

What Were We Thinking? The Past, Present, and Future of Aging Policy and Practices 1969 - 2019 - 2069

2019 Age and Disability Odyssey

Wednesday, July 31, 3:45 - 5:15 PM

Horizon Room 203, Harbor Side

Agenda

Co-Organizers:

- ▶ LaRhae Knatterud, Director, Aging Transformation, MN Dept of Human Services
- ▶ Todd Stump, State Programs Administrator Principal, Aging, MN Dept of Human Services

Guest Presenters:

- ▶ Dr. Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer
- ▶ Dr. Rosalie Kane, Professor, Division of Health Policy & Management, University of Minnesota

Looking Back From the Present: Aging in 1969

- ▶ How government and society interacted with older adults
 - ▶ We undervalued contributions and potential
 - ▶ “Annoyance” instead of a resource
- ▶ What other elements of these interaction results in our asking the question “What were we thinking?”

Dr. Rosalie Kane

- ▶ Professor, Division of Health Policy & Management, University of Minnesota



Dr. Susan Brower

► Minnesota State Demographer



Looking Back From the Future: 2069 vs. 2019

- ▶ How will view the present day in the year 2069?
- ▶ Group discussions

Looking Back From the Future: Survey Results

- ▶ Minnesota Gerontological Society membership
- ▶ Aging and Adult Services Staff

Survey Questions - 1

- ▶ If we were to look back 50 years to 1969, there were many ways in which we, as a government agency, and as a society, served and interacted with older adults that appear quite outmoded today. What are some that you can identify?

Survey Questions - 2

- ▶ What about our current treatment of older adults - are there any policies, societal elements, or other items that will be lead people in the year 2069 to ask "What were we thinking?", when we look back to the present day?

Thank you for attending “What Were We Thinking?”

Please contact us if you have any further questions.

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