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Forward Progress for Aging Well in Minnesota

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Looking Ahead to 2019 Legislative Session: Community Organizations

Moderator: Paula Hart, MNLCOA Policy Committee Vice Chair

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AARP Minnesota

Alzheimer’s Association
A world without Alzheimer’s disease ®.
Take Action for Alzheimer’s!

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MN Leadership Council on Aging

LTC Imperative
Our Principles

1. All Minnesota seniors deserve high quality care, housing and support services as they grow older.
2. We are all in this together.
3. We all prosper when seniors stay in their communities.
4. Caregiving is a valued career – let’s help our professionals succeed in the jobs they love.
5. With more than 1 million seniors, we need to be bold and innovative.
Additional 25,000 Professional Caregivers needed over next 10 years

• Kickstarter for training CNA’s
• HCBS Scholarship Expansion

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<td><strong>Minnesota Nursing Assistant Registry</strong></td>
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<td>Additions</td>
<td>9,421</td>
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9 out of 10 Minnesotans Agree Seniors Have a Right to Housing, Care and Supports

Continue to Phase-In Elderly Waiver Payment System
Face Aging
www.faceagingmn.org
sign up to follow

Days at the Capitol

March 12, 2019  LeadingAge Minnesota
March 26, 2019  Care Providers of Minnesota

Lutheran Social Service of MN
This is Medicaid
A 53-year promise to Americans who need care

This Is Medicaid is a coalition of nonpartisan organizations from across Minnesota working to protect Medicaid from harmful changes and funding cuts.

These nonpartisan organizations advocate for or directly serve people who access health care and supports through Medicaid.

Supporting organizations

Federal proposals to Medicaid

- 2017 - Protection at the federal level from cuts and caps;
- The vast majority of the public supports and has a favorable view of Medicaid;
- It is harder politically to target Medicaid. “Conventional political wisdom used to hold that Medicaid, unlike Medicare, would be relatively easy to cut. It might be time to rethink that.”
- Or is Medicaid more of a partisan issue now?
- We are cultivating new champions in Congress. Elected officials are giving positively glowing reviews of our commitment and advocacy.
- We have built a strong rapid response system nationally.

State proposals to Medicaid

- 2018 – Waiver flexibility from CMS opened more state level proposals; Minnesota defeated work reporting requirements;
- 2019 - State level waiver proposals continue – Kentucky, Wisconsin, Arkansas...

Minnesota 2019 –

This Is Medicaid supports the continuation of the health care provider tax, or timely implementation of a dedicated and sustainable alternative to the provider tax, to maintain the HCAF.
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MN Leadership Council on Aging

MN Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Structure and roles

- Area Agencies on Aging created via the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965
- Six regional MN “AAAs” and 1 Tribal AAA
- Develop and deliver services to help older adults maintain independence at home and to support safety, health and wellness
- Hub organization for local networks of provider partners
- Deliver Senior LinkAge Line® information and assistance and Return to Community care transition support directly to consumers
### Six policy priorities for 2019

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<td>Protect vulnerable adults from <strong>abuse and neglect</strong> in nursing homes and assisted living</td>
<td>Support family caregivers to remain in the workforce, save for their retirement and maintain their health and well-being</td>
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### Six policy priorities for 2019 cont’d.

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<td>Fund development of high-speed <strong>border-to-border internet</strong></td>
<td>Support initiatives to expand the supply of <strong>affordable housing and to end elder homelessness</strong></td>
<td>Address barriers to transportation provided by volunteer drivers</td>
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Get involved in m4a’s advocacy

- Get to know your local Area Agency on Aging – find them at www.mn4a.org
- Explore opportunities to join AAA boards and advisory committees to learn more about m4a’s priorities and to help shape regional and statewide responses
- Participate in local meetings arranged by AAAs with elected officials to tell the stories of consumers affected by abuse, isolation, lack of housing, transportation barriers, lack of connectivity
- Help AAAs raise awareness of the needs of family caregivers with elected officials and employers
- Support m4a’s priorities through letters and visits to the Governor and his staff and to state legislators and their staff members
Minnesota Elder Justice Center

The mission of the Minnesota Elder Justice Center is to mobilize communities to prevent and alleviate abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of elder and vulnerable adults.

Public awareness | Professional education and practice | Public policy | Direct Service

Strong Systemic Response to Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation

› 1 in 10 older adults will suffer from elder abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation. That number increases to 1 in 5 if the older adult has a cognitive impairment.

› Abuse, neglect, and exploitation occur in all parts of our community. It is a public health crisis, with less attention and funding than most other types of violence and abuse.

› Adult Protection Systems are established under the Vulnerable Adult Act in each county to provide investigation and protection for vulnerable adults living in the community. Those systems must be supported and continually improved.

› Our community response must involve a variety of stakeholders and look at what makes people vulnerable to abuse, neglect, exploitation.
Abuse and Neglect in Long Term Care Facilities

- Stronger consumer protections in long-term care settings:
  - Rights of residents in facilities
  - Ability for consumers to enforce rights
  - Disclosure and notice standards about what to expect as a consumer
  - Protections in discharge/eviction
- Standardized licensing approach to assisted living. Clear standards that are intended to both address and prevent abuse and other care concerns.

Policies that protect older adults while respecting the balance between autonomy and safety

- Alternative Decision Makers
  - Guardians and other court appointed roles
  - Powers of Attorney
  - Supported Decision Making
- Financial exploitation protections that balance autonomy to make bad decisions from informed choice
How to Get Involved

› Sign up for our center partners and attend our monthly meetings and/or join a subcommittee that looks at policy issues: https://elderjusticemn.org/center-partners-meetings/

› E-mail info@elderjusticemn to be put on the MEJC mailing list and receive our monthly newsletter (with policy updates) and other information about training, free webinars, and community outreach.

› Follow us  
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› Call us at 651440-9300 with questions or victim services

Thank you!