

Agenda

9:00 am	Welcome and Roll Call	Chair Pugh
9:05 am	Coordination of Minnesota's Aging Plans	Reena Shetty
9:25 am	Feedback: Council Working Session	Chair Pugh
9:30 am	Council Committee Membership Confirmations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Committee• Advocacy and Policy Committee (attend legislative meetings, testimony, outreach to communities)• Blueprint Steering Committee: (Strategy, Implementation, Grants & Action Teams)	Chair Pugh/Staff
9:45 am	Action Team Workshop and Deliverables	J. Patterson/ L. Morken
10:00 am	Legislative and Advocacy Strategy Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tools and Roles for Council	Chair Pugh/Farah Baig
10:15 am	Director/Staff Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grants Update• Community Stories of Impact• Website Resources – Regional Exchange	Lisa Edstrom/Staff
10:30	Adjourn	

Next Meeting: Working Session - Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 9-10:30 am



Coordination of the State of Minnesota's Aging Plans

Reena Shetty

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COORDINATION OF MINNESOTA'S AGING PLANS

	MN Board on Aging (MBA)	Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)	AFMN Council	MN Management & Budget (MMB)
ENTITY TYPE/STATUS	Federally designated State Unit on Aging under the Older Americans Act (OAA).	Regional entities (7 in MN) authorized by the OAA; coordinate services and programs in regions.	Advisory council established by executive order in 2019.	State agency appointed to lead new Healthy Aging effort; gov't-led subcabinet proposed by legislation (HF 2725).
PLAN OVERVIEW: What plan does/will each entity develop?	State Plan on Aging: Federally mandated plan developed every 4 years.	Area Plan: Federally mandated plan developed every 4 years, in conjunction with MBA/State Plan.	Multisector Blueprint for Aging: Voluntary, cross-sector plan. Broader in scope than State & Area Plans.	Healthy Aging Plan: Legislative mandate to produce this plan for the first time, plus annual reports.
SHARED PIECES OF THIS WORK	<p>Comprehensive Aging Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide assessment of older adults will be conducted to set priorities that will guide next State Plan and other state-led plans for aging Survey work runs January-June 2026; findings released in September 2026 <p><i>Co-leads:</i> DHS Aging and Adults Services Division & MBA <i>Coordinating partners:</i> AAAs, AFMN, MMB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Steering Committee with a representative from each entity will ensure the work is coordinated 			

AFMN Council: Key Takeaways

- **Multisector Blueprint** work is recognized as both distinct and connected/coordinated across various State-led efforts
- **AFMN Council representation** on Steering Committee ensures real-time connection and input to all entities' planning
- **Comprehensive Aging Survey** results can be used to refine and advance Blueprint priorities

Minnesota's Story Collective



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Thank You!

AFMN Council Committees

Executive Committee

- Governance
- Strategy
- Agenda for Council meetings

Advocacy and Policy Committee

- Meetings with Legislators
- Testimony at Committee hearings
- Outreach and messaging

Blueprint Steering Committee

- Implementation and communication strategy
- Action Team Advisory

Action Team Workshop Report

January 28, 2026 – Saint Paul, MN



Report to Age-Friendly Minnesota Council

Feb. 11, 2026



Members of all 9 Action Teams attended

Connected Communities



3 teams:

- Affordable Housing
- Multimodal Transportation
- Digital Engagement

Emergency Preparedness, Individual Rights and Safety



1 team:

- Integrated Emergency Response Systems

Optimized Health and Longevity



3 teams:

- Equitable Opportunities for Physical Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Integrated and Coordinated Care
- Long-Term Care

Economic Security and Vitality



2 teams:

- Meeting Basic Needs and Beyond
- Vital Contributors to the Workforce

Workshop Snapshot

- **70 attendees** (*out of ≈ 100 Action Team members*)
- **Facilitated by Health Management Associates (HMA)**
- **Goals for the day:**
 - Clarify process, deliverables, and expectations (AFMN)
 - Finalize tactics that will be focus of recommendations (Teams)
 - Strengthen Team-level relationships with in-person time together
 - Deepen connection to the Blueprint's broader goals through large- and small-group discussion and greater understanding of the work



Big pieces of work for the day

Finalizing tactics:

Each Team determined 3 tactics for which they'll create recommendations

Understanding process:

AFMN presented new process for developing those recommendations

Team breakouts:

- In-depth tactic discussion
- Built on work to date

New tools & templates guide process

- **SBAR** (Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendations)
- **Implementation Plan worksheet**

Updated structure clarifies roles and responsibilities

- **Steering Committee** added to process: members include AFMN Council, Action Team Conveners, AFMN staff

