

Draft Outline for Cabinet on Aging Legislation

- I. Statement of state purpose and intent
 - Findings on aging-increasing aging population
 - State policy on aging- coordination of services and supports for aging population
 - Collaboration across state agencies to drive innovation for vibrant aging across the lifespan
- II. Establishment; Governance; Citation
 - Cabinet- level department housed in MMB under the direction of the Governor's Office to direct and coordinate aging policy, initiatives and services
 - Minnesota Cabinet on Aging (MCAP) or something similar
- III. Discretionary powers
 - Contract for goods or services
 - Receive and expend money from public and private sources for support and services for older adults
 - Secure contracts with federal and local governmental agencies and other organizations
 - Enter into contracts with federal and local governmental agencies, U of M and other educational institutions, private persons, and governmental organizations
 - Sponsor, support and facilitate innovation in economic and community development for older adults
- IV. Duties
 - Coordinate use of federal, state, and local resources for aging supports
 - Collaborate with other state agencies and communities on supports needed to assist aging in place and aging through the lifespan
 - Develop a strategic state plan on aging through the lifespan that addresses access and barriers to health services, housing, transportation, civic participation and employment, outdoor spaces and buildings, communication and information, social participation and social inclusion
 - Provide oversight and coordination with all state agencies for initiatives on aging supports and services
- V. Training and support
 - Focus on training programs for state agencies and local governmental units on how to serve and support older adults
 - Evaluation of strategies to assess the impact of initiatives on aging supports, and identify ways to strengthen the initiatives
- VI. Executive director; staff
 - Executive director, deputy director, project director, public engagement officer
 - Need administrative staff also

VII. Funding

- Individual department funding
- Coordination with other state agencies on federal funds available for programs

VIII. Transfer of Minnesota Board on Aging to the new cabinet level department as Subcabinet on Aging/ transfer Ombudsman for Long-Term Care out of DHS