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Department of Aging Begins Work on 2012 -2016 State Plan on Aging

Harrisburg – Secretary of Aging Brian Duke today kicked-off a strategic planning process for the new State Plan on Aging, which will guide the provision of services to older Pennsylvanians. Under law, it must be updated every four years.

Duke encouraged people attending the joint annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging (PCOA) and Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging (P4A) to participate in developing the plan. The process will include focus groups, town meetings and public hearings.

“This plan will provide important direction as we deliver services to an ever-increasing number of persons in need,” said Duke. “Throughout the upcoming months, we will join with service providers, community leaders and the public as we seek input on formulating an innovative, comprehensive state plan.”

Today’s meeting focused on aging issues, models and innovations for aging within communities, health and wellness as well as revitalizing existing aging services.

The 2012 – 2016 State Plan on Aging will be submitted to Governor Tom Corbett for approval and sent to the U.S. Administration on Aging by the end of June 2012.

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