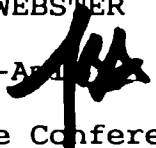


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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1995

MEMORANDUM TO BILLY WEBSTER

From: Jeremy Ben-Ari 
Subject: White House Conference on Aging

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January 3, 1995

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WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

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FERNANDO M. TORRES-GIL
Assistant Secretary for Aging

ROBERT B. BLANCATO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Jeremy Ben-Ami

From: Elaine Dalpiaz

Date: December 30, 1994

RE: Schedule proposals

Enclosed you will find the three schedule proposals for the participation of President Clinton in the 1995 White House Conference on Aging. Copies were also faxed to you on the morning of December 30, 1994.

FYI
DPC Staff BevTHE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO BILLY WEBSTER

FROM: Carol H. Rasco ^{CH} ~~CHA~~

SUBJECT: Planning Calendar

As per your request, the following are the Domestic Policy Council's contributions to the planning calendar for the coming year. The first section contains some definite dates requiring Presidential involvement. We have organized the second section by listing areas in which we believe events should be on the calendar to highlight past achievements and current priorities as well as "one-time" events that might be wise to consider.

(1) VIRTUALLY CERTAIN EVENTS

World AIDS Day - December 1, 1994.

Empowerment Zone Designation Announcement - December 1994.

White House Conference on Aging - May 2-5, Washington, D.C. The President will be asked to participate at the event, most likely on the first day, giving welcoming remarks.

Arkansas/Georgetown Basketball Game - late November 1994. The entire DPC staff is available to advance this event.

National Governors Association -- Winter meeting: January 28-31 J.W. Marriott Washington D.C.; Summer meeting: July 29- August 1 in Burlington Vt.

(2) OTHER PRIORITY EVENTS

We look forward to being involved in thinking through the strategic plan for the President's schedule. Our suggestions here fall into four categories: highlighting (a) past accomplishments; (b) current priorities, (c) attention to the concerns of particular communities as well as (d) several one-time events that the President should consider attending.

(a) Highlighting Past Accomplishments

Reinventing Government

We should mark the one year anniversary of the signing of the Executive Order requiring a reduction of 100,000 federal employees in February of 1995. The second Executive Order increasing it to 252,000 was signed in September, and we could do an event on the one year mark of that one.

Education

We support a series of high profile education events highlighting the successes we have achieved in implementing the lifelong learning agenda. The NEC has suggested four events to promote GOALS 2000 which we support.

Technology Learning Challenge - On January 11, 1995, the Department of Education will be announcing the Technology Learning Challenge, a new grant program to encourage the development of software and multi-media programming for schools on the information superhighway. The VP will be at this event, but it could become a Presidential event to promote hooking schools up to the information superhighway.

Community Empowerment

In December, 1994, the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) regulations will be finalized. This is the last piece of the President's community empowerment agenda -- Empowerment Zones, Community Development Bank bill and CRA reform. We could do an event to highlight our achievements on this front. The event could also coincide with the nomination announcement of the Administrator of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

Obviously, we will want to have continued events to mark other accomplishments including Crime and National Service.

(b) Highlighting Next Year's Priorities

We should begin to look at events and opportunities to highlight at least three priorities in the coming year: Health Care, Welfare Reform, and Political Reform.

(c) Highlighting Concern for Particular Communities

Elderly/Seniors

We should give thought to a strategic series of seniors events that make use not only of the White House Conference on Aging, but some of the following events as well:

- OLDER AMERICANS MONTH - May 1995 - 30th anniversary of the Older Americans Act. Could be a separate event from the White House Conference on Aging.

- 60th ANNIVERSARY OF SOCIAL SECURITY - August 14, 1995
- 30th ANNIVERSARY OF MEDICARE and MEDICAID
- 1995 has been designated "Year of the Grandparent"
- National Family Caregiver Week is generally recognized during the week of Thanksgiving.

People with Disabilities

The President may have committed to opening the Special Olympic World Games in New Haven Connecticut, around July 3, 1995.

Native Americans

We should demonstrate continued interest and involvement in issues of importance to Native Americans. One opportunity is on November 13, 1994, when the National Congress of American Indians will celebrate its 50th anniversary. At a minimum a Presidential greeting would be helpful. NCAI is the organization the White House worked with to coordinate the April meeting with tribal leaders.

(d) Other One Time Events to Consider

White House Conference on Travel and Tourism - November/ December 1995, Washington, D.C.

Farm Bill Introduction

We will be introducing the Farm Bill on March 1, 1995. We should consider a Presidential event highlighting the administration's proposals.

NGA Children's Event

Governor Dean, the incoming head of NGA, is talking about a summertime meeting (like a summit) on children's issues, perhaps at a midwest college campus.

cc: Erskine Bowles
Mark Gearan
DPC Staff

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING
Presidential Greeting for State and Local Meetings

Hello, and thank you for participating in this historic event leading up to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

Over the coming months, thousands of Americans like you will gather together in state and local meetings across this nation to discuss issues of importance to the senior community. These meetings will culminate next May in the White House Conference on Aging in Washington, D.C.

Through your participation here today, you will be helping to shape our national aging policy into the 21st century. Senior citizens and younger Americans across all fifty states are joining in this critical discussion.

I want you to know how eager I am to hear your thoughts and opinions and how committed I am to working with you to implement the recommendations that are generated at the national conference next spring. Few things we do together will be more important to the long-term benefit of all the generations.

I urge each of you to play an active role in today's meeting. Your ideas will guide us, your voice will inspire us. Your strength will lead us, as America faces a new century. I look forward to meeting you and your representatives at the White House Conference on Aging in May.

Thank you, and God bless you.

— 10/6/94

Jeremy -

Here's the
scheduling request
for the taping.

Best,

Janet

Schedule Proposal**10/5/94**

☐ **ACCEPT**☐ **REGRET**☐ **PENDING**

To: Billy Webster
Director of Scheduling and Advance

From: Michael Waldman
Special Assistant to the President for Policy Coordination

Request: Taping of video

Purpose: To extend Presidential greetings to thousands of senior citizens across the country who will participate in hundreds of local meetings leading up to next year's White House Conference on Aging

Background: The White House Conference on Aging, scheduled for May 2-5, 1995, is a once-a-decade event which provides senior citizens the opportunity to organize and work together to affect national policies of importance to their community. Sen. David Pryor chairs the planning committee for the meeting. Two thousand delegates chosen by Governors, Members of Congress, national aging organizations, and veterans groups will attend.

Previous participation: The President announced official plans for the event in a February 1994 press release and named the members of the Conference Policy Committee in a release in early July.

Date and time: Open/ASAP

Duration: Approximately 5 minutes

Location: To be determined

Participants: The President

Outline of Events: Taping only

Remarks required: Brief script to be drafted by Michael Waldman and Janet Abrams of Strategic Planning and Communications Office in consultation with Conference staff

Media Coverage: No

First Lady's Attendance: No

Vice President's Attendance: No

Second Lady's Attendance: No

Recommended by: Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

Contact: Janet Abrams
6-5691

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: 7/7/94

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TO: Ricki Seidman
Assistant to the President and Director of Scheduling and Advance

FROM: Carol H. Rasco,  Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

REQUEST: Photo Opportunity with Members of Policy Committee
White House Conference on Aging

PURPOSE: The Policy Committee will be meeting for the first time on July 27th.
A photo opportunity, along with the release of a brief statement
announcing the Committee would be valuable publicity for this
important event.

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provides senior citizens the opportunity to organize and work together
to affect national policies of importance to their community. The last
Conference took place in 1981. The Conference is called for in
legislation in which Congress mandates the creation of a policy
committee to oversee its planning. The Committee is made up of both
Presidential and Congressional appointees.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President announced the convening of the Conference in a February
press release, and we would now like to announce the appointment of
the members of the Policy Committee and to have a quick photo
opportunity.

DATE AND TIME: The Policy Committee will be meeting on July 27th. Any time that day
would work for the photo opportunity.

DURATION: 15 minutes.

LOCATION: To be determined. Rose Garden would be ideal.

PARTICIPANTS: List of President's nominees attached. (They are in the final stages of
clearance.)

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: This would be a simple photo opportunity, including enough time for
the President to briefly greet and thank the members.

REMARKS: A brief statement to be released to the press will be drafted by the Domestic Policy Council in coordination with the Press Office.

MEDIA: Open press.

FIRST LADY'S No
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CONTACT: Jeremy Ben-Ami, 6-5584.

TO: Jeremy Ben-Ami.
FROM: Bob Blancato
DATE: 29 September 1994
RE: White House Conference on Aging Focus Groups

CC: Jennifer
O'Connor

Per our discussion, I am faxing you some information about our focus group activities. We have conducted two types of focus groups: 1) intergenerational and 2) "seniors only". The materials I am sending today are from our seniors only focus groups. Our intergenerational focus groups conducted by Temple University are ethnic/minority focused. To date, we have reached out to Hispanic, Asian and African-American communities. They are run in a similar fashion to the other focus groups and are quite interesting as well.

White House Conference on Aging Focus Group Project

**A Summary Description
Prepared by
Helen K. Kerschner, Ph.D.
September 27, 1994**

Background.

The White House Conference Focus Group Project has included two phases. The initial phase was initiated in February, 1994. Working with Dr. Paul Kerschner and the Gerontological Society of America, Helen Kerschner and the University of New Mexico Center on Aging, the American Association for International Aging, and the RSVP Directors Association undertook an initial demonstration of four focus groups in four cities. The project was supported by the Retirement Research Foundation. The second phase of the project was initiated in July, 1994. It includes up to twenty focus groups and is supported by the National Corporation for Community Service.

A Compelling Message.

The overall theme of the focus group project has been, "don't meet until you see the whites of their eyes." The theme conveys the message that the White House Conference wants to:

- reach out to the grass roots;
- get in touch with real people;
- meet with constituents on their own turf;
- involve older Americans in a meaningful activity; and
- discover the "real world" of aging.

It is timely in that the older Americans who have participated have made it clear that they believe they have tremendous wisdom, energy and experience; can make important contributions to the country; and desperately want us to value them and utilize their opinions. In other words they want to be productive.

A Win/Win Experience.

The focus group effort is truly a "win/win" experience: for older Americans, for communities, and for the White House Conference. Each of the focus groups has included up to 20 older American participants. However, those participants do not reflect the magnitude of community involvement. Our focus group method has been modified to include observers who are actually in the room with the participants. The observer involvement has been described as "up close and personal."

