



## **2019 Summit: Age-Friendly Minnesota – Engaging All Voices and Communities**

December 11, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

UMN Continuing Education Conference Center

### *Objectives*

- 1. To explore the impact of engagement in supporting development of and continuation of age-friendly communities.*
- 2. To identify how we can utilize current best practices in age-friendly initiatives as catalysts for expanding the state's commitment toward an age-friendly Minnesota*
- 3. To leverage opportunities and confront challenges around equity and diversity.*
- 4. To activate stakeholders into ownership of- and participation in- development of a statewide framework.*

### **8:00 Registration & Breakfast**

Registration opens and continental breakfast available for participants.

### **8:30 Welcome**

Amanda Vickstrom, Chair, Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging

### **8:40 Age-Friendly State Designation**

Kari Benson, Executive Director, Minnesota Board on Aging

### **8:50 Governor Tim Walz: Age-Friendly Minnesota Executive Order (invited)**

### **9:15 Keynote: Engaging community in becoming great for people of all ages**

Laura Poskin, MSPG, Director, Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh

### **10:15 Break**

### **10:30-12:30 Panel Discussions**

#### **10:30 Panel of key leaders in the state focused Age-Friendly Minnesota**

- Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Commissioner Jennifer Leimaile Ho
- Minnesota Transportation Commissioner: Margaret Anderson Kelliher (invited)
- Minnesota Board on Aging: Executive Director Kari Benson
- Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm
- Minnesota Department of Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead (invited)
- Minnesota Department of Commerce Commissioner Steve Kelley (invited)

**11:30 Aging Together Minnesota: Confronting Disparities in Systems & Communities**

- Facilitator: Kari Davis, Director, Cora McCorvey & Co-Chair, of MN Diverse Elders Coalition
- Roxana Linares, Executive Director, Centro Tyrone Guzman
- Jonathan Palmer, Executive Director, Hallie Q. Brown
- Marsha Berry, LGBT Community Advocate
- Brenda Fong, Asian American Community Advocate

**12:30 Lunch**

**1:30 Action Planning—Breakout Session 1**

**2:15 Break**

**2:30 Action Planning—Breakout Session 2**

**3:15 Closing Session: How One Community is Embracing Age-Friendly Communities**

**Council Member Susan Pha, Brooklyn Park MN**

It can be done!! While the state moves ahead with their work, we encourage local communities to forge ahead with their age-friendly initiatives.

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