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Minnesota recommendations go to White House Conference on Aging

Nearly 500 Minnesotans helped produce recommendations sent to the 2015 White House Conference on Aging, which will originate from the White House in Washington, D.C., and be streamed live [online](#) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST on Monday, July 13.

Recommendations were sought on issues related to elder justice, healthy aging, long-term services and supports and retirement security. The Minnesota White House Conference on Aging Planning Committee's report to the national conference, based on 12 listening sessions throughout Minnesota this spring, is posted on the [Minnesota Board on Aging website](#).

"Participants in the listening sessions offered a variety of solutions to such issues as financial scams against seniors, lack of awareness of elder abuse, older adults' challenges in staying mentally and physically healthy, better supporting unpaid caregivers and incenting more people to become paid caregivers," said Jean Wood, executive director of the Minnesota Board on Aging. "People also are interested in promoting greater financial security for older adults through more opportunities for employment, better education about finances for all ages and better planning for long-term services and support costs older adults will face."

The White House has held a conference on aging each decade since the 1960s to identify and advance actions to improve the quality of life of older Americans. In the past, the conference was structured under legislation as part of authorization of the federal Older Americans Act. Congress has not reauthorized the Older Americans Act and pending legislation does not include a requirement or framework for the conference. The White House, however, is convening the conference and using web tools and social media to encourage older Americans to participate. More information about the conference, including a list of Minnesota parties organized to watch the conference, is on the [conference website](#).