**Daily Life & Employment Subcommittee**

**May 23rd, 2024**

**1:00-2:00 pm**

**Attendance:**

Karen Allen

Kristin Davis

Karen Klenke

Nancy Morrow-Howell

Mary Ross

Dave Sapenaro

Wilma Schmitz

Beth Brown, Co-Chair

Leroy Wade, Co-Chair

Stacey Rosenzweig; Facilitator

**Town Halls:**

* Dave Sapenaro reviewed the summary he put together of the town hall comments and how it applied to DL&E recommendations. Transportation and technology were two big areas that DL&E recommendations did not address. Other areas that included comments outside of DL&E recommendations included financial management during retirement, affordable housing, and finding/more support for caregiving. There are committees already looking at financial security, transportation, housing, and caregiving. We will review those recommendations and can send to the appropriate committees in addition. We want to make sure that comments/issues specific to daily life/employment are addressed in those subcommittees (for example transportation to volunteer/employment sites). Technology is something DL&E may update recommendations to include as it’s essential to accessing so many daily life and employment opportunities. Affordability, access, and training are all concerns related to technology, as well as being able to just keep up with the frequent changes.

**Work Groups:**

* Discussed re-engagement of Daily Life and Employment work groups. Will send out request to members to review who was on what groups last year and interest in participation this year. Meeting attendance has been lower with less “hands on” work in recent months; hoping that as we have more information and “to do’s” to dig in to that we will have increased participation in monthly meetings as well as work groups. If someone in an organization is no longer able to participate in the DL&E subcommittee or work groups, maybe there is someone in their organization that could be identified to participate instead.

**Other Discussion:**

* Greg Burris forwarded the United Health Care’s 2023 Senior report. Missouri ranks 40th out of 50 states in health.
	+ [ahr\_2023seniorreport\_comprehensivereport.pdf (americashealthrankings.org)](https://assets.americashealthrankings.org/app/uploads/ahr_2023seniorreport_comprehensivereport.pdf)
* Kristin Davis shared some articles of interest related to remote work for older workers and current/long term work trends.
	+ Remote Work Opportunities for Older Workers
	+ <https://olderworkers.workforcegps.org/resources/2024/04/29/20/17/How-Low-Income-Older-Workers-Might-Gain-From-and-Contribute-to-Emerging-Remote-Job-Opportunities>
	+ Current and Long-Term Work Trends Among Older Workers
	+ <https://olderworkers.workforcegps.org/resources/2024/04/26/20/13/Current-and-Long-term-Work-Trends-Among-Older-Americans>
* Further discussion of remote connection for caregivers who need to work/connect outside the home as well as social connection with others like the grandpads in conjunction with the St Louis Co Library; also Aging Ahead’s “virtual senior center”.
* Will send out summaries, reports, and links discussed today with meeting notes to members; asked members for input on work groups.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 27th; 1:00 pm**