



# Program Highlights: Senior LinkAge Line and Tribal Coordination

## November 21, 2024

Reena Shetty | Executive Director, MN Board on Aging

# Agenda

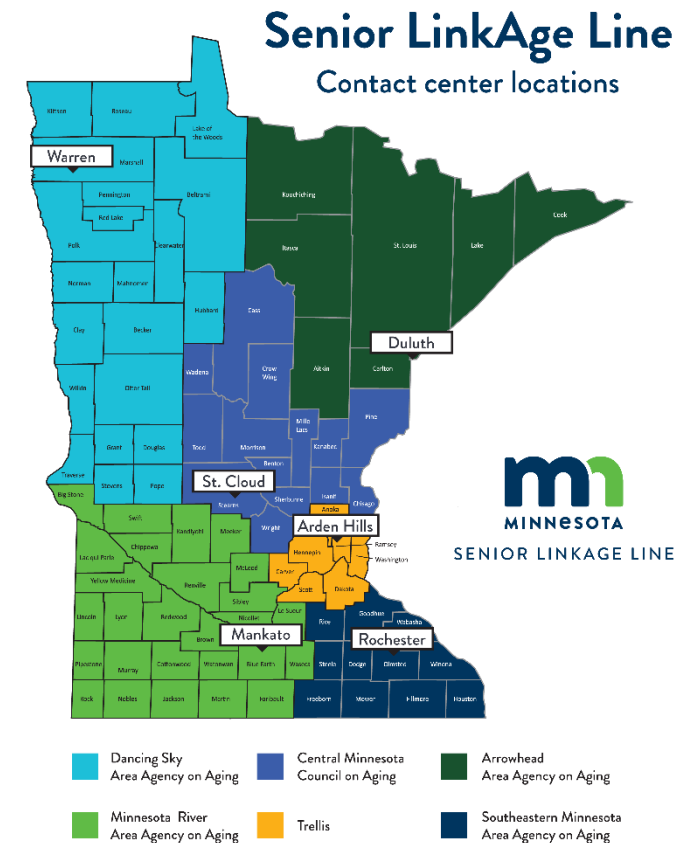
- Collaboration and alignment of key partners throughout the aging network
- Government to Government relations and consultation with Tribal Nations
- Strategic placement of the MBA within the Long-Term Services and Supports continuum
- Preview of MBA programs presented today



## Senior LinkAge Line

Paige Johnson | Senior LinkAge Line Manager

The Senior LinkAge Line is a free, statewide service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota's area agencies on aging. The Senior LinkAge Line helps older Minnesotans and caregivers find answers and connect to the services and support they need.



# Senior LinkAge Line Services

- **Information and assistance**

- Understand and connect with resources such as Medicare, housing, transportation, food, chore services, financial assistance, reporting fraud, affordable prescriptions, etc.

- **Resource coordination**

- Assess, provide support planning and longer-term follow-up for people who need more assistance to stay in their home or return home from a nursing facility or hospital stay

- **Communications and education**

- Educate older adults, caregivers and providers on how to navigate aging resources

- **Preadmission screening**

- Fulfill federal nursing facility requirement to help people live in the most integrated setting possible

- Department of Human Services
  - Aging and Adult Services Division: MAARC, screening and applications
  - Disability Services Division: Disability Hub
  - Behavioral Health Division: Crisis response and preadmission screening
  - Health Care Administration: Complex cases, applications, dual eligible
- Department of Commerce: Medigap and LTC Insurance
- Department of Health: Preadmission screening and licensure
- Department of Veterans Affairs: LinkVet
- Department of Administration: STAR program
- Department of Children, Youth and Families: SNAP
- Attorney General's Office: Medicare issues