This approach has made it possible for the focus groups to be a "community event" which includes print and electronic media, government officials, professionals, congressional and legislative staff, community volunteers and others. The hard work and the honest expressions of opinion by the participants has not been affected...even with the "excitement and electricity" of the event; the inclusion of community and national leaders as observers; and TV cameras rolling and reporters with microphones roaming around the room.

A Successful Process.

The focus group process which is used has evolved over the course of time through the efforts of a facilitator who has conducted more than 350 focus groups with older Americans. The outcome of these efforts is an enviable track record of success.

The focus group process generally is a two-hour experience, however, it can be modified to be shorter. It includes:

- a brief overview by the facilitator
- introductions of participants
- introductions of guests and observers
- review of the "rules of the game"
- a question/response cycle with 15 questions
- a written survey
- a focused discussion
- questions and answers

The data base of opinion information for the White House Conference already is substantial, and includes both qualitative and quantitative data. Some of the themes which have emerged thus far reinforce common beliefs, others have surprised older Americans and professionals alike. Concerns with health care service, health care costs, and financial security, and fear of loneliness, poverty, and crime are not totally surprising. However, other types of concerns are somewhat surprising: being viewed negatively by the media, being excluded from decision and policy making, being isolated from society, being seen as unimportant "excess baggage." Three other surprises are their high level of confidence in the important role they could play if society would only allow it, their very negative view toward younger people, and their perception of the negative view younger people have toward them.

The "people part" of the process is every bit as important as the enormous data base of opinions. The question/response format is non-threatening. The interaction between the participants and facilitator is dynamic and exciting. In virtually every focus group, participants express refreshingly honest opinions and also learn about the White House Conference. Following the focus groups, participants indicate that they feel important, empowered, and involved. And, they go to great lengths to say how much they appreciate being asked to give of themselves, their time and their energy; and to have their opinions valued.

An Effective Model.

It is impossible to imagine trying to organize a series community based focus groups (or community activities of almost any kind) from Washington. The consortium of participating aging organizations has ensured success. The American Association for International Aging, the University of New Mexico, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Project Directors' Association have worked with local RSVP's to recruit participants and organize the venue and logistics for each focus group. Thus, the focus groups are viewed as community activities. At the same time, they are viewed as an important national event.

To date, focus groups have been held in Albuquerque, Tampa, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Little Rock, Corpus Christi, Harrisburg, San Francisco, and Spokane. Additional focus groups are planned for Baltimore, Dubuque, Tulsa, and Minneapolis. Venues for focus groups have included state government office buildings, community centers, bank conference rooms, museums, schools, nursing homes, senior centers, libraries, and even a renovated mortuary.

A Successful Program.

Why is the focus group project so successful?

- it reaches out to urban and rural communities everywhere
- it involves "real people"
- it provides a comfortable method for people to contribute their opinions
- it uses a flexible approach which can be adapted to local needs
- it organizes local efforts quickly and economically
- it collects important quantitative and qualitative opinion data
- it conveys the message of inclusion
- it promotes the idea of meaningful participation

The adaptability is of particular importance. In San Francisco, an extremely interesting focus group of older Chinese people which required simultaneous translation was organized. At Laguna Pueblo, efforts were made to respond to interest by Indian Elders in including an Indian in a leadership position by developing a two-leader model. In Harrisburg, the focused discussion activities were opened up to the observers. In Little Rock, interviews were organized with participants, observers and staff before, during and after the session.

Summary.

There is no question that the focus group project attracts interest and attention. Not only have the focus groups attracted attention within communities, older Americans and professionals throughout the country have found them compelling.

A focus group could be an important avenue for the White House and/or the President to "connect" with older people in a community in a way that would provide an "up close and personal" experience with real people and convey an "I care about what you think" message to older Americans across the country.

It would be a "win/win" opportunity!

**White House Conference on Aging Focus Groups
A Glimpse At Selected Responses
9/27/94**

What follows is a summary of selected focus group responses from: a group of older Americans from Little Rock, Arkansas; a group of older Chinese Elders from San Francisco, California; and a group of older Americans from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Little Rock

The first thing that comes to mind when I think about aging is...

security and health
what else can I do with my life
who will take care of my family
I'm 76, how many more years can I work
can I stay fit
can I stay independent
can I take care of myself
I need to keep thinking
I need to plan my retirement
I want good health and to help others
How will I be treated if I go to an old folks home
I'm 85, how much longer can I do volunteer work
who will pay for my expensive medication

The biggest challenge I face as an older American is...

transportation (9)
coping with the high costs of living
coping with the high costs of medicine
understanding the younger generation
adapting to a changing society
staying active
living on a fixed income
eating the right food
being able to do what I want to do
having resources equal to my life span
taking care of my family
accepting limits on seniors by society

**I believe most younger people
view older people as...**

authoritative and pushy
"has beens"

**I believe most older people
view younger people as...**

the future generation
not serious enough

out of step
will not happen to them
antiquated
won't accept change
set in their ways
over the hill
threat to their freedom
out of touch
a great natural resource

creative
mirrors of themselves
impatient, not willing to work
lazy, unconcerned
not having respect for elders
having mixed up priorities
great source of energy
not wanting wisdom of elders
lacking work ethics & moral standards

I believe that the key to healthy aging is...

being active
maintaining a sense of humor
a good lifestyle
being happy and busy
working hard
keeping a good attitude
helping others
thinking young and being active
being a good role model
staying involved

If I were in a position to tell the President of the United States one thing about our nation's elderly population, I would tell him...

talk more about health care and medical cost
pay attention to the needs of the elderly, you're almost there
don't mess with Social Security
older people are a valuable resource
concentrate on "in home service" and forget nursing homes
hold the position on health care
the rural elderly need transportation to medical facilities
listen to us....we vote!

San Francisco

The first thing that comes to mind when I think about aging is...

the opportunity to work and learn some more
concern about senior programs
feeling lonely and sad about children being so far away
the hope for continued good health and prosperity
peace of mind
hope that I will be able to help sick older people
transition to the rest of my years
happiness at being able to live in senior housing...and sadness for those with no good
housing & no recreation
thoughts about clothing, shelter and independence
loneliness
what am I going to do

concern about my health
 hope that I will be able to continue to work to help other people
 retirement...but I won't rest, I will help others

The biggest challenge that I face as an older person is...

retreating from society
 loneliness (2)
 religion....spiritual
 what my family thinks of me
 health (4)
 finding something to do
 financial security
 recreation
 clerical aspects...the need to learn for the job
 independence
 longevity
 reunion of my family
 working

**I believe most younger
 people view older people as....**

not with it
 useless
 without respect
 objecting to everything
 stupid
 confused
 with respect
 as friends
 senile
 don't care about elders
 a nuisance
 in the way...ignorant
 with respect but a burden as well
 there is a generation gap
 my family is respectful...others are not

**I believe most older
 people view younger people as...**

aggressive and assertive (good)
 energetic and skillful
 radical rebels
 very selfish
 better than those from Hong Kong
 having a bright future
 enterprising and creative
 overly liberated
 having too much freedom
 hope...if they apply themselves
 not very hopeful

I believe that the key to healthy aging is...

exercise (2)
 happiness and good health (3)
 positive outlook (2)
 lots of sleep
 optimism and contentedness
 have a good schedule
 good nutrition and exercise
 being joyful
 having a meaningful occupation when you are older
 keeping busy
 leaving everything to the Lord
 not being too worried about things

health, wealth and friends (enough money to live on)
having good health and being contented
caring about others

If I were in a position to tell the President of the United States one thing about our nation's elderly population, I would tell him...

the older population is growing fast
you need to be concerned about the welfare of the elderly (4)
be concerned about safety and security for elders
there needs to be fairness to elderly population (a good example is that some people earn less from Social Security than from SSI)
don't cut Social Security
public opinion is very important
our problems are getting worse
adjust Social Security (upward)
health care reform is very important to the elderly
increase funding for senior centers (to provide a nicer environment...we need new tablecloths)
you will grow old too
never cut funding for senior centers
Social Security money should be kept separate from the national debt

Harrisburg

The first thing that comes to mind when I think about aging is...

loneliness
health deterioration and care
money problems
enjoying life
financial security
growing old as well as my parents did
managing to stay healthy and active
every year brings a new awareness
beautiful people
maturing
losing some abilities
being able to do new things

The greatest challenge that I face today is...

keeping up with inflation
having enough time to do the things I want
inability to be as mobile as I used to be
wondering how long I can continue in present state
being productive
being as active socially
dealing with health problems

**I believe most younger people
view older people as...**

senile
old fogies
hopelessly old fashioned
straight laced
over the hill
somebody they can trust
too slow (2)
fearful and a threat
a reflection of themselves

**I believe most older people
view younger people as...**

a confused generation
energetic and bright
irresponsible but loving
able to cope in today's society
disrespectful
a reflection of our own youth
capable and smart
smart, but their attitude stinks
not as smart as we were

I believe that the key to healthy aging as...

happiness
good brain participation in events
a good mental outlook
productivity
keeping active
love
being capable of coping mentally if not physically
mental and physical health
being happy and active
continuing to learn

**If I were in a position to tell the President of the United States one thing about
our nation's elderly population, I would tell him...**

be very thoughtful about what you do, you'll be with us one day
we have the same needs and desires we had when we were younger...we're just slower
leave Social Security alone (2)
aging people in the U.S. are wonderful, and people need to appreciate our contributions
older people are also older in experience
the elderly can be useful
pay attention to health care and Social Security
don't cut entitlements

(Selected Responses from Across the Country)

I believe that for the most part, the media presents older people as...

not having enough support (3)
it uses older people as good examples
describes as useful
as victims of crime
isolated and old fashioned with no education
does not cover living conditions of the elderly
models for our country
dismissed when the going gets tough

as a burden (2)
doesn't give enough respect
as helpless
as a controversial subject
as neglected
having many problems
not being reliable and not quite as capable (2)
helpless and out of touch

stagnant and idiots
feeble in mind and body
burden to young people
unimportant, a burden
shows that the elderly are taken care of
uses opinions from younger people
to talk about aging and elders

with disabilities
there's a mixed message....they show the
problems of the elderly, but also that dull,
they're productive
sometimes patronizing
covers the problems of aging
sees "old people" not people

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

28-Sep-1994 09:44am

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FROM: Robert=Blancato%AOA.whcoa%OS.DC

SUBJECT: possible events

As per the conference call of yesterday-- i am selecting a list of possible events for consideration. Assumed from all of this is the fact that we have contacts for each event and should be able to work with most anyone of them. To the extent that i have the information, i will also list the congressional district involved-- these would all be before election day.

