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Background

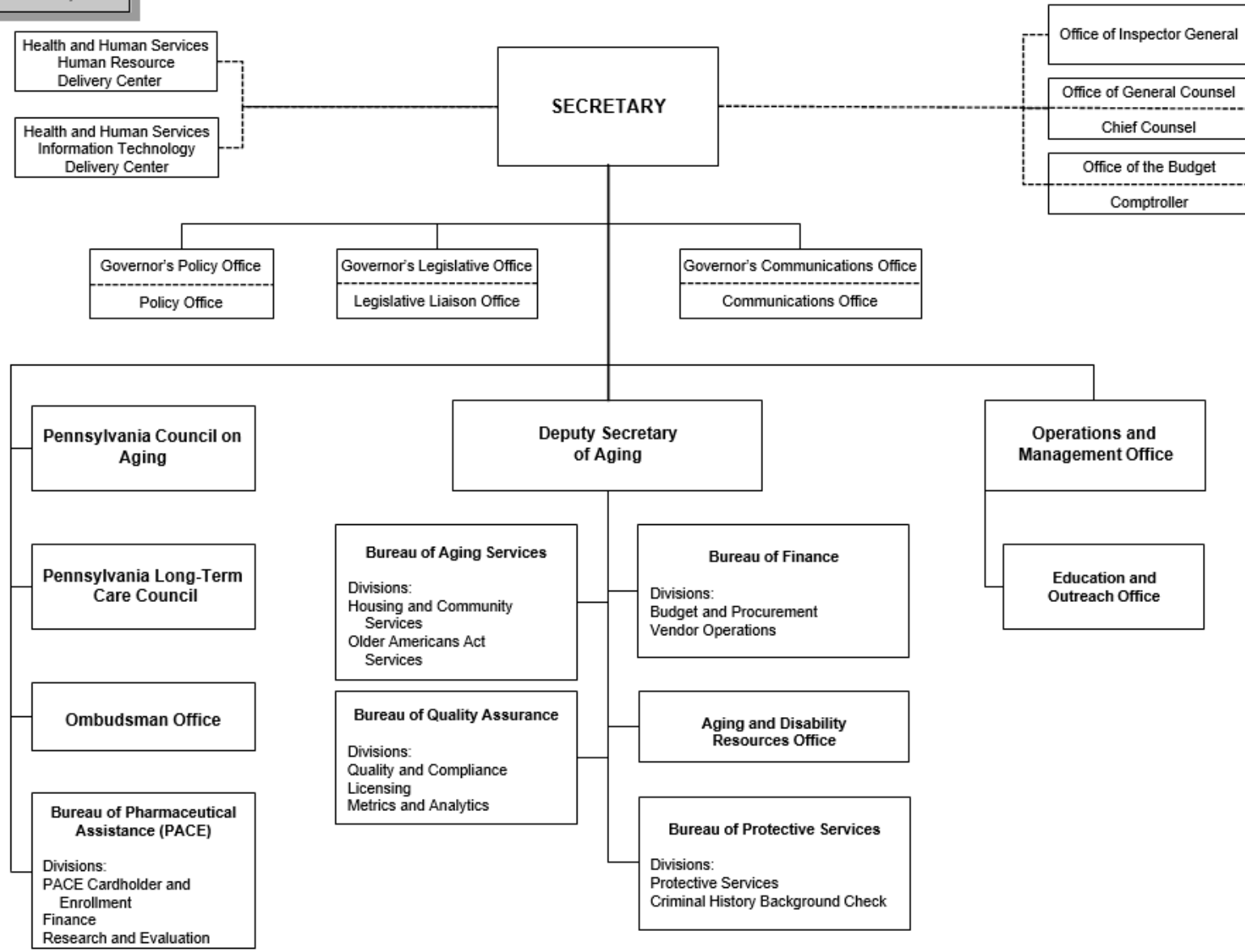
- 1978 Governor Milton Shapp established the Pennsylvania Department of Aging
- Governor Shapp also created the PA lottery and decided that revenue from the lottery should be used for older adult programs and services
- PDA Mission: To promote independence, purpose, and well-being in the lives of older adults through advocacy, service, and protection.

Current Snapshot

- PA population: 13M total 3.4M over 65 (25%)
 - 5th highest population of older adults in the nation
 - Projected that 1 in 3 Pennsylvanians will be over age 60 by 2030
- **Current Annual Budget: \$600 million**
 - 80% state funding (lottery funding)
 - 20% federal funding (OAA programs & services)
- **Complement: 90**
 - + consultants, academic partnerships, and interagency groups

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Opportunities

Established pathway for communication to the Governors office

Specified funding for all older adults (Medicaid eligible and not-Medicaid eligible)

Opportunity to advocate for supplemental funding specifically for the aging network

Legislative power to set the agenda

Challenges

Disparate efforts from DHS + DOH

Siloes between aging and disability service due to departmental funding streams

One of the smallest agencies: limits legislative & financial power

Aging network challenges with 52 AAAs

Key Entities

Pennsylvania Association for Area Agencies on Aging

52 Area Agencies on Aging

Long-term Care Council

Pennsylvania Council on Aging

Pennsylvania Association of Senior Centers (PASC)