# Tribal Coordination Under the Older Americans Act

Leonard Geshick | Native Elders Director

# Indian Policy

Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act

Titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

**Older Americans Act** Presidential Memorandum 2004, 2009

Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act

Native Americans Programs Act Presidential Executive Order 13175

Indian Health Care Improvement Act

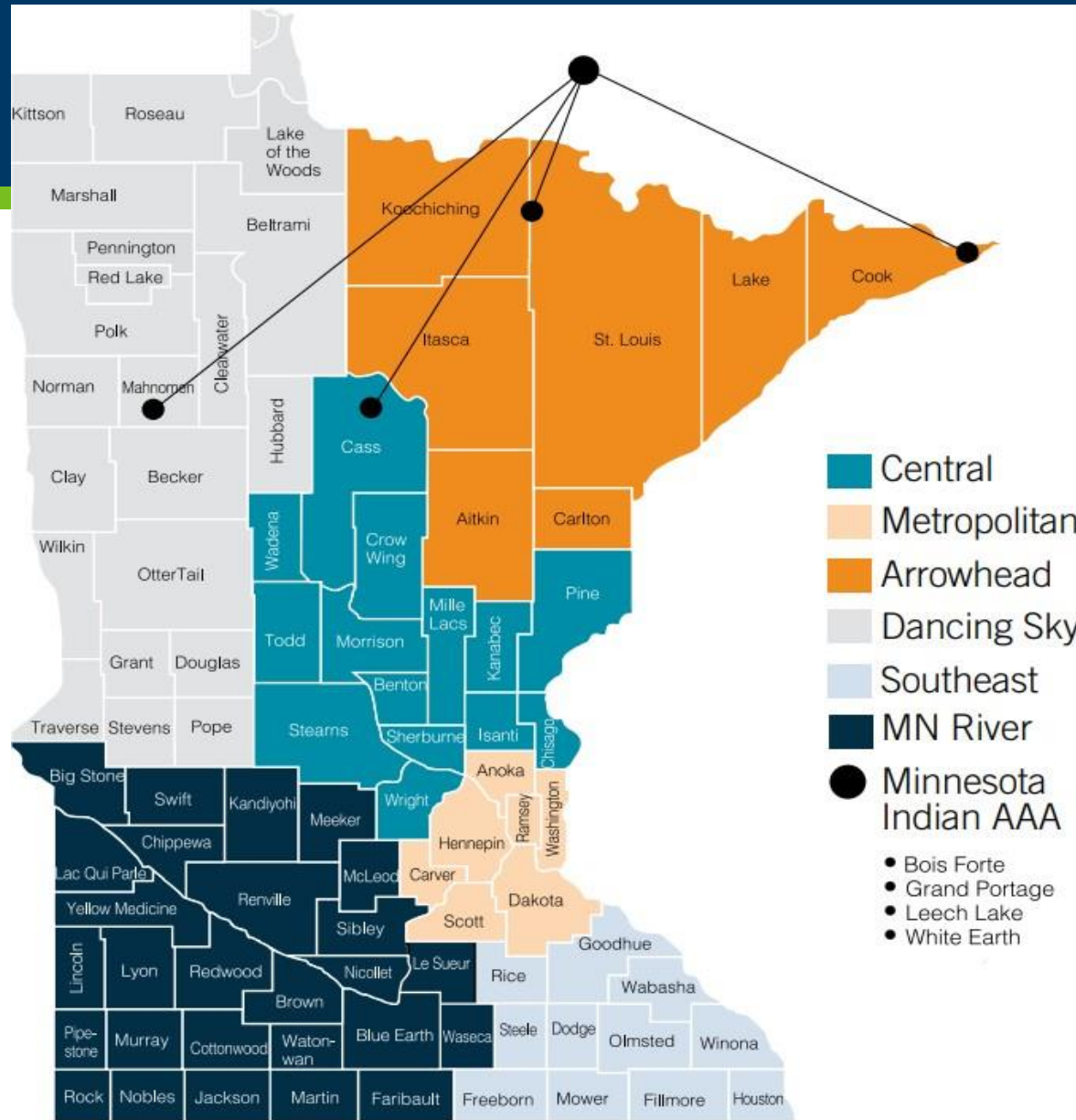
Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