CALIFORNIA

Mini conferences

- 1) alameda county area agency on aging-- "Health care reform/long term care Hayward--Oct 14 (Rep. Stark)
- 2) Charles Drew University "Health care reform" Los Angeles,. Oct. 21 (Multiple M.C.)
- 3) Pasadena Senior Center "Women's issues, esp minority women issues" October 28 several locations including pasadena, glendale (combined Rep. Moorhead and Martinez)
- 4) California Mental Health Advocates for Older Adults== "Older adults and mental health services Pacific Grove Nov 2-4 (Rep. Farr)

Local WHCOA

- 1) Alzheimer's Community Care Consortium "Alzheimer's facing today's decisions" San Diego-- October 19 (Reps Filner, Schenk, Cunningham)
- 2) Older Women's League of California "Workshops on various issues" San Jose Oct 28--29-- (Mineta, Edwards)

NEW YORK

MINI CONFERENCES

- 1) Bronx North Manhattan Coalition for Elderly etc "Elders face 21st century an intergenerational focus" Bronx--November 2-- (Reps Engel-Serrano)

LOCAL CONFERENCES

- 1) Town of Amherst Dept of Senior Services "WHCOA grass roots round table discussion" Amherst Oct 13 (unknown)
- 2) The Gerontological Institute "Age integration issues" New paltz-oct 14-15 (Rep. Hinchey)
- 3) NY Citizen's Committee on Aging "iMPACT OF health care reform on seniors" oct 14 New York City (Multiple MC)
- 4) Help Old People Inc "Intergenerational issues" east hampton oct 14 (Rep.Hochbrueckner)

5) Erie County Dept of Social Services "Community forums (3)" 10/19-10/21 and 11/1 • Cheektowaga, Buffalo (Rep. Quinn (mostly) some La Falce)

6) Staten Island Community Board II ":Local access to services" OCT 20, Staten Island (Rep. Molinari)

7) Brooklyn wide Interagency Council on Aging "Legislative advocacy breakfast--nationalhealth care oct 21 Brooklyn (Rep.Towns)

8) Dunbar Association Inc "Syracuse African American agenda" Oct 22 Syracuse (unknown)

9) Minority Aging Defense "Annual Conference on Hispanic elderly health care"Oct 27 New York City (multiple MC)

10) Same as 9-- 'Issues of diversity" Nov 3, New York City (multiple MC)

11) NY Community Trust et al "Minority elderly in an urban environment" Nov 3, New York City (multiple mc)

12) Tompkins County Office for the Aging "Seniors Speak Out" Nov 4, ithaca (Rep. Hinchey)

THIS IS PART I---pART II covering other states coming later... if you need to know which of these i am planning to attend, please let me know...

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Celebrating Productive Aging

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WHCOA POLICY COMMITTEE CONVENES FIRST MEETING

1995 NATIONAL WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING DATE SET FOR MAY 1-5 IN D.C.

The 1995 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) will be held May 1-5, 1995, in Washington, D.C. The main location will be the Washington Hilton Hotel. The date and location of the Conference, as well as an initial delegate selection process, were decided at the first meeting of the Policy Committee of the White House Conference on Aging, chaired by Senator David Pryor (D-AR), July 27, 1994.

WHCoA First

This policy meeting is the latest milestone in progress toward the 1995 White House Conference on Aging since it was formally called for by President Clinton on February 17, 1994. Earlier,

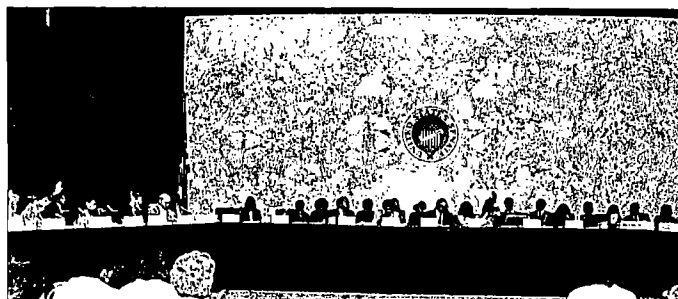
the complete membership of the Policy Committee was formally announced on July 25, 1994. HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala convened the first meeting of the White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) Policy Committee two days later in the Hart

Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. On August 10, an agenda development subcommittee was formed to develop the proposed agenda and theme for the Conference. They will hold their first meeting on August 30, 1994.

Policy Committee's Mandate

This is the first such committee to have this role within the WHCoA. The Policy Committee was created by the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1992, which authorized the White House Conference on Aging. The terms of the act dictate that the 25 members be chosen jointly by the President and the Congress to plan the specifics of the Conference.

In future meetings, the members of the Policy Committee will be considering the theme and agenda for the 1995 WHCoA. (Continued on page 2. See story below for Policy Committee's decisions.)



POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHOWN HERE VOTING DURING THE FIRST MEETING

Delegate Selection Formula Determined

The first issues to be determined by the 25-member Policy Committee were the delegate selection criteria and the need for an agenda development subcommittee.

Delegate Selection

The number of Conference delegates will range from a minimum of 1,666 to a maximum 2,000, depending on the final FY 1995 appropriation for the Conference. Virtually 100 percent of the WHCoA FY 1995 appropriation will go to support delegates. The President requested \$3 million for the WHCoA.

No matter what the total delegate size for WHCoA 95, 45 percent of all delegates will be chosen by the Governors (between 750-900 individuals). The second largest group of delegates will be chosen by Members of Congress, with each House and Senate member selecting one for a total of 540. The next largest group

will be chosen by national aging organizations, veterans organizations, youth organizations, international delegates and others. (The precise number for these categories is not yet known; this too will depend on the size of the WHCoA appropriation approved by the Congress.)

Each state will have a minimum of six delegates and those states with highest percentages of persons 55 years of age and over will be allocated more delegates. A precise state by state delegate breakdown will be in the next newsletter. Furthermore, state delegations must consist of 50 percent persons 55 and over, and have 50 percent women; in addition, percentages of minorities, and persons from rural and urban settings should be equal to their percentage of the population of their state. The Policy Committee also agreed that delegates chosen by Governors and

Members of Congress must be selected by December 31.

Agenda Development

On August 10, Senator Pryor sent formal invitations to those committee members who would form the agenda subcommittee charged with developing the proposed agenda and theme for the Conference; the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1992 require the publication of the proposed agenda in the Federal Register by October 31, 1994.

"The 1995 White House Conference on Aging will make recommendations for a national aging policy to take our country into the next century," said Senator Pryor. "Generations of today and of tomorrow will benefit from the Conference, the fourth and last White House Conference on Aging to be held in this century.

"As an older America faces a new century, the Policy Committee invites citizens from all walks of life,

and of all ages, to become involved in setting the agenda for the Conference and shaping a national aging policy," Pryor said. "Americans everywhere can participate through local, regional and statewide events recognized by the White House Conference on Aging and through mini-conferences. Recommendations from all these events are being studied and used by the Policy Committee in planning the agenda for the 1995 Conference."

NOTICE:

The September/October Issue of the WHCoA Newsletter will be published in four separate sections. This is Section One. The remaining sections will be mailed to you over the next few weeks.

Section 1:

- o WHCoA's Policy Committee
- o Delegate Selection Process
- Later Sections Will Include:
- o WHCoA Comes Alive With Upcoming Events
- o Grassroots Views on WHCoA's Agenda

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WHCoA's Commitment To Inclusion

By FERNANDO M. TORRES-GIL
Assistant Secretary, Administration on Aging



Hello!

With the July 27 meeting of the Policy Committee behind us, I feel a growing excitement about the many unique aspects of this White House Conference on Aging.

This is the first time the White House Conference on Aging has had a Policy Committee. It includes representatives of the Congress, the Executive branch, and the public. Members were selected by the President of the United States and by the Congressional leadership. As such, Policy Committee

members will represent the key Congressional committees that influence aging policy and the leadership of the diverse communities that serve older Americans. In addition, the Policy Committee includes the Cabinet Secretaries from the Departments of Health and Human Services, Veterans Affairs, and Housing and Urban Development.

The Policy Committee will have an important role and be critical to the activities of the WHCoA. The members will set the agenda, determine delegate structure, and ensure that there is grass roots involvement by all communities at the local, state, and regional levels. In particular, the Policy Committee will be instrumental in the development of policy proposals that will meet today's needs and those of the future.

We will work closely with the members of the Policy Committee to ensure that the impact of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging will extend far beyond 1995. The Policy Committee and its membership represent an important partnership between the government and the public. This partnership is an example of the Clinton administration's commitment to older Americans and their families, to intergenerational issues, and to the future of aging policy in America.

In addition to the unprecedented nature of a Policy Committee and the partnership it provides, the 1995 WHCoA is unique in its early interest in local involvement. Unlike previous White House Conferences on Aging, we have already built up a momentum of empowerment and inclusion through recognition of hundreds of local, state, regional and mini-conferences throughout the nation. This momentum will lead to the main Conference in May, but will continue well after. The 1995 Conference has encouraged community involvement from the moment a director was appointed and the President called the Conference into existence.

This White House Conference on Aging promises to be exciting and innovative. With a Policy Committee and tremendous amounts of local involvement, everyone's concerns will have an opportunity to be expressed and noted. The leadership provided by the Policy Committee and local events will take us far beyond 1995 as we prepare for the last White House Conference on Aging of the twentieth century.

WHCoA's Policy Committee

(continued from page 1)

In the five months since President Clinton officially called it, the WHCoA has developed a full national program of pre-conference events and activities. More than 185 local events in 39 States and 27 regional conferences in all 10 Federal regions have been scheduled. All 50 States and three Territories have planned conferences, and about 60 specialized mini-conferences have been scheduled in 22 States.

"This will be the fourth

White House Conference on Aging in history, and the last one before the 21st century," said Shalala in announcing the meeting. "The plans made by the Policy Committee will help to ensure that its recommendations reflect a new era, one in which older people will represent a larger segment of the population than ever before. We will meet the challenge of a new century by developing aging policy that is creative and future oriented."

INTRODUCING . . .

SWEARING IN OF THE PUBLIC MEMBERS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGING, FERNANDO TORRES-GIL, ADMINISTERS THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE PUBLIC MEMBERS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ROBERT B. BLANCATO, ASSISTS BY HOLDING THE BIBLE. (THE REMAINDER OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SWORN AS A FUNCTION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT.)

