the burden. (AVH, PH, EH, Aspen K-12, RFTA, CMC).</p>
<p>V. LIFE QUALITY POLICIES</p> <p>1. Ensure the Aspen area is a place that people, regardless of age, can choose for a lifetime.</p>	<p>V. LIFE QUALITY ACTION ITEMS</p> <p>1.a Create a working group to study and implement ways to become a community that supports healthy aging through community planning and design, services, accessibility, and collaborative approaches to support aging in place. (I – SrS, APCHA, P, RFTA, T)</p> <p>1.b. Establish an “Active Retiree Database” that includes a list of retirees and their talents/skills, along with a list of volunteer and part-time/full-time “help wanted” opportunities to match people with activities/jobs (LT- ACRA, Private sector, SrS)</p> <p>1.c. Explore establishing new facilities <u>or converting old ones</u> in</p>

<p>2. Promote family friendly business practices, including flexibility in hours, health insurance, and self-sufficient wages.</p> <p>3. Provide recreational and cultural programming <u>that promotes active, healthy lifestyles</u> that is affordable and accessible and promotes active, healthy lifestyles.</p>	<p>the City of Aspen that can serve as a “hub” for activities and a community gathering places <u>that are</u> –The center should be easily accessible and close to complimentary community amenities. (LT – SrS, Community Non- Profits)</p> <p>1.d Provide diverse programs and activities for <u>adults and</u> seniors that support physical and intellectual health. (LT- SrS, CMC, Aspen K-12)</p> <p>2.a. Increase public awareness regarding the “best business practices” that enhance a business’s bottom line while supporting families (I – HHS, KF, Private Sector)</p> <p>2.b. Educate employers on benefits of family friendly business practices. (I – HHS, KF, CMC)</p> <p>2.c. Explore the creation of tax and other incentives for businesses that provide family friendly business practices and pay sustainable wages (LT – HHS, KF, CM, CoM, <u>BOCC, CC</u>)</p> <p>3. a. Encourage recreational and cultural programs that support personal growth, enhance family relationships and encourage civic involvement. (LT- Community non-profits, PR, CM, CoM)</p> <p>3.b. Create incentives for alcohol free, family friendly community events (LT- Special Events)</p> <p><u>3.c Explore incentives to help support non-profits that assist in physical and mental development of community members (e.g. dance, art, etc). (LT – ??)</u></p>
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Comment [j11]: Staff note: June Kirk proposed some items at the 6.22 meeting regarding dance. Staff has attempted to incorporate her comments though action item 3.c – staff made this broader than just dance to include other non-profits that provide benefits to the community. Her original language proposal is below:

3c.To support and help promote small non-profits that build community, through healthy activities such as dance and social dancing, which educate and build movement skills in body rhythm and teach spatial patterns of dance movement to music.

3d. To financially support social dance activities which create alcohol free, family friendly events for all ages.

3f. Encourage recreational and cultural programs such as social dance (including social dancing of past eras, or of various ethnicity) which enhances community cohesion and growth, as well as personal growth.

Other: Provide and assist programming for non-profits that directly contribute to a healthy life style for all ages.

<p>VI. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH POLICIES</p> <p>1. Ensure that the Aspen Area community is aware of the services available to them.</p>	<p>VI. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTION ITEMS</p> <p>1. a Create comprehensive, accessible and bilingual tools (such as a phone and web directory) with information about health, safety, education and social services available in the Aspen Area. (I – HHS, LPHC, All departments/Agencies)</p> <p>1. b Educate the community about the value of pre-natal care, early education, early intervention, early brain development, child development and the connection of these to success in school and in life by partnering with local, regional and state organizations that work with young children and families. (I – KF, Aspen K-12, PH, HHS)</p> <p>1. c Inform the community about financial resources for childcare. (I –KF, <u>HHS</u>)</p> <p>1. d Provide consistent education about the availability of resources and supports that promote individual and family self sufficiency. (I-HHS, PH, Aspen K-12, KF)</p>
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