The Snyder Act



# Agencies on Aging



# MIAAA Reorganization



## MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

June 23, 2023

Minnesota Board on Aging  
Public Comment Period  
P.O. Box 64976  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0976

Dear Board Members,

As Chief Executive of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, I am writing to officially notify the Board on Aging that the Mille Lacs Band wishes to opt-in to receiving services for our elders through the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging Planning and Services Area (MIAAA). To date, the Mille Lacs Band has not been a recipient of these services provided to elders. We appreciate this new opportunity to opt-in to this program through the MIAAA to access the services our elders deserve through Title 3 of the Older Americans Act.



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July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Minnesota Board on Aging  
P.O. Box 64976  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0976

Re: Public Comment Period  
Opt-in to Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging's Planning and Services Area

Dear Board Members,

As Tribal Chairman of the Upper Sioux Community, I write to officially notify the Minnesota Board on Aging that the Community wishes to opt-in to receiving services for our elders through the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging ("MIAAA") Planning and Services Area.

The Upper Sioux Community appreciates the reorganization efforts of MIAAA to include all Tribal Nations within the boundaries of the state of Minnesota to allow for the opportunity for all the Tribal Nations to opt-in to MIAAA.

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July 5, 2023

Minnesota Board on Aging  
P.O. Box 64976  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0976

Re: Public Comment Period  
Opt-in to Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging's Planning and Services Area

Dear Board Members,

As President of the Prairie Island Indian Community ("Community"), I write to officially notify the Minnesota Board on Aging that the Community wishes to opt-in to receiving services for our elders through the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging ("MIAAA") Planning and Services Area



## RED LAKE BAND of CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Ombimindwa Gidinawemaaganinaadog  
*Uplifting our relatives*

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July 13, 2023  
Minnesota Board on Aging  
Public Comment Period  
P.O. Box 64976  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0976

Dear Board Members,

The Red Lake Tribal Council authorizes Cheri Goodwin, Ombimindwa Gidinawemaaganinaadog Uplifting our Relatives Executive Director, to officially notify the Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA) that Red Lake Nation is opting-in to the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging Planning and Services Area to receive Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III allocations. Historically, The Red Lake Nation has not participated in the OAA Title III programs and appreciate the opportunity to access resources to better serve our 60 years of age and older elder population.



## Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

### Fond du Lac Development Corporation

Chairman Kevin R. Dupuis, Sr. Secretary/Treasurer Robert Abramowski  
District I Wally J. Dupuis District II Brad Blacketter District III Roger M. Smith, Sr.

Date: July 14, 2023

To: Minnesota Board on Aging  
Public Comment Period  
P.O. Box 64976  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0976

Dear Minnesota Board on Aging,

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (FDL) is thankful for the opportunity to receive Older Americans Act Title III funding to support our elder programs. FDL is opting-in to the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging Planning and Service Area.

Robert Abramowski  
Secretary-Treasurer



## Lower Sioux Indian Community

### in the State of Minnesota

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*Cansayapi Otumwe*

July 27, 2023

Minnesota Board on Aging  
Public Comment Period  
P.O. Box 64976  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0976

Dear Board Members,

Please accept this letter as official notification to the Board on Aging that the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota (Lower Sioux) wishes to opt-in to receiving services for our elders through the (MIAAA) Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging Planning and Services Area.