DAVID PRYOR

United States Senator, Arkansas(D)
Chairman of the Policy Committee



David Pryor was elected to the Senate in 1979, following two terms as Arkansas Governor. In 1966, he was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives to fill an unexpired term and went on to serve three full terms. Senator Pryor is Chairman of the Special Committee on Aging, the Subcommittee on Agricultural Production and Stabilization of Prices, the Subcommittee on Federal Services, Civil Service and

Post Office and a subcommittee of the Finance Committee responsible for private pension legislation and IRS oversight. He is Secretary of the Democratic Conference, third in the Senate Democratic leadership and active on the Senate Democratic Steering Committee. Senator Pryor's background includes three terms as an Arkansas State Legislator.

NORMAN ABRAMOWITZ

Mayor, City of Tamarac, Florida



Beyond his responsibilities as Mayor of Tamarac, Norman Abramowitz was Governor Lawton Chiles'

appointment for Broward County as a representative to the Department of Elder Affairs and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities. He has been active with the North-west Council of Mayors, the Alzheimer's Family Center, Inc., the American Cancer Society, and the South Florida Water Management Advisory Board.

BEA GWIN BACON

Secretary-Treasurer, Poly-Onics, Inc.



An official observer with the 1981 White House Conference on Aging, Bea Gwin Bacon has been active with

organizations concerned with aging for many years. She is a founder of the Central States Conference on Advocacy for Aging, the Central States Coalition on Aging, the National Silver Haired Congress Steering Committee and the Kansas Coalition on Aging. She has served in leadership positions with numerous advocacy organizations for the aged.

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JESSE BROWN
Secretary of Veterans Affairs



As Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Jesse Brown directs the federal government's second largest department,

responsible for a nationwide system of health care services, benefits programs, and national cemeteries for America's 27.2 million veterans. A combat-disabled Vietnam veteran, Brown had spent his entire professional career with the Disabled American Veterans, serving as its Executive Director since 1989. Brown is a member of the American Legion, AMVETS, the DAV, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Marine Corps League.

HENRY G. CISNEROS
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development



Henry G. Cisneros is the country's foremost federal housing and community development official, respon-

sible for administering fair housing activities as well as federally assisted housing and economic development programs. In 1981, he became the first Hispanic mayor of a major U. S. city when he was elected Mayor of San Antonio and, from 1981 to 1989, he rebuilt the city's economic base. He left public service in 1989 to become Chairman of Cisneros Asset Management Company, a national fixed income asset management firm for tax-exempt institutions. Cisneros recently served as Deputy Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and also been a board member of the Rockefeller Foundation.

WILLIAM S. COHEN
United States Senator, Maine (R)



Bill Cohen was elected to the Senate in 1978. He serves on the Special Committee on Aging and on the

Armed Services, Governmental Affairs and Judiciary Committees. Before his election to the Senate, Senator Cohen spent 16 years in the House of Representatives, where he was one of the original members of the Select Committee on Aging. His background includes service as Mayor of Bangor, Bangor City Councilor, Assistant County Attorney for Penobscot County, Maine, and staff member for the Maine Governor's State Credit Research Committee.

HORACE B. DEETS
Executive Director,
American Association of Retired Persons



Horace B. Deets joined AARP in 1975 and has served as Director of the Executive Staff from 1981 until 1988.

Prior to joining AARP, he worked for the U.S. Government's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Deets serves on a number of boards and commissions, including the Andrus Gerontology Center Board of Councilors, University of Southern California; the Board of Advisors of the Emory Center for Leadership and Career Studies; Emory Business School; the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations; and the Conference Board.

JAMES T. DELACRUZ
Chairman, Washington State Indian Council on Aging



A member of the Quinault Indian Nation, James DeLaCruz chairs the Washington State Indian

Council on Aging. In 1994, he was elected Chairman of the National Association of Title VI grantees and Title VI Board Representative to the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs; in 1991, he was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Aging of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and Chairman of the Aging Indian Health Concerns Committee of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. DeLaCruz has also served for many years as Chairman of the Quinault Housing Authority.

ROSE DOBROF
Exec. Dir., Brookdale Ctr on Aging,
Hunter Col., City Univ. of New York



Dr. Dobrof is Professor and Brookdale Professor of Gerontology at Hunter College School of Social Work.

Co-Director of the Hunter-Mount Sinai Geriatric Education Center, Professorial Lecturer in Community Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Senior Fellow with the Brookdale Foundation. Active in many organizations related to health and aging, she currently serves on the Board of Directors of the New York City Chapter of the National Caucus and Center for the Black Aged, the Advisory Board of the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center of the New York City Department for the Aging and the Executive Committee and Advisory Board of the Center on Policy in Aging of the New York Community Trust.

MADELEINE R. FREEMAN
Executive Director, Eastern (Maine)
Agency on Aging (retired)



Madeleine R. Freeman served as executive director of a four county area agency on aging from

1980-1991. Since her retirement, she has continued activities in the field of aging and social services, serving in high-level capacities with the Maine Advisory Council on Elder Affairs, the Home Assistance Volunteer Board, Legal Services for the Elderly and the Maine Gerontological Society. A Governor's appointee to the Maine Judicial Council, Freeman is chair of Maine's Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability.

WILLIAM J. HUGHES
U.S. House of Representatives
2nd District, New Jersey (D)



A member of Congress since 1975, Bill Hughes is Chairman of the House Older Americans

Caucus, and a member of the Judiciary and the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committees. He has served as Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime. From 1990-1993 Hughes also served as chairman of the House Aging Subcommittee on Retirement Income and Employment. He sponsored legislation to encourage older workers to stay active in the labor force and to permit them to retain more of their earnings. He also promoted home health care services for senior citizens and fairness in pension and retirement systems.

ANDREW JACOBS, JR.
U. S. House of Representatives
10th District, Indiana (D)



Andy Jacobs, Jr. was elected to the House of Representatives in 1964 and served four terms. He

was re-elected in 1974 and currently is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Social Security of the House Ways and Means Committee. Jacobs was chief House sponsor of the prospective payment program in Medicare and also is responsible for the guarantee that the freeze on Medicare payments to doctors will not result in additional charges being passed on to Medicare beneficiaries. While a member of the Judiciary Committee, Jacobs helped write the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Jacobs also served in the Indiana General Assembly from 1958 through 1964.

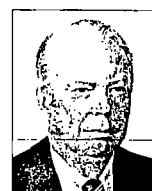
MARALEE I. LINDLEY
Director, Illinois Department on Aging



In her State Cabinet-level position, Ms. Lindley directs a department with a \$176 million budget serving the needs of

senior citizens. She served as a member of the Illinois Council on Aging from 1990-1992. She has been a member of the Central Illinois Executive Committee of the American Society for Public Administration and regional vice president of the National Association of Government Accountants. Lindley has held various offices with the Illinois Association of County Auditors and Illinois Women in Government. She is past president of the Illinois Committee on Child Welfare Legislation. Lindley has been active with the Federation of Republican Women at the state and national levels.

THOMAS H. D. MAHONEY
Professor of History, Massachusetts
Institute of Technology (retired)



Thomas H. D. Mahoney was professor of history at MIT from 1945-1984, serving as Chair of the history faculty from

1963-1965 and 1977-1979. He was Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs from 1979-1983 and chaired the Massachusetts delegation to the 1981 White House Conference on Aging. Internationally recognized as an expert in aging, he has served in many capacities with United Nations programs and activities. At the Singapore International Conference on Aging in 1993, he was keynote speaker.

MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ
U. S. House of Representatives
31st District, California (D)



A member of the House of Representatives since 1982, Mr. Martinez is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Human

Resources and a member of the Subcommittees on Labor Management Relations, International Operations, Asia and the Pacific, and International Security, International Organizations and Human Rights. He served as a California legislator for two years prior to his election to Congress. He was Mayor of Monterey Park, California, in 1976 and 1980, a member of the Monterey Park City Council from 1974 to 1980 and a member of the Monterey Park Planning Committee from 1971 to 1974.

INTRODUCING -- THE 1995 WHCoA POLICY COMMITTEE

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BARBARA A. MIKULSKI
United States Senator, Maryland (D)



Barbara A. Mikulski, elected to a second term in the United States Senate in 1992, is Chair of the Appropriations

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TO: Mike Lux
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Bob Blancato
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RE: Upcoming WHCoA Activities

As we discussed yesterday, I am faxing the list of upcoming WHCoA activities that will be held between September 19th and October 7th. I will give you a call tomorrow and we can discuss the feasibility of President Clinton's attendance at one these events.

State Conferences

Kentucky -- 9/21-22

Colorado -- 9/26-27

Florida -- 9/26-28

Utah -- 9/29

Pennsylvania -- 10/2-4

Mini-Conferences

Colorado Gerontological Society, Denver, CO -- 9/22
"Responsible Aging: Choices, Changes and Consequences"

Caddo Council on Aging, Inc., Shreveport, LA -- 9/22
"The Elderly and Crime in the Community and in the Home"

Missouri Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health,
Kansas City, MO -- 9/28
"Missouri Vital Exercise for Seniors Satellite Conference"

Minnesota Area Geriatric Education Center of Southern Minnesota,
N. Mankato, MN -- 9/29
"Preparing for the Aging Baby Boomers: Implications Across
Disciplines" (Health Care Service Provision)

Baltimore County Department of Aging, Baltimore, MD -- 9/30
"Transportation Issues of the Elderly"

New York Medical Director's Association, Rochester, NY -- 10/6
"Long-term Care: Supporting the Role of the Primary Care
Physician of the Nursing Home Resident"

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Novi, MI -- 10/6-7
"Michigan Elderly Mobility Conference: Elderly Mobility and
Safety"

Creative Grandparenting, Inc., Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown,
Delaware -- 10/11
"Issues Faced By Grandparents"

Regional Conferences

Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center,
Little Rock, AK -- 9/30
"Nutrition"

Local Events (States With Largest 55+ Senior Populations)

California

City of Concord Violence Task Force, Concord, CA -- 9/27
"The Well-Being of Our Senior Community in a Violent
Environment"

Janet Levy Center, Chico, CA -- 9/29
"A Rural Perspective on Aging"

Florida

Florida Council of the Blind, Daytona Beach -- 9/30
Public Forum: "Intergenerational Independence"

Illinois

AARP, Chicago -- 9/28
"Work Force Issues"

Michigan

Michigan Coalition for Older Adult Learning, Lansing -- 9/26
"Michigan Older Learner Summit III: Training, Retraining,
Mental and Physical Health"

Generations United of Michigan, Lansing -- 10/3
"Shared Effort = Shared Success" (Third Annual State
Conference)

New York

Greater Harlem Empowerment Zone Seniors Working Group,

NY City -- 9/21

"Minority Elderly Populations Program Services in the Older Americans Act"

Cortland County Area Agency on Aging; Willet, Hartford, Homer and Cortland, NY -- 9/23 and 9/26

"Long-term Care, Crime and Intergenerational Issues"

Chatauqua County Office for the Aging, Chatauqua -- 9/30

"Long-term Health Care Forum"

Ohio

AARP, Toledo -- 10/6

"Celebration of Diversity"

Pennsylvania

Jewish Family & Children's Service, Philadelphia -- 9/23

"Strategies for Promoting Independence"

Texas

American Public Welfare Association, San Antonio -- 9/26-20

"Adult Protective Services Conference on Elder Abuse"

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August 8, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR ALEXIS HERMAN
JOAN BAGGETT
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FROM: Carol Rasco *CR*
SUBJECT: White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA)

The process of planning for the 1995 White House Conference on Aging is underway officially with the first meeting of the Policy Committee, appointed by the President and Congress to coordinate the event, held July 27. This will be the fourth Conference on Aging, the first since 1981 and the last this century. It is an extraordinarily significant event for the senior community around the country and it will spur their political activism for years to come.

