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Virtual Statewide Age-Friendly Exchange

AGENDA

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

8:30-8:45am **Welcome: Mimi Stender,** *Member, Age-Friendly Minnesota Council*

8:45-9:30 **Keynote: "Aging Requires New Paradigms for Economy, Society, and Planning"** - *Dr. Mildred E. Warner, Professor, Dept. of City and Regional Planning, and the Ashley School of Global Development and the Environment, Cornell University*

9:30-9:40 **BREAK**

9:40-10:30 **Featured Presentation: "From Pieces to Possibility: Building an Age-Friendly Ecosystem" -** *Megan Wolfe, Senior Policy Development Manager; and Dr. Karon L. Phillips, Policy Development Manager, Trust for America's Health*

10:30-10:40 **BREAK**

10:40am-noon **Connecting the Dots in Minnesota: What's Possible Together**

- **Age-Friendly Communities**
  - Meghan Redmond**,** Associate Director of Community Engagement, AARP Minnesota
  - Jean Eaton, Chair, Age-Friendly Freeborn County
- **Age-Friendly Universities**:
  - **University of St. Thomas**: Tanya Rand, EdD, MSW LICSW, Senior Clinical Professor School of Social Work; Director, Area of Emphasis in Aging Program- Morrison Family College of Health
  - **University of Minnesota-Duluth:** Kim Dauner, PhD, Prof. of Health Care Management; Head, Department of Economics and Health Care Management-Labovitz School of Business and Economics; Ella Cola, Research Assistant, Dept. of Health Care Management
  - **St. Catherine University** – Melanie Homan, OTD, MAOTD, Assistant Professor in the Graduate Department of Occupational Therapy
- **Age-Friendly Public Health**: Cheryl Elj, Public Health Program Coordinator, Aging and Adult Health Unit, St. Louis County
- **Age-Friendly Health Systems:** Mark Sonneborn, Data Analytics Consultant, Federally Qualified Health Center United Health Network (FUHN)
- **Age-Friendly Businesses/Employment**:
  - Jess Langer, Outreach and Advocacy Specialist, Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging
  - Samantha Neumann, Northern Communities Credit Union
  - Ali Bilden Camps, Senior Consultant, Northspan Group, Inc.

Full room facilitated discussion

12pm-12:10 **BREAK**

12:10-12:30 **Age-Friendly Minnesota: Shaping the Future**
Lisa Edstrom, Director, Age-Friendly Minnesota Council

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

Check out Minnesota's Multisector Blueprint for Aging

View the new Action Teams Recommendations Report

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