

Senior Center Summit
June 29 – 30, 2009
Summary of Goals

The following is a list of short term goals that the Office of Long Term Living and the Joint Committee on Senior Centers are considering in improving the senior center programs.

1. Follow up training to the summit will be provided based on the comments received from participants. The first training opportunity will be held during the annual Pennsylvania Association of Senior Centers (PASC) conference in State College. This conference will be held on March 4 – 5, 2010. Staff from the Office of Long Term Living will be providing updates during this conference and the sessions will be modeled after items such as outcomes measures, creative fundraising, etc.
2. We will be providing policy clarification on topics related to the Aging Program Directive #96-04-01 “Senior Community Center and Satellite Center Policies and Standards”. This will include but not be limited to: resource diversification, charging for programs and eligibility requirements.
3. We will be surveying the network for best case examples of programs that they have begun to implement as a result of the Summit or programs they plan to implement as a result of the Summit. This survey information will be distributed to the network and will be posted on the PA Senior Center, Aging and Office of Long Term Living websites.

The following is a list of long term goals that the Office of Long Term Living and the Joint Committee on Senior Centers are considering in improving the senior center programs.

1. The Long Term Living Training Institute will be developing training programs for senior centers and the Aging Network. We will be working with the training institute and the Joint Committee on Senior Centers to develop the curriculum and types of training will be needed. One resource to use is national experts in the Aging Network as well as center directors/personnel from other states.

Trainings will include video conferencing, webinars and regional trainings.

2. We will explore private pay options (fee for service) and provide technical assistance to the network related to private pay.
3. Taking into account the concerns that were raised related to the Senior Center Aging Program Directive (APD); we will begin reviewing, revising and updating the APD. Stakeholders will have opportunities to provide comments and suggestions as it is reworked.
4. We will work with the Department of Transportation in assisting us to clarify transportation policies, especially in regard to crossing County lines.
5. We will work on providing assistance with marketing or “branding” of the senior centers on a statewide level.
6. We will work with the Administration on Aging (AOA) to help provide guidance to the network on charging fees for programs (what is allowed and what is not allowed). We will also work with AOA on policy clarifications.

The following is a list of training opportunities that the Office of Long Term Living will be providing. These opportunities are both long term and short term goals.

1. Marketing the senior centers
2. Creating a business plan
3. Fee for service
4. Outcomes measurements
5. Resource diversification/fundraising opportunities
6. Policy clarification from the APD (including changes to the APD)
7. AOA policy clarification