The Conference is being organized by staff at the Administration on Aging at HHS. White House support for the Conference is being coordinated by Jeremy Ben-Ami of my staff. The process leading up to the Conference involves numerous state and local events, and there are a range of Conference-related activities that could benefit from White House assistance. In particular as local events are scheduled around the country, we would like to ensure that elected officials, political leaders, and senior activists are appropriately included in them. We also want to be sure that each office here is kept up to date on the planning for the event.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would each designate a staff person to coordinate with Jeremy over the coming months. The name of your designee should be given to Jeremy by phone: 456-5584 or by fax: 456-7028. I will also provide updates to you as planning for the Conference progresses.

Thank you.

Attachment: WHCOA Policy Committee Roster

cc: Leon Panetta

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeremy Ben Ami

FROM: Bob  Blancato, Executive Director, WHCoA

SUBJECT: List of WHCoA Events in September and October

I am attaching for your information a list of WHCoA events scheduled nationwide for September and October.

The average size of an event is 100 participants and 76% of the participants are older Americans. Interest in WHCoA events is spreading rapidly and we expect the number of scheduled events to increase significantly between now and May 1995.

I point this out because the older Americans I have met at these events are active and keenly interested in politics and national issues. If you need additional information, please let me know.

Attachment

SEPTEMBER

STATE ACTIVITIES

State	Event	Date(s)
Alaska	Three mini-conferences	9/94, all others TBA
Arizona	Eight Regional conferences	9/94-11/94
Colorado	State Conference: "The Future of Aging: A Multigenerational Approach	9/26-27/94
Florida	Three Regional Governor's Conferences	9/26-28/94
Georgia	Nine Mini-Forums	6/94-10/94
Illinois	"Generations Connect"	8/94-10/94
Kentucky	Governor's White House Conference on Aging	9/21-22/94
Nevada	Mini-Conference	9/94
New Hampshire	Ten Forums	6/94-9/94
North Dakota	Statehouse Conference	9/14-15/94
Oregon	Ten Local Forums	7/94-12/94
Rhode Island	Five Mini-Hearings Telephone Conference	9/17/94 9/94
South Dakota	State Conference	9/20/94
Utah	State Conferences	9/29/94
Virginia	Five Regional Forums	9/94
Wyoming	Four Forums	9/23, 9/27 9/29, 9/30/94
American Samoa	American Samoa Con- ference on Aging Policy Issues	9/14, 9/21/94
Puerto Rico	Community Forums	8/94-9/94

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Region/Location	Event/Issue(s)	Date(s)
VI Dallas, TX	Nutrition	By: 9/30/94
Seattle, WA	Regional WHCoA: Aging Policy and the Aging Network	9/6/94

MINI-CONFERENCES

Location	Issue(s)	Date(s)
Shreveport, LA	The Elderly and Crime in the Community and in the Home	9/22/94
Monroe, MI	AAA Funded Services	9/12/94
North Mankato, MN	Preparing for the Aging Baby Boomers; Health Care Service Provision	9/29/94
Albany, NY	Long-Term-Care	9/22/94
Alexandria, VA	Physical Therapy, Health Care and Rehabilitation	9/28-30/94
Townson, MD	Transportation Issues of the Elderly	9/30/94

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Location	Issue(s)	Date(s)
Little Rock, AR	Statewide Conference Health Care Reform Medicare, Intergener- ational Programs	9/7-9/94
Chico, CA	A Rural Perspective on Aging	9/29/94
Denver, CO	Senior Employment Forum on Older Worker Issues	9/28/94

New Haven, CT	Identify Neighborhood Specific Issues	Every Month
Stamford, CT	Mini-conference on Housing & Supportive Services	9/94
Bridgeport, Darien, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Monroe, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Stratford, Trumbull, CT	Town Meetings on Aging Issues, Regional Needs Assessment	Fall '94
Waterbury, Cheshire, Sharon, Thomaston, CT	Public Hearings/Forums; Transportation, Mental Health, Housing, Crime	9/12, 9/22, 9/27, 9/29
Torrington, Newton, New Milford, Danbury, Waterbury, Cheshire, Sharon, Thomaston, CT	Public Hearings/Forums; Transportation, Mental Health, Housing, Crime	8-9/94
Florida	Local WHCoA; Interdependence of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Home Health Care Agencies and Consumers	9/1/94
Daytona Beach, FL	Public Forum; Intergenerational Interdependence	9/30/94
Lihue, Kauai, HI	Discussion group with Service Providers and OEA Policy Council	9/7/94
South Hilo, Puna Mauka, HI	Community Forums to Discuss all Elderly Issues	9/7, 9/8
Upcountry, Molokai, Lahaina, Hana, Central Maui, Lanai, HI	WHCoA Community Forums/Focus Groups	9/8, 9/12, 9/13, 9/14, 9/16, 9/19
Throughout the State of Illinois	Generations Connect	8/1 - 10/31
South Bend, IN	Review Legislation, Develop Key Recommendations; Health Care Reform, Social Security	Monthly

Watertown, MA	Elders with Visual Impairments: Focus for Tomorrow	9/29/94
Westborough, MA	Mini-Conference on Aging-- Living Well into the 21st Century	9/94
Machias, Saco, Farmington, Presque Isle, Lewiston, Auburn, ME	Public Hearing for the Task Force Report & Recommendations Using Interactive	9/23/94
Eastern Shore, Central, Western, Southern, MD	Mini-conferences: Long Term Care	9/94
Escanaba, MI	Annual Senior Citizens Convention, Health Care Reform	9/15
Lansing, MI	Older Learner Summit III	9/26
Southfield, MI	Southfield Shape Up-- Educate Seniors on importance of physical exercise.	9/6
St. Paul, MN	Senior Options Exposition	9/19/94
Bloomington, MN	Senior Companion Program 20th Anniversary Training and Recognition Event	9/26-28
Mora, MN	East Central MN. WHCoA	9/22/94
West St. Paul, MN	Northern Dakota WHCoA: Forum on National Health Care	9/13/94
St. Paul, MN	1995 Twin Cities Regional WHCoA; Intergenerational Interdependence	9/19/94
Columbia, MO	Long Term Care Forum	9/11/94
Hudson, NH	Adult Day Service Program: maintaining independence	Ongoing
Goffstown, NH	Nursing Home care, a special unit for Behavioral Treatment	Ongoing

West Milford, NJ	Mini-conference on aging; housing, long term care, transportation	9/94
New York City, NY	Minority elderly populations program services in OAA; health care, housing, intergenerational, etc.	9/21/94
Mineola, NY	Eldercare Seminars for Caregivers of the Frail Elderly; Health care, long term care, Medicare	Fall 1994
Hartford, Homer, Cortland, NY	WHCoA Mini-conferences, select delegates, prepare recommendations; long term care, crime, intergenerational	9/17, 9/23, 9/26, 9/9
Chatauqua, NY	Long Term Health Care Reform	9/30/94
Philadelphia, PA	Strategies for Promoting Independence	9/23/94
Pierre, SD	SD Adult Protective Services Conference	9/20-23/94
San Antonio, TX	Adult Protective Service Conference, Elder Abuse	9/26-30/94
5 Rural Communities, Virginia	Pre-White House Community Forums, Health Care, Economic Security	Fall 1994
Atlanta, Fort Valley, GA	Mini White House Tele-Conference on Older African American Women	9/16/94

OCTOBER

STATE ACTIVITIES

State	Event	Date(s)
Illinois	Generations Connect	8/94-10/94
Indiana	Governor's Conference on Aging and Inhome Services	10/19-21/94
Maine	State Conference	10/94
Massachusetts	State Conference/ Convention	10/25/94
Minnesota	State Conference	10/31/94 - 11/1/94
Mississippi	10 Regional Conferences	10/1/94 - 3/15/95
Missouri	"Shadow" WHCoA at Governor's Conference on Aging	Fall 1994
New Hampshire	State Conference	10/17/94
North Carolina	6 Regional Forums	10/3-7/94
Pennsylvania	State Conference	10/2-4/94
South Dakota	State Conference	10/30/94
Virginia	State Conference	10/94
Guam	Guam Aging Network Conference	10/94
Puerto Rico	Regional Forums	10/94

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Region/Location	Event/Issue(s)	Date(s)
I Boston, MA	Health Status of Black Elderly	10/94
Andover, MA	New England Adult Foster Care Conference	10/20-21/94
III Philadelphia, PA	Health Reform, Long Term Care, Caregiving, Economic Security, etc.	10/26/94
IV Louisville, KY	Southeast Regional Conference	10/9-12/94
VI Tulsa, OK	Regional Conference	10/23-26/94
X Seattle, WA	Regional WHCoA: Nutrition and Malnutrition	10/20/94
Anchorage, AK	Regional WHCoA: Rural Frontier Elderly	10/94

MINI-CONFERENCES

Location	Issue(s)	Date(s)
Pasadena, Glendale, Altadena, Alhambra, CA	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	10/28/94
Sussex, DE	Socio-Economic Needs of Rural Elderly	10/24/94
Atlanta, GA	Well-being of the Aging	10/17/94 or 10/24/94
Salisbury, Princess Anne, MD	Women's Health Awareness	10/29/94
Westborough, MA	Nutrition in Home and Long Term Care	10/13/94

Novi, MI	Elderly Mobility and Safety	10/6-7/94
New York City, NY	Minority Aging	10/11/94
New York City, NY	Long Term Care: Primary Care Physicians of Nursing Home Residents	10/26/94
New York City, NY	Aging Gay Men and Lesbians	10/17/94
Titusville, PA	Myths of Aging	10/28/94 or 3/24/95
White River Jct., VT	Nutrition and Meal Programs	10/27/94
District of Columbia	Adult Day Services	10/28/94
District of Columbia	Comparison of the Italian and U.S. Health Care Systems	10/28/94
Sinsinawa, WI	Roundtable Discussions: Quality of Life in Rural America	10/13/94

