

Aging in Place/I'On At Home Annual Report – 2015

Beginning with a meeting of six friends and I'On residents in January, 2015, the Aging in Place initiative launched. This report will highlight the group's milestones and accomplishments in its first year.

Mission: The mission of Aging in Place/I'On At Home is to provide services and support to enable members to have active, healthy lifestyles and remain in their homes in a cost effective manner.

Leadership: The Leadership Group consists of three of the original founders, Barbara Cole, Becky Van Wie, and Anne Register. Other members are Lori Bate, Kay Chitty, Barbara Fowler, Bill Settlemyer, Brenda Uttaro, Don Wilbur, Mary Wilbur, and MP Wilkerson.

Accomplishments:

January – April: The original Work Group conducted research about the national movement and similar organizations locally, statewide, and beyond; visited with representatives of various groups; connected with community resources and gathered data; met with the I'On Assembly Board to apprise them of the group's activities; joined a national network that supports the work of similar groups around the country; and wrote an informational article for the official I'On newsletter, *Living in I'On*.

May – August: The group conducted two open meetings with a total of over 100 individuals attending. In these meetings, research findings from the January – April period were shared with attendees. The Work Group then conducted a survey of all I'On households about interest in "Aging in Place," with 346 surveys completed and returned. Results of the survey were posted on the I'On Community website:

<http://www.ioncommunity.com/news/28576~319523/Results-of-Community-Survey-2-focusing-on-an-Aging-in-Place-Initiative-for-Ion>

September – December: An expanded Leadership Group of volunteers began meeting during this period. They selected a name, "I'On at Home" (IAH), developed a mission statement, and generated goals and objectives. They formed four subcommittees, each of which will deal with one of the goals and objectives: Structure, Members, Volunteers, and Programs. They agreed that a fifth subcommittee, Marketing/Communications, would be developed when needed. The Leadership Group determined officers: Brenda Uttaro, Chair; Bill Settlemyer, Vice Chair; Becky Van Wie, Secretary.

Looking forward to 2016: The Group set goals for the first quarter of 2016, including developing a business plan. They committed to hosting a social/informational event early in 2016 that will be open to all I'On residents to update the community on IAH activities.