



Legislative Task Force on Aging

Friday, March 8, 2024
9:00 – 11:00 A.M.
Room G-23, State Capitol

March Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Representative Klevorn
Senator Morrison
Representative Zeleznikar
Senator Housley
Maureen Schneider
Jen Foley
Councilwoman Agatha Armstrong
Dr. Joe Gaugler

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Minutes for the Task Force meeting on February 9th, 2024 were adopted by a voice vote.

Public Testimony

Renee Bymark and Leif Grina provided testimony to the Task Force.

Task Force Discussion

The Task Force discussed the following questions:

- *We have heard presentations on many topics involved with aging in Minnesota, and we still have more to hear. From what we have heard so far, what directions and opportunities should we start to consider when thinking of our recommendations to the Legislature?*
- *The reality of healthy aging and aging in community in Minnesota is that it is not one thing, it is outcome of many factors. What should we start to consider for promoting how all these factors can improve healthy aging?*
 - *Social Determinants of Health/Aging (according to the CDC)*
 - *Economic stability*
 - *Social and community environment*
 - *Education access*
 - *Health care access and quality*
 - *Neighborhood and built environment*
- *We've heard many experiences members of the public have had aging in Minnesota, touching on things like social programs, broadband equity, clearing snow and ice from*

sidewalks, and more. What thoughts do we have to address these wide-ranging impacts on healthy aging and aging in community?

Framework of Task Force Work

The Task Force agreed to frame its work along the Social Determinants of Health via a voice vote.

Trellis Presentation

The Task Force heard a presentation on the Juniper Care program from Dawn Simonson, President and CEO of Trellis, and Mark Cullen, Vice President of Strategy and Business Development of Trellis.

Solo Agers Presentation

Linda Camp presented to the Task Force on solo agers.

Older Adult Nutritional Insecurity Presentation

Sophie Wallerstedt and Karen Spitzfaden of Second Harvest Heartland, and Peter Woitock of Hunger Solutions, gave a presentation to the Task Force on senior nutritional insecurity.

There being no further business before the Task Force, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M.