

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Aging

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TO: Senior Center Summit Participants
AAA Directors
Senior Community Center Directors
Senior Community Center Providers

FROM: John Michael Hall, Secretary
Department of Aging



SUBJECT: Follow up to the Senior Center Summit June 29 – 30, 2009

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide to you some follow up information related to the Senior Center Summit that was held on June 29 – 30, 2009. We had a very busy and productive two days with a lot of valuable input from a variety of AAA staff, senior community center staff, providers and consumers. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Senior Center Summit and for making it a huge success.

The input from the breakout sessions and the town hall style sessions has been a tremendous help in going forward with looking at how to make changes to the senior center programs to help prepare them for the future. For the Town Hall questions, participants were divided into three groups: AAA staff, providers and consumers/potential consumers. For the breakout sessions, participants were offered an opportunity to participate in two topics of their choice and were divided into two categories: suburban/rural and urban.

Enclosed with this memo is a list of short term and long term goals as well as training opportunities that the Office of Long Term Living and the Joint Committee on Senior Centers are beginning to explore. These are the result of the top items that were discussed during the Senior Center Summit. The results from the Senior Center Summit will also be posted on the PA Senior Center website, the Department of Aging Website and the Office of Long Term Living Website.

Thank you again for your valuable input regarding the Senior Community Center Program. I am excited to move forward to make senior community centers and satellite sites ready for the future. We will continue to keep all interested stakeholders informed of our progress.

If you have any comments or suggestions, they may be addressed to Becky Fortenbaugh at (717) 425-5116 or by email at fortenbau@state.pa.us.

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