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Location	Issue(s)	Date(s)
Payson, AZ	Intergenerational Issues	10/15/94
San Jose, CA	Retirement, Personal, Employment, and Health Security	10/28-29/94
Stamford, CT	Alternatives in Community Housing	10/28-31/94
Stamford, CT	Housing and Support Services	9-10/94
Miami, FL	Minority, Financial, Health Promotion, and Disease Prevention	10/94

Orlando, FL	Health, Well-being, Health Screenings, Intergenerational	10/28/94
Upcountry, Molokai, Lahaina, Hana, Central Maui, Lanai, HI	WHCoA Community Forums/ Focus Groups	10/20, 10/21, 10/11, 10/12, 10/14, 10/5
Hilo, HI	Prioritize Issues from Community Forums	10/18/94
Chicago, IL	Minority Aging: Access, Housing, Income Security	10/14/94
Wheaton, IL	Generations Connect Conference	8/1/94 to 10/31/94
Grayslake, IL	Generations Connect Conference	10/24/94
Indianapolis, IN	Health Care Delivery and Reform	10/4/94
Lexington, KY	SIG/Aging and Develop- mental Disabilities	10/19/94
Louisville, KY	Public Forum: Intergenerational Issues	10/9/94
North Adams, Pittsfield, Great Barrington, MA	Elder Rights	10/7/94, 10/14/94, 10/28/94
Birmingham, MI	Intergenerational Volunteers	10/20/94
Worthington, MN	Older Persons as Community Resources	10/7/94
Worthington, Cottonwood, Lincoln, Lyon, Murry, Nobles, Rock County, MN	Recognition Day for Older Volunteers	10/7/94
Hudson, NH	Adult Day Service: Maintaining Independence	Ongoing
Goffstown, NH	Nursing Home Care: Special Unit for Behavioral Treatment and Mental Health	Ongoing

Jersey City, NJ	Preserving Autonomy	10/18/94
East Hampton, NJ	Intergenerational Issues	10/14/94
New York City, NY	Hispanic Elderly, Health Care Reform, Housing	10/27/94
Brooklyn, NY	National Health Care	10/21/94
Mineola, NY	Seminars for Caregivers of Frail Elderly	Fall 1994
New Paltz, NY	Intergenerational, Age Segregated Services and Lack of Continuity	10/14-15/94
Philadelphia, PA	Children of Aging Parents	10/15/94
Philadelphia, PA	Health Care Reform, Long Term Care, Generational Equity, Caregiving	10/26-27/94
Pittsburgh, PA	Town Meeting for Seniors	10/94
Lansdale, PA	Older Persons as Community Resources, Independence and Well- being of Seniors	10/20/94
Virginia	Rural Elderly	10-12/94
5 Rural Communities, VA	Health Care, Economic Security	Fall 1994
Arlington, VA	Long Term Health Care, Mental Health Service	10/16-19/94
Richmond, VA	Health Care Reform	10/14/94
Horicon, WI	Disabilities and Aging Services	10/6/94
Milwaukee, WI	Income and Health Security, Housing, Retirement, Generational Interdependence	10/3/94

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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NOTE TO JUDY ALBRIGHT

FROM: Jeremy Ben-Ami 

SUBJECT: Advisory Committee for White House Conference on Aging

Thanks so much for all your help so far in getting the Conference on Aging off the ground. The first meeting of the Policy Committee went well, and we are on the road to a successful May 1995 conference.

As I mentioned on the phone, the Statute creating the Conference also called for the establishment of an Advisory Committee. The guidance for appointing members is attached. My question is: What is the process for appointment of this committee? Does it require the same vetting that the Policy Committee did? How can we expedite this appointment?

APPENDIX

OLDER AMERICANS ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1987

[Public Law 100-175, November 29, 1987 (101 Stat. 926)]

TITLE II—WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

SEC. 201. WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE AUTHORIZED.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) the number of individuals 55 years of age or older was approximately 52,923,000 in 1990, and will, by the year 2040, be approximately 103,646,000,

(2) more than 1 of every 8 persons 55 years of age or older will be hospitalized during the next year,

(3) the out-of-pocket costs to older individuals for health care increased from 12.3 percent in 1977 to 18.2 percent in 1988,

(4) there is a great need to ensure access and the quality of affordable health care to all older individuals,

(5) the need for a comprehensive and responsive long-term care delivery system is great,

(6) the availability and cost of suitable housing, together with suitable services needed for independent or semi-independent living, still cause concern to older individuals,

(7) the ability to lead an independent or semi-independent life is contingent, in many cases, upon the availability of a comprehensive and effective social service system for older individuals,

(8) the availability and access to opportunities for continued productivity and employment is of great importance to middle-aged and older individuals who want or need to work,

(9) the fulfillment, dignity, and satisfaction of retirees still depend on the continuing development of a consistent national retirement policy,

(10) there is a continuing need to maintain and preserve the national policy with respect to increasing, coordinating, and expediting biomedical and other appropriate research directed at determining the causes and effects of the aging proc-

(11) false stereotypes about aging and the process of aging continue to be prevalent throughout the United States and policies should be nurtured to overcome such stereotypes, and

(12) the talents and experience of older individuals represent a valuable community resource which should be developed and more widely shared within the local community.

(b) **POLICY.**—It is the policy of the Congress that—

(1) the Federal Government should work jointly with the States and their citizens to develop recommendations and plans for action to meet the challenges and needs of older individuals, consistent with the objectives of this section, and

(2) in developing programs for the aging pursuant to this section emphasis should be directed toward individual, private, and public initiatives and resources intended to enhance the economic security and self-sufficiency of elder Americans.

(42 U.S.C. 3001 note)

SEC. 202. AUTHORIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

(a) **AUTHORITY TO CALL CONFERENCE.**—Not later than December 31, 1994 the President shall convene the White House Conference on Aging in order to develop recommendations for additional research and action in the field of aging which will further the policy set forth in subsection (b).

(b) **PLANNING AND DIRECTION.**—The Conference shall be planned and conducted under the direction of the Secretary in cooperation with the Commissioner on Aging and the Director of the National Institute on Aging, and the heads of such other Federal departments and agencies as are appropriate. Such assistance may include the assignment of personnel.

(c) **PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE.**—The purpose of the Conference shall be—

(1) to increase the public awareness of the interdependence of generations and the essential contributions of older individuals to society for the well-being of all generations;

(2) to identify the problems facing older individuals and the commonalities of the problems with problems of younger generations;

(3) to examine the well-being of older individuals, including the impact the wellness of older individuals has on our aging society;

(4) to develop such specific and comprehensive recommendations for executive and legislative action as may be appropriate for maintaining and improving the well-being of the aging;

(5) to develop recommendations for the coordination of Federal policy with State and local needs and the implementation of such recommendations; and

(6) to review the status and multigenerational value of recommendations adopted at previous White House Conferences on Aging.

(d) **CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND DELEGATES.**—

(1) **PARTICIPANTS.**—In order to carry out the purposes of this section, the Conference shall bring together—

(A) representatives of Federal, State, and local governments,

(B) professional and lay people who are working in the field of aging, and

(C) representatives of the general public, particularly older individuals.

(2) **SELECTION OF DELEGATES.**—The delegates shall be selected without regard to political affiliation or past partisan activity and shall, to the best of the appointing authority's ability, be representative of the spectrum of thought in the field of aging. Delegates shall include individuals who are professionals, individuals who are nonprofessionals, minority individuals, and individuals from low-income families.

(42 U.S.C. 3001 note)

SEC. 203. CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION.

(a) **ADMINISTRATION.**—In administering this section, the Secretary shall—

(1) provide written notice to all members of the Policy Committee of each meeting, hearing, or working session of the Policy Committee not later than 48 hours before the occurrence of such meeting, hearing, or working session,

(2) request the cooperation and assistance of the heads of such other Federal departments and agencies as may be appropriate in the carrying out of this section,

(3) furnish all reasonable assistance, including financial assistance, to State agencies on the aging and to area agencies on the aging, and to other appropriate organizations (including organizations representing older Indians), to enable them to organize and conduct conferences in conjunction with the Conference,

(4) make available for public comment a proposed agenda, prepared by the Policy Committee, for the Conference which will reflect to the greatest extent possible the major issues facing older individuals consistent with the provisions of subsection (a),

(5) prepare and make available background materials for the use of delegates to the Conference which the Secretary deems necessary, and

(6) engage such additional personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section without regard to provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and without regard to chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

(b) **DUTIES.**—The Secretary shall, in carrying out the Secretary's responsibilities and functions under this section, and as part of the White House Conference on Aging, ensure that—

(1) the conferences under subsection (a)(2) shall—

(A) include a conference on older Indians to identify conditions that adversely affect older Indians, to propose solutions to ameliorate such conditions, and to provide for the exchange of information relating to the delivery of services to older Indians, and

(B) be so conducted as to assure broad participation of older individuals,

(2) the agenda prepared under subsection (a)(4) for the Conference is published in the Federal Register not later than

30 days after such agenda is approved by the Policy Committee, and the Secretary may republish such agenda together with the recommendations of the Secretary regarding such agenda,

(3) the personnel engaged under subsection (a)(5) shall be fairly balanced in terms of points of views represented and shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation or previous partisan activities,

(4) the recommendations of the Conference are not inappropriately influenced by any appointing authority or by any special interest, but will instead be the result of the independent judgment of the Conference, and

(5) current and adequate statistical data, including decennial census data, and other information on the well-being of older individuals in the United States are readily available, in advance of the Conference, to the delegates of the Conference, together with such information as may be necessary to evaluate Federal programs and policies relating to aging. In carrying out this subparagraph, the Secretary is authorized to make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, public agencies and nonprofit private organizations.

(c) GIFTS.—The Secretary may accept, on behalf of the United States, gifts (in cash or in kind, including voluntary and uncompensated services), which shall be available to carry out this title. Gifts of cash shall be available in addition to amounts appropriated to carry out this title.

(d) RECORDS.—The Secretary shall maintain records regarding—

(1) the sources, amounts, and uses of gifts accepted under subsection (c); and

(2) the identity of each person receiving assistance to carry out this title, and the amount of such assistance received by each such person.

(42 U.S.C. 3001 note)

SEC. 204. POLICY COMMITTEE; RELATED COMMITTEES.

