2019 Summit: Age-Friendly Minnesota – Engaging All Voices and Communities

December 11, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
UMN Continuing Education Conference Center

Objectives
1. To explore the impact of engagement in supporting development of and continuation of age-friendly communities.
2. To identify how we can utilize current best practices in age-friendly initiatives as catalysts for expanding the state’s commitment toward an age-friendly Minnesota.
3. To leverage opportunities and confront challenges around equity and diversity.
4. To activate stakeholders into ownership of and participation in development of a statewide framework.

8:00 Registration & Breakfast
Registration opens and continental breakfast available for participants.

8:30 Welcome
Amanda Vickstrom, Chair, Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging

8:40 Age-Friendly State Designation
Kari Benson, Executive Director, Minnesota Board on Aging

8:50 Governor Tim Walz: Age-Friendly Minnesota Executive Order
Introduction by Department of Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead

9:15 Keynote: Engaging Community in Becoming Great for People of all Ages
Laura Poskin, MPSG, Director, Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh

10:15 Break

10:30-12:30 Panel Discussions

10:30 Panel of Key Leaders in the State Focused on Age-Friendly Minnesota
- Minnesota Board on Aging: Executive Director Kari Benson
- Minnesota Department of Commerce Commissioner Steve Kelley
- Minnesota Department of Health Assistant Commissioner Courtney Jordan Baechler
- Minnesota Department of Human Services Assistant Commissioner Dan Pollock
- Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Commissioner Jennifer Leimaile Ho
11:30  Aging Together Minnesota: Confronting Disparities in Systems & Communities
- Facilitator: Kari Davis, Director, Cora McCorvey & Co-Chair, of MN Diverse Elders Coalition
- Roxana Linares, Executive Director, Centro Tyrone Guzman
- Jonathan Palmer, Executive Director, Hallie Q. Brown
- Marsha Berry, LGBT Community Advocate
- Brenda Fong, Asian American Community Advocate

12:30  Lunch

1:30  Putting the Age-Friendly Framework into Action

2:15  Break

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3:15  Closing Session: How One Community is Embracing Age-Friendly Communities
 Council Member Susan Pha, Brooklyn Park MN
It can be done!! While the state moves ahead with their work, we encourage local communities to forge ahead with their age-friendly initiatives.

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