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How Texas Is Preparing for the Age Wave: A Conversation on Change

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“You are what you share.”

“An idea is set in motion by being shared.”

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- Older Americans Act Declaration of Objectives
- Advocacy Mandate

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Vision Statement for an Aging Texas

STATE

- HRC 101.022
- SCR 36
- RP 42

State of Our State on Aging (Benchmark Data)

Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee (Expert Opinion)

Program and Policy Analysis

- Conduct primary studies and secondary analysis
- Translate research into policy

- Benchmarks
- Reports and Information
- Research Agenda

- Signs of the Times
- Leadership Agendas
- Stakeholder Input
- RP 42

Policy and Planning

- Link with key agencies
- Serve as stakeholder, expert and "Resource"
- Review and comment on plans and policies
- Conduct policy analyses

- Reports and Information
- Councils/Workgroups
- Comments and Testimony
- Policy Agenda

Capacity Building

- Operationalize Policy
- Develop Partnerships and Resources
- Foster Community Planning
- Encourage Volunteer Promotion

- Publications/Website/ Presentations
- Best Practices/ Technical Assistance
- Public Awareness
- Resources/Tools

Achievement of Vision Statement

(as measured by Benchmark Data)

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Opportunities for Texans Across the Lifespan

Big Picture Questions


- **What's the national perspective? Where do Virginia and ODP fit in?**
- **Are there mentor programs out there? Who can we look to?**

Key Questions

- How is Texas better off with an ATW initiative?
- What collaborations have been developed? How can they be sustained?



Partnerships

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Texas-sized Business Involvement

- How can businesses play a role? What do they get?
- How can businesses become more involved?

Planning for a Future

- How do we translate planning into action?
- What do communities want? Individuals?
Businesses?

Metrics and Evaluation

- **Statewide Survey**
- **Community Dashboard**
- **Integrated data collection for statewide roll-up of data.**
- **Nurture a justification of ODP**

Dollars for Development

- **Community Certification**
- **Access to Resources**

Technology

- **New media to blanket the state with conversation and collaboration.**
- **Virtual Communities (“Second Life”)**

“Ideas grow by being articulated, tested, refined, borrowed, amended, adapted and extended. They are activities that can rarely take place entirely in the head of an individual; but which invariably involve many people sharing different insights and criticisms.”

Challenges for the ODP

- **Vested Interests/Status Quo**
- **Categorical Funding Streams**
- **Lack of Dialogue across Systems (Being Siloed)**
- **Attitudinal Barriers**
- **Regulations that Inhibit Sharing Resources**
- **Limited Research to Make the Case**

Benefits to the ODP

- Increase in Community Well-being
- Greater Leveraging of Limited Resources
- Policy Transformation
- Recognition of Natural Alliances
- Increased Community Engagement
- Stronger Support Networks

Concluding Remarks

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Questions & Answers