## Shakopee Mdewakanton

### Sioux Community

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May 8, 2024

Minnesota Board on Aging  
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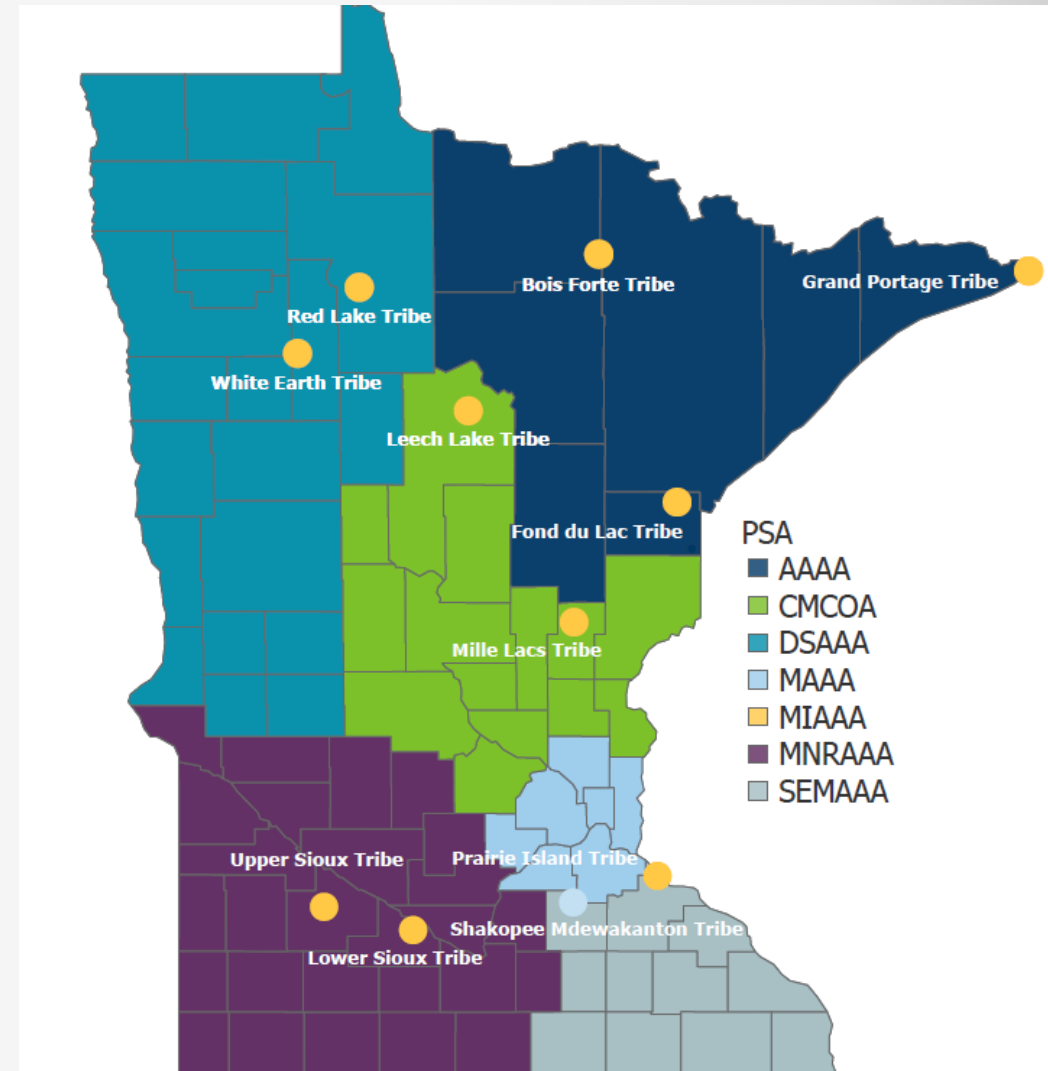
The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community appreciates the opportunity to receive federal Older Americans Act Title III funds to serve our 60 years of age and older elder membership. SMSC is opting-in to the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging Planning and Service Area.

Respectfully,

Cole W. Miller  
Chairman

# Area Agencies on Aging's Planning and Service Areas

- Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging
- Central MN Council on Aging
- Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging
- Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
- MN Indian Area Agency on Aging
- MN River Area Agency on Aging
- SE MN Area Agency on Aging



# Thank you!

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