Action Team Launch

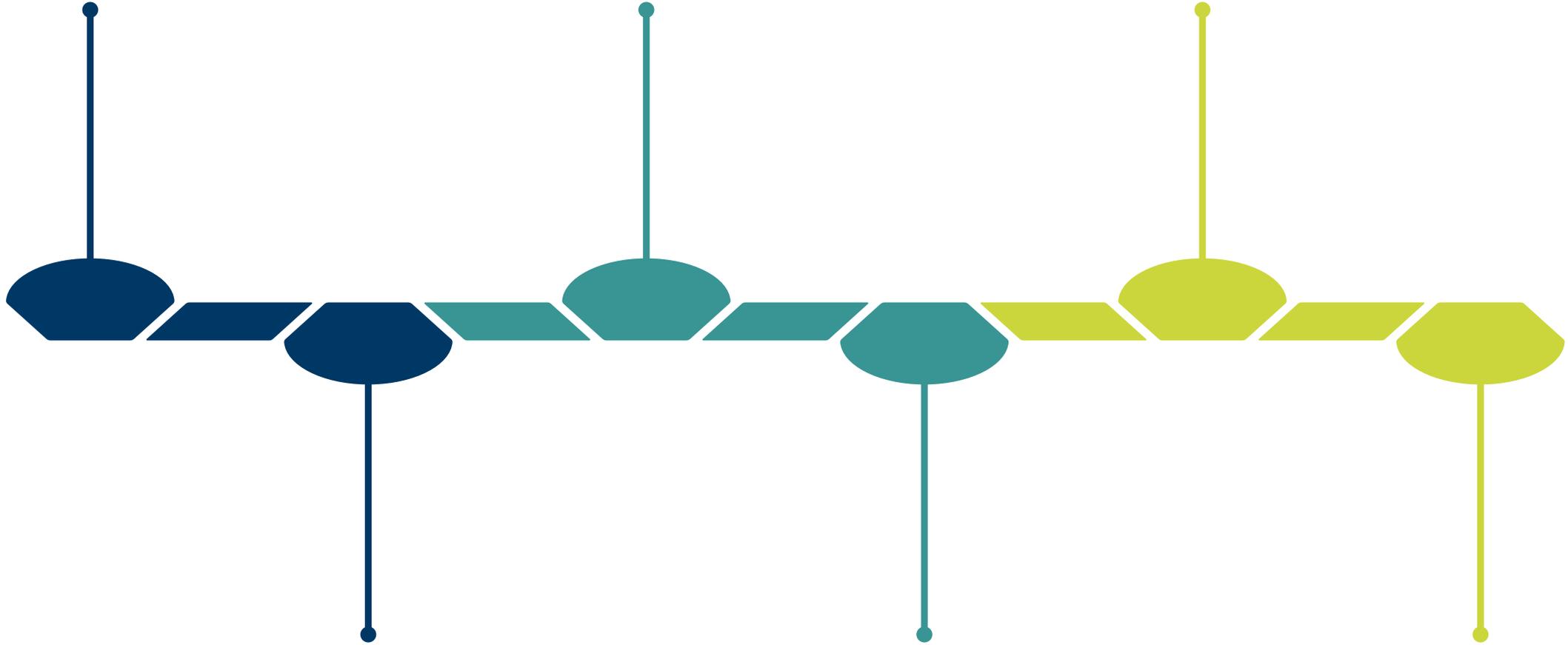
Work

Deliverables

5 Teams launch
March 2025

Getting established and focused
March 2025-Jan. 2026

Teams deliver SBAR and
Implementation Plans - *June 2026*



4 Teams launch
July-Sept. 2025

Action Team Workshop
January 2026

Steering Committee delivers
final recommendations
July 2026

MN House Committees that Align with AFMN



Domain 1: Connected Communities

- **Human Services**
- **Housing Finance and Policy**
- **Transportation Finance and Policy**



Domain 2: Emergency Preparedness, Individual Rights and Safety

- **Public Safety Finance and Policy**



Domain 3: Optimized Health and Vitality

- **Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy**
- **Health Finance and Policy**



Domain 4: Economic Security and Vitality

- **Commerce Finance and Policy**
- **Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy**

Who has AFMN reached out to?

Human Services

Senate:
*Hoffman, Abeler,
Rasmussen*

House:
Schomacker, Noor

Jobs and Economic Development

Senate:
Champion

House:
Baker

Housing

Senate:
Putnam

House:
Igo, Kozlowski

Transportation

Senate:
Carlson

House:
Myers, Jones

Meeting Strategy

- Inform Legislators of the scope of Age-Friendly Minnesota
 - Lifespan approach
 - Older adulthood is part of lifespan
 - Blueprint scope – focus on Blueprint areas that align with Committee scope
 - Grant work related to Committee work
- Understand committee priorities in 2026
 - Propose presenting to committees during session
 - In follow-up, emphasize how the work of the committee aligns with the work of AFMN

2026 Legislative Updates

- Session begins Feb. 17, 2026
- 21 legislators have announced their retirement (including Rep.Schomacker)
- Six House members are running for a Senate seat
- 11 are running for a different office (three Republicans are running for Governor)
- [Legislative Retirements - Minnesota Legislative Reference Library](#)

Director/Staff Report

- **Action Team work** continues with Health Management Associates. We are receiving very positive feedback from team members
- **Multisector Blueprint** work is underway with vendor (Background Stories) on refresh of the Blueprint document. An introduction is being added. A brief progress report (2024/2025) will also be completed in March.
- **Impact Stories and Resource page** updates are underway. We will share these by email as they are completed. Stories will be used to show implementation progress. [AFMN Resources webpage](#).
- **Outreach** AFMN will have two presentations at the MGS conference (Ageism in the Workplace and Emergency Preparedness Action Team). Meeting with Tribal Liaisons today to advance our Equity and Inclusion goal.

- Number of active community grantees: 45
 - Seven community grantees have completed their grant projects this past quarter.
 - Round 2 community grantee contracts end May 31, 2026
 - Round 1 Expansions end June 30, 2026 (unless extended)
- Number of active TAP Grantees: 12
 - TAP grantee projects end June 30, 2026 (unless extended)
- Will be extending some grants to 12/31/26. Additional funding may also be available. Staff is working on process. Will require council action.
 - Number of grantees interested in an extension: 6 - with more possible

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