(a) POLICY COMMITTEE.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Policy Committee comprised of 25 members to be selected, not later than 90 days after the enactment of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1992, as follows:

(A) PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES.—Thirteen members shall be selected by the President and shall include—

(i) 3 members who are officers or employees of the United States; and

(ii) 10 members with experience in the field of aging, who may include representatives of public aging agencies, institution-based organizations, and minority aging organizations.

(B) HOUSE APPOINTEES.—Four members shall be selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and shall include members of the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Represent-

ativ the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, and the Select Committee on Aging of the House of Representatives. Not more than 3 members selected under this subparagraph may be associated or affiliated with the same political party.

(C) SENATE APPOINTEES.—Four members shall be selected by the Majority Leader of the Senate, after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate, and shall include members of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate, the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate. Not more than 3 members selected under this subparagraph may be associated or affiliated with the same political party.

(D) JOINT APPOINTEES.—Four members shall be selected jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the Senate, after consultation with the minority leaders of the House and Senate, and shall include representatives with experience in the field of aging, who may include representatives described in subsection (a)(1)(A)(ii). Not more than 2 members selected under this subparagraph may be associated or affiliated with the same political party.

(2) DUTIES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE.—The Policy Committee shall initially meet at the call of the Secretary, but not later than 30 days after the last member is selected under subsection (a). Subsequent meetings of the Policy Committee shall be held at the call of the chairperson of the Policy Committee. Through meetings, hearings, and working sessions, the Policy Committee shall—

(A) make recommendations to the Secretary to facilitate the timely convening of the Conference;

(B) formulate and approve a proposed agenda for the Conference not later than 60 days after the first meeting of the Policy Committee;

(C) make recommendations for participants and delegates of the Conference;

(D) establish the number of delegates to be selected under section 202(d)(2); and

(E) formulate and approve the initial report of the Conference in accordance with section 205.

(3) QUORUM; COMMITTEE VOTING; CHAIRPERSON.—

(A) QUORUM.—Thirteen members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the Policy Committee, except that 17 members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of approving the agenda required by paragraph (2)(B) and the report required by paragraph (2)(E).

(B) VOTING.—The Policy Committee shall act by the vote of the majority of the members present.

(C) CHAIRPERSON.—The President shall select a chairperson from among the members of the Policy Committee. The chairperson may vote only to break a tie vote of the other members of the Policy Committee.

(b) ADVISORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES.—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The President shall establish an advisory committee to the Conference which shall include representation from the Federal Council on Aging and other public agencies and private nonprofit organizations as appropriate. The President shall consider for appointment to the advisory committee individuals recommended by the Policy Committee.

(2)¹ **OTHER COMMITTEES.**—The Secretary may establish such other committees, including technical committees, as may be necessary to assist in the planning, conducting, and reviewing of the Conference.

(c) **COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES.**—Each committee established under subsection (b) shall be composed of professionals and public members, and shall include individuals from low-income families and from minority groups. A majority of the public members of each such committee shall be 55 years of age or older, and individuals who are Native Americans.

(d) **COMPENSATION.**—Appointed members of any such committee (other than any officers or employees of the Federal Government), while attending conferences or meetings of the committee or otherwise serving at the request of the Secretary, shall be entitled to receive compensation at a rate to be fixed by the Secretary, but not to exceed the daily prescribed rate for GS-18 under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code (including travel time). While away from their homes or regular places of business, such members may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized under section 5703 of such title for persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service.

(42 U.S.C. 3001 note)

SEC. 203. REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE.

(a) **PROPOSED REPORT.**—A proposed report of the Conference, which shall include a statement of comprehensive coherent national policy on aging together with recommendations for the implementation of the policy, shall be published and submitted to the chief executive officers of the States not later than 90 days following the date on which the Conference is adjourned. The findings and recommendations included in the published proposed report shall be immediately available to the public.

(b) **RESPONSE TO PROPOSED REPORT.**—The chief executive officers of the States, after reviewing and soliciting recommendations and comments on the report of the Conference, shall submit to the Policy Committee, not later than 90 days after receiving the report, their views and findings on the recommendations of the Conference.

(c) REPORTS.—

(1) **INITIAL REPORT.**—The Policy Committee shall, after reviewing the views and recommendations of the chief executive officers of the States, prepare and approve an initial report of the Conference, which shall include a compilation of the actions of the chief executive officers of the States and take into consideration the views and findings of such officers.

¹ Indentation error in amendment made by section 834(2) of Public Law 102-375. Should amend so as to align the left margin of this paragraph with the left margin of paragraph (1).

(2) Not later than 60 days after such initial report is transmitted by the Policy Committee, the Secretary shall publish such initial report in the Federal Register. The Secretary may republish a final report together with such additional views and recommendations as the Secretary considers to be appropriate.

(d) **RECOMMENDATIONS OF POLICY COMMITTEE.**—The Policy Committee shall, within 90 days after submission of the views of the chief executive officers of the States, publish and transmit to the President and to the Congress recommendations for the administrative action and the legislation necessary to implement the recommendations contained within the report.

(42 U.S.C. 3001 note)

SEC. 206. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this title—

(1) the term “area agency on aging” has the meaning given the term in section 102(17) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002(17)),

(2) the term “State agency on aging” means the State agency designated under section 305(a)(1) of the Act,

(3) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Human Services,

(4) the term “Conference” means the White House Conference on Aging, and

(5) the term “State” means any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(42 U.S.C. 3001 note)

SEC. 207. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**(a) AUTHORIZATION.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1992 through 1994 to carry out this title.

(2) **CONTRACTS.**—Authority to enter into contracts under this title shall be effective only to the extent, or in such amounts as are, provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (3), funds appropriated to carry out this title and funds received as gifts under section 203(c) shall remain available for obligation or expenditure until June 30, 1995, or the expiration of the one-year period beginning on the date the Conference adjourns, whichever occurs earlier.

(2) **UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.**—Except as provided in paragraph (3), any such funds neither expended nor obligated before June 30, 1995, or the expiration of the one-year period beginning on the date the Conference adjourns, whichever occurs earlier, shall be available to carry out the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.).

(3) **CONFERENCE NOT CONVENED.**—If the Conference is not convened before June 30, 1994, such funds neither expended

nor obligated before such date shall be available to carry out
the Older Americans Act of 1965.

(42 U.S.C. 3001 note)

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BROWN SPEAKS AT WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING MEETING

Washington, July 27-- Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown participated in a planning meeting today for next year's White House Conference on Aging, presenting his views on VA's role in the fields of geriatrics and gerontology and urging the panel to include the unique needs of aging veterans in the conference agenda and in its delegate selection process.

Brown was appointed a member of the policy committee by President Clinton. The committee will determine the date, theme and agenda for the 1995 conference.

Said Brown, "Our World War II veterans are the largest group of veterans in the United States. Veterans are growing older -- faster than the general population, and VA has been dealing with the problems of an aging population longer than most other health-care providers."

Brown told the committee that VA is putting together a plan for a series of meetings around the country to look at the needs of aging veterans. "Of all American males 65 and older in 1993, 61 percent were veterans. This will not change in the near future. I want to make sure that the world knows of the work we do. And I want to be absolutely certain that our veterans' needs are addressed at the next White House Conference. The problems veterans face are in some ways unique, but they reflect the concerns of every citizen," he added.

President Clinton named Senator David Pryor of Arkansas as chairman of the policy committee and thirteen other members, including Secretary Brown. The recommendations of the White House Conference will help lead the country into the next century, which will see the population of older Americans double.

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**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
1995 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING**

July 27, 1994

**Room 216, Hart Senate Office Building
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SUBJECT

SPEAKER

Introduction of Secretary	Fernando M. Torres-Gil Assistant Secretary for Aging
Remarks	Donna E. Shalala HHS Secretary
Remarks	Carol Rasco Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Remarks	Jesse Brown VA Secretary
Introduction of Chair	Donna E. Shalala
Remarks	Senator David Pryor
Budget and Activities Overview	Robert B. Blancato WHCoA Executive Director
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POLICY COMMITTEE

DAVID PRYOR
Chairman

United States Senator, Arkansas

David Pryor was elected to the Senate in 1979, following two terms as Arkansas Governor. Elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1966 to fill an unexpired term, he went on to serve three full terms. Senator Pryor is Chairman of the Special Committee on Aging, the Subcommittee on Agricultural Production and Stabilization of Prices, the Subcommittee on Federal Services, Civil Service and Post Office and a subcommittee of the Finance Committee responsible for private pension legislation and IRS oversight. He is Secretary of the Democratic Conference, third in the Senate Democratic leadership and active on the Senate Democratic Steering Committee. Senator Pryor's background includes three terms as an Arkansas State Legislator.

NORMAN ABRAMOWITZ

Mayor, City of Tamarac,
Florida

In addition to his responsibilities as Mayor of Tamarac, Norman Abramowitz has served in various capacities with civic and social service organizations. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Broward League of Cities since 1988 and was President from 1993-1994. He was Governor Lawton Chiles' appointment for Broward County as a representative to the Department of Elder Affairs and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities. He has been active with the Northwest Council of Mayors, the Alzheimer's Family Center, Inc., the American Cancer Society, and the South Florida Water Management Advisory Board. He served in the Armed Forces from 1943-1946 and is a lifetime member of the Marine Corps League.

BEA GWIN BACON

Secretary-Treasurer,
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An official observer with the 1981 White House Conference on Aging, Bea Gwin Bacon has been active with organizations concerned with aging for many years. She is a founder of the Central States Conference on Advocacy for Aging, the Central States Coalition on Aging, the National Silver Haired Congress Steering Committee and the Kansas Coalition on Aging. She has served in various offices with the seven-county Mid-America Council on Aging. For six years she chaired the Johnson County Council on Aging. Bacon has served as a board member with the Johnson County Aging Commission, chair of the Ad Hoc State Committee for Creation of a Cabinet-level Kansas Department on Aging and as a member of the State Advisory Council on Aging.

She is a founder of the Johnson County Scholarship Foundation, which has assisted more than 100 college students.

JESSE BROWN

Secretary of Veterans Affairs

As Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Jesse Brown directs the federal government's second largest department, responsible for a nationwide system of health care services, benefits programs, and national cemeteries for America's 27.2 million veterans. A combat-disabled Vietnam veteran, Brown had spent his entire professional career with the Disabled American Veterans, serving as its Executive Director since 1989. Brown served with the DAV for 22 years before becoming Director. Enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1963, Brown was wounded in combat in 1965 while patrolling in the Danang area of Vietnam. The gunshot wounds left his right arm partially paralyzed. Brown is a member of the American Legion, AMVETS, the DAV, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Marine Corps League.

