Age-Friendly Minnesota Council Meeting

October 14, 2026

9:00 to 10:30 am

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Agenda

9:00 am	Call to Order and Welcome	Chair Pugh
9:05 am	Exec & Policy and Advocacy Comm	Committee and staff
9:35 am	Comprehensive Aging Survey	Vital Research
10:05 am	Action Teams Recommendation Report	Chair Pugh and staff
10:20 am	Director/Staff Report	Staff

Next Council Working Session:

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | 9:00-10:00 a.m. | Virtual



Executive & Policy and Advocacy Committee

Considerations

- **Feedback from MBA Strategic Planning meeting**
- **2027 'unknowns'**
  - MMB report April 1, 2027; Draft report available mid-December
  - Multiple changes in state leadership (Governor's office, legislature, state agency leadership)
- **AFMN Council members to determine 'our voice' for 2027**
  - Legislative Proposal for 2027 session

Legislative Options

Option 1 Re-introduce the 2025 bill which includes funding for grants, staffing, administration and permanency of AFMN Council – edit to include the Multisector Blueprint for Aging in statute

Option 2 Introduce bill that calls for permanency of AFMN Council, funding for staff and administration, and a specific mandate to oversee the Multisector Blueprint for Aging. (see document sent ahead of Council meeting). Increases size of Council to 19--to include legislators)

Option 3 Governor Executive Order to continue the AFMN Council with specific oversight of the Multisector Blueprint for Aging – less likely since we don't currently have an audience with either Klobuchar or Demuth team

Option 4 MBA/DHS absorbs the work of the Multisector Blueprint for Aging with a designated Age-Friendly subcommittee and staffing.

Potential bill authors: Kozlowski, Lee, Gustafson

Timeline for 2027 Legislative Session (budget year)

MONTH	ACTION ITEM(S)
October	AFMN Regional Exchanges; partner meetings, continue proposal development
November	Continue proposal development; legislator meetings-post election; MMB releases November budget forecast; 2027 election results
December	Finalize materials for 2027 session; legislator meetings-bill authorship; MMB-LRP draft proposal expected

Comprehensive Aging Survey Report

Vital Research



Action Teams Recommendation Report Approval





Regional Exchange Update

Registration for in-person events closes October 19, 2026!

Age-Friendly Minnesota and our regional partners present

Statewide Age-Friendly Exchange 2026

Start statewide. Go local.

National voices. Minnesota perspectives. Ideas for action.

Day 1: VIRTUAL | STATEWIDE PERSPECTIVE

- Connect with national experts from Trust for America's Health and Cornell University on the growing impact of the age-friendly ecosystem
- Engage with cross-sector MN leaders about how age-friendly healthcare, businesses, universities and more are reshaping aging

Day 2: IN-PERSON | REGIONAL CONNECTION

- Go deeper into regional priorities and opportunities for collaboration at five in-person locations across Minnesota



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DAY 1:
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026
8:30am-12:30pm

Join us online!

DAY 2:
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026
In-person at five locations across the state: Bemidji, Chisholm, Mankato, Plymouth, and Sartell

Regional Exchanges are free to attend, and in-person events include lunch with registration.

Registration open!
Scan the QR code or visit
https://bit.ly/AFRE2026

2026 Regional Exchanges: Invitation for AFMN Council Participation

- **Day 1: Virtual Conference** (Tues., 10/27)
  - Via MS Teams
- **Day 2: In-Person Gatherings** (Wed., 10/28)
  - **Arrowhead** region: Chisholm
  - **Central** region: Sartell
  - **Metro** region: Plymouth
  - **Northwest** region: Bemidji
  - **Southern** region: Mankato



IDEAS FOR DAY-OF PARTICIPATION

- Provide welcome remarks
- Provide closing remarks
- Community greeter – help welcome people
- Introduce a speaker or session
- Share a short reflection – "What I heard today that we should pay attention to…"

AFMN team will support & coordinate!

Upcoming Meetings

- **October**
  - Regional Exchanges: Oct. 27th virtual / Oct. 28th in-person
- **November**
  - AFMN Working Session rescheduled to 11/18
- **December**
  - AFMN Council meeting 12/9