Alzheimer's Association

Stakeholder groups: AARP, LeadingAge, Etc

Centers for Independent Living

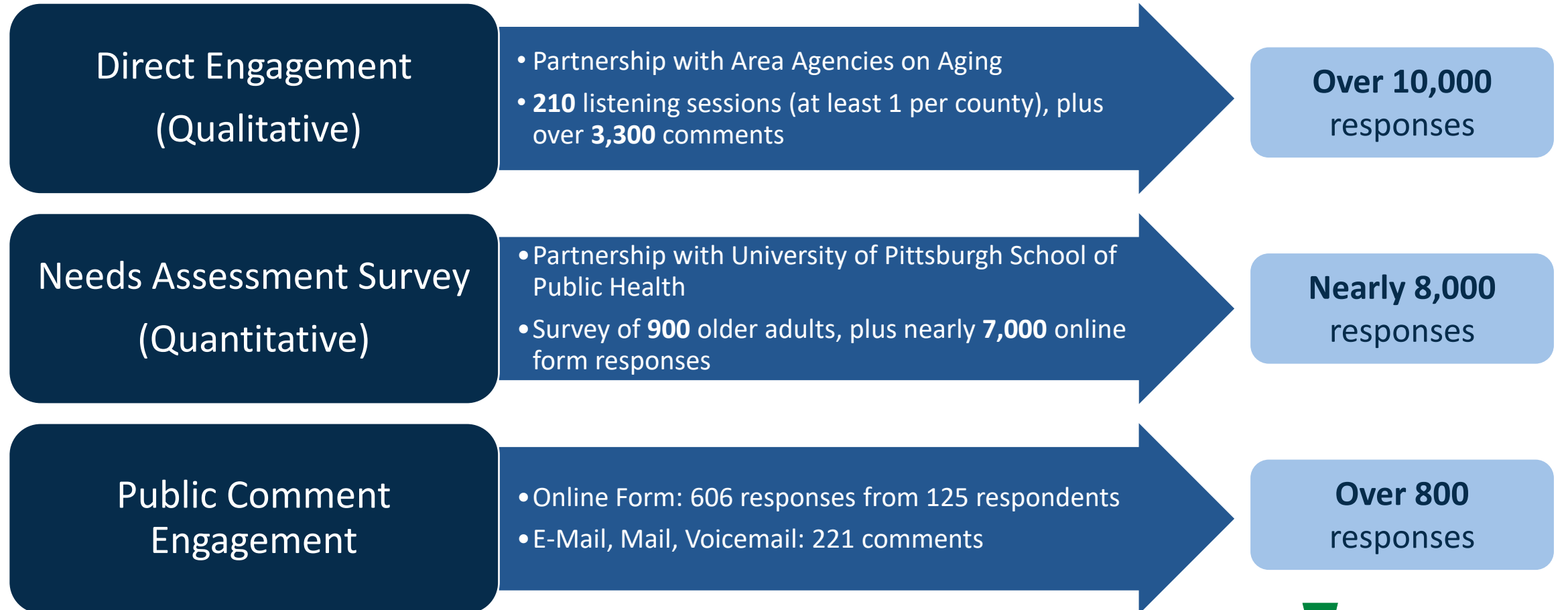
Aging Our Way, PA is:

- **A 10-year strategic plan designed to help transform the infrastructure and coordination of services for Pennsylvania's older adults.**
- **Necessary:** The investments and improvements outlined in the Plan are needed for Pennsylvania to grow alongside its aging population.
- **Stakeholder-Driven:** PDA invited community members across the state – including Pennsylvanians over 60, caregivers, families, subject-matter experts and community members - to recommend improvements to the services and infrastructure in their communities.
- **Collaborative:** Drawn from stakeholder input, and as directed by the Governor Shapiro's Executive Order 2023-09, state agencies and community expert partners worked together to articulate the priorities, strategies, and tactics included in the plan.
- **Achievable:** To guarantee achievability, each Tactic has been refined in active partnership with the agencies responsible for its implementation.
- **Responsive:** The Plan is designed to adapt alongside shifting needs and resources over its 10-year timeframe.
- **Effective:** The Plan presents an opportunity for Pennsylvania's government to work smarter.

PA Demographics + *Aging Our Way, PA*

- Pennsylvania expressly values older adults and adults with disabilities and is committed to building and maintaining an age and disability-friendly Commonwealth so that all Pennsylvanians may live with dignity and independence.
- Pennsylvania is ranked fifth among the fifty states by the sheer size of its older adult population (3.4 million) and seventh by percentage (17.8 percent) of the total population. Pennsylvania is ranked third for populations 85 years of age and older.
- Pennsylvania's total older adult population grew from 15.4 percent (1.96 million persons) in 2010 to 17.8 percent (2.27 million persons) in 2020.
- Pennsylvanian adults with disabilities represent 11% of the population in terms of mobility and cognitive challenges, 7% with regard to independent living, 6% regarding hearing impairment, 4% regarding vision impairment, and 3% with regard to self-care.

Stakeholder Engagement



Plan Structure: Priorities, Strategies, and Tactics

Ageing Our Way, PA is structured around **Priorities** (high-level themes), **Strategies** (mid-level approaches), and **Tactics** (specific, measurable initiatives).



Questions?

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