HENRY G. CISNEROS

Secretary of Housing and Urban
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Henry G. Cisneros is the country's foremost federal housing and community development official, responsible for administering fair housing activities as well as federally assisted housing and economic development programs. In 1981, he became the first Hispanic mayor of a major U. S. city when he was elected Mayor of San Antonio and, from 1981 to 1989, he rebuilt the city's economic base. He left public service in 1989 and became Chairman of Cisneros Asset Management Company, a national fixed-income asset management firm for tax-exempt institutions. Cisneros recently served as Deputy Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. He has also been a board member of the Rockefeller Foundation, Chairman of the National Civic League, and Chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Construction of San Antonio's Alamodome. He has received numerous awards and honors.

BILL COHEN

United States Senator, Maine

Bill Cohen was elected to the Senate in 1978. He serves on the Special Committee on Aging and on the Armed Services, Governmental Affairs and Judiciary Committees. Before his election to the Senate, Senator Cohen spent 16 years in the House of Representatives, where he was one of the original members of the Select Committee on Aging. His background includes service as Mayor of Bangor, Bangor City Councilor and Assistant County Attorney for Penobscot County, Maine, and as a staff member for the Maine Governor's State Credit Research Committee. He has been an instructor at Husson College in Bangor and at the University of Maine at Orono. He was a member of the Board of Overseers of Bowdoin College from 1973 to 1985. Senator Cohen

has authored or co-authored eight books, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

HORACE B. DEETS

Executive Director
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Horace B. Deets joined AARP in 1975 and served as Director of the Executive Staff from 1981 until 1988. Prior to joining AARP, he worked at the U.S. Government's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and as the Director of Outreach at the Washington Hospital Center's project for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Deets serves on a number of boards and commissions, including the Andrus Gerontology Center Board of Councilors, the University of Southern California; the Board of Advisors of the Emory Center for Leadership and Career Studies; Emory Business School; the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations; and the Conference Board.

JAMES T. DELACRUZ

Chairman
Washington State Indian Council on
Aging

A member of the Quinault Indian Nation and the Quinault Senior Citizens Program Coordinator since 1985, James T. DeLaCruz has been chairman of the Washington State Indian Council on Aging since 1991. In June 1994, he was elected Chairman of the National Association of Title VI grantees; in 1991, he was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Aging of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and Chairman of the Aging Indian Health Concerns Committee of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. DeLaCruz has also served for many years as Chairman of the Quinault Housing Authority with special interest in the needs of the Quinault elderly. In 1993, he was elected Title VI Board Representative to the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs. DeLaCruz served in the U.S. Army from 1968-1970 and has been a part-time Quinault commercial fisherman throughout his adult life.

ROSE DOBROF

Executive Director, Brookdale
Center on Aging at Hunter College

Rose Dobrof has served in her current position with the City University of New York since 1974. From 1993 to 1994, she was Acting Vice-President for Institutional Advancement at Hunter College. Dr. Dobrof is Professor and Brookdale Professor of Gerontology at Hunter College School of Social Work, Co-Director of the Hunter-Mount Sinai Geriatric Education Center, Professorial Lecturer in Community Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Senior Fellow with the Brookdale Foundation. Active in many organizations related to health and aging, she currently serves on the Board of Directors of the New York City Chapter of the National Caucus and Center for the Black Aged, the

Advisory Board of the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center of the New York City Department for the Aging and the Executive Committee and Advisory Board of the Center on Policy in Aging of the New York Community Trust.

MADELEINE R. FREEMAN

Executive Director, Eastern
(Maine) Agency on Aging (retired)

Madeline R. Freeman served as executive director of a four-county area agency on aging in Maine from 1980-1991. Since her retirement, she has continued her activities in the field of aging and social services, serving in high-level capacities with the Maine Advisory Council on Elder Affairs, the Home Assistance Volunteer Board, Legal Services for the Elderly and the Maine Gerontological Society. An appointee of the Governor to the Maine Judicial Council, Freeman is chair of Maine's Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability. Past activities include chair of the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar, member of the Board of Trustees of Bates College, member of the Supreme Judicial Court's Select Commission on Professional Responsibility and chair of the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

BILL HUGHES

U. S. House of Representatives
2nd District, New Jersey

A member of Congress since 1975, Bill Hughes is Chairman of the House Older Americans Caucus, and a member of the Judiciary and the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committees. He has served as Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime. He is a key player in international trade initiatives aimed at protecting the creativity and work products of scientists, inventors and writers. He is a leader in the field of environmental protection and co-authored the law which established the Pinelands National Reserve. From 1990-1993 Hughes also served as chairman of the House Aging Subcommittee on Retirement Income and Employment. He sponsored legislation to encourage older workers to stay active in the labor force and to permit them to retain more of their earnings. He also promoted home health care services for senior citizens and fairness in pension and retirement systems.

ANDY JACOBS, JR.

U. S. House of Representatives
10th District, Indiana

Andy Jacobs, Jr. was elected to the House of Representatives in 1964 and served four terms. He was re-elected in 1974 and currently is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Social Security of the House Ways and Means Committee. Jacobs was chief House sponsor of the prospective payment program in Medicare and also is responsible for the guarantee that the freeze on Medicare payments to doctors will not result in additional charges being passed on to Medicare beneficiaries. While a member of the Judiciary Committee, Jacobs helped write the 1965 Voting Rights

Act. Jacobs also served in the Indiana General Assembly from 1958 through 1964.

MARALEE I. LINDLEY

Director, Illinois Department
on Aging

In her Cabinet-level position, Maralee I. Lindley directs a department that serves senior citizens throughout Illinois with a programs funded with a \$176 million budget. Before her appointment in 1992, she was, for six years, County Clerk for Sangamon County, Illinois. She served as a member of the Illinois Council on Aging from 1990-1992. She has been a member of the Central Illinois Executive Committee of the American Society for Public Administration and regional vice president of the National Association of Government Accountants. Lindley has held various offices with the Illinois Association of County Auditors and Illinois Women in Government. She is past president of the Illinois Committee on Child Welfare Legislation. In 1960 and 1970, she served as appointee to the White House Conference on Children and Youth. Lindley has been active with the Federation of Republican Women at the state and national levels.

THOMAS H. D. MAHONEY

Professor of History, Massachusetts
Institute of Technology (retired)

Thomas H. D. Mahoney was professor of history at MIT from 1945-1984, serving as Chair of the history faculty from 1963-1965 and 1977-1979. He was Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs from 1979-1983 and chaired the Massachusetts delegation to the 1981 White House Conference on Aging. Internationally recognized as an expert in aging, he has served in many capacities with United Nations programs and activities, such as the United Nations World Assembly on Aging, the United Nations Unit on Aging and the Vienna International Plan of Aging. From 1987-90 he was New York Chair for the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Aging. At the Singapore International Conference on Aging in 1993, he was keynote speaker. Since 1985, he has been a speaker, in cities throughout the world, with the Inter-Parliamentary Union Meetings on the Health and Well-Being of the Elderly.

MATTHEW G. "MARTY" MARTINEZ

U. S. House of Representatives
31st District, California

A member of the House of Representatives since 1982, Matthew Martinez is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Human Resources and a member of the Subcommittees on Labor Management Relations, International Operations, Asia and the Pacific, and International Security, International Organizations and Human Rights. He served as a California legislator for two years prior to his election to Congress. He was Mayor of Monterey Park, California, in 1976 and 1980, a member of the Monterey Park City Council from 1974 to 1980 and a member of the Monterey Park Planning Committee from 1971 to 1974. For his work in public service, he has been

named to the National Senior Citizen Hall of Fame and received an Americans with Disabilities Act Award from the Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities. A veteran, he served in the U. S. Marine Corps.

BARBARA A. MIKULSKI

United States Senator, Maryland

Barbara A. Mikulski, elected to a second term in the United States Senate in 1992, is Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, and the Labor and Human Resources Subcommittee on Aging. She is Assistant Floor Leader and is a member of the Senate Ethics Committee. Other responsibilities on the Appropriations Committee include the Foreign Operations, Legislative Branch, Transportation, and Treasury, Postal Service and General Government subcommittees. On the Labor and Human Resources Committee, she holds positions on the Education and Employment and Productivity subcommittees. Prior to her election to the Senate, Mikulski served in the House of Representatives for 10 years. From 1971 through 1976, she served on the City Council of Baltimore.

CONNIE MORELLA

U. S. House of Representatives
8th District, Maryland

Re-elected in 1992 to her fourth term, Connie Morella is ranking member of the Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Compensation and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight of the Science, Space and Technology Committee. Morella was the first woman to chair the Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus and currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Congressional Caucus for Human Rights. This year she was inducted into the Maryland Woman's Hall of Fame, and in 1992 McCall's Magazine named her one of the 10 best members of Congress for women. Morella served for eight years in the Maryland House of Delegates and was a professor in the English Department at Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland.

DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

United States Senator, New York

First elected to the Senate in 1976, Daniel Patrick Moynihan was re-elected in 1982 and 1988. He chairs the Committee on Finance, the Subcommittee on Water Resources, Transportation, Public Buildings and Economic Development and the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. He is Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Taxation and a member of the Committee on Rules and Administration and the Joint Committee on the Library. Senator Moynihan's career includes service as Ambassador to India, Ambassador to the United Nations and Assistant Secretary of Labor. He has been Director of the Joint Center for Urban Studies at MIT and Harvard University, professor of government at Harvard and assistant professor of government at Syracuse University. Senator Moynihan has authored or edited 16 books. The recipient of numerous awards, he is a retired member of the United States Naval Reserve.

MARY ROSE OAKAR

CEO and President, Mary Rose Oakar
& Associates, Inc.

Oakar & Associates is a consulting and public relations firm. Its CEO and president, Mary Rose Oakar, served Ohio's 20th District in the U. S. House of Representatives from 1977 to 1992. She was a member of the Cleveland, Ohio, City Council from 1973 to 1976 and a college professor from 1967 to 1975. While in Congress, Ms. Oakar chaired subcommittees of the committees on Post Office and Civil Service, House Administration, and International Development, Finance, Trade and Monetary Policy. She chaired the Task Force on Social Security, Elderly and Women of the Select Committee on Aging. A member of the Pepper Commission on Comprehensive Health Care while in Congress, she also served as liaison to the Democratic National Committee and as delegate to both the North Atlantic Assembly and the World Interparliamentary Union.

HERB A. SANDERSON

Director, Division of Aging and
Adult Services, Arkansas Department
of Human