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Department of Aging Secretary Visits Agencies in Philadelphia, Focusing on Cultural Needs to Help Older Pennsylvanians Age and Live Well

Philadelphia – Secretary of Aging Brian Duke today visited three Philadelphia senior centers that serve their diverse members by focusing on their cultural needs.

Duke stopped by the Klein Jewish Community Center, On Lok House which serves those of Asian ancestry and the Nationalities Services Center which serves immigrants and refugees in the Greater Philadelphia area.

At the three facilities, Duke learned more about the programs offered, including nutrition programs for seniors, and local community partnerships. Duke also learned about importance of focusing on cultural needs of those receiving services.

At the On Lok House, Duke helped serve members lunch as part of recognition of National Volunteer Week.

“As our population ages, we need to be cognizant of programs that reach out to specific groups to ensure these services best meet their needs,” Duke said. “Building partnerships strengthens our ability to serve older adults who are part of these diverse communities.”

Last fall, the department completed a four-year strategic State Plan on Aging. The plan provides a roadmap for meeting the challenges of serving a large and diverse community of older Pennsylvanians.

The plan builds upon the department’s mission to enhance the quality of life of all older Pennsylvanians by empowering diverse communities, the family and the individual. It is designed to boost successful programs and identify areas for future development.

The State Plan on Aging also includes measures that help establish and expand partnerships that help older adults live and age well in their communities. The visits to On Lok House and Nationalities Services Center were part of a collaborative effort between the department and AARP.

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