

White House Conference on Aging Minnesota's Recommendations

Minnesota Gerontological Society Webinar
July 9, 2015



White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) Purpose

The White House Conference on Aging is a decennial event held to develop recommendations for the President and Congress on issues, policy and research in the field of aging.



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WHCOA History

The 2015 White House Conference on Aging will be the sixth conference held.

Previous WHCOAs were in 1961, 1971, 1981, 1995 and 2005.

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WHCOA History

Past conferences contributed to the establishment of key aging programs such as:

- Medicare and Medicaid (enacted 1965)
- The Older Americans Act (enacted 1965)
- Supplemental Security Income Program
- Social Security reforms (1961)
- Creation of a national nutrition program for older persons (1971)
- Establishment of the national aging network (1971)
- Booming dynamics (2005)

2015 WHCOA

July 13, 2015

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Report Development Process

- WHCOA established themes & guidelines
- MBA Planning Committee formed
- Local sessions conducted
- Input integrated
- Comments/revisions
- FEDERAL report submitted



Local Sessions (12)

LeadingAge Minnesota	Redwood Falls
Rochester	World Elder Abuse
St. Cloud	Awareness Day
Moose Lake	Odyssey Conference (x2)
Aitkin	Maple Grove
MN Gerontological Society	Moorhead



2015 WHCOA Themes

- Retirement Security
- Healthy Aging
- Long-term Services and Supports
- Elder Justice



Retirement Security

- Maintain and strengthen Social Security.
- Encourage greater private investment to save for retirement.
- Increase support for continued employment of older workers.
- Educate people of all ages about saving for retirement.
- Make health care and housing more affordable for older adults.



Healthy Aging

- Encourage older adults to take action to be healthy.
- Improve the physical, social and service infrastructures of communities to support older adults aging in their community.
- Increase capacity at all levels to identify and treat mental illnesses in older adults.



Long-Term Services and Supports

- Support unpaid, informal caregivers.
- Improve LTSS through new payment models.
- Streamline LTSS and increase coordination with other services needed by older adults.
- Address the increasing LTSS workforce shortage.



Elder Justice

- Increase funding for elder abuse prevention and response
- Conduct public awareness campaign
- Combat financial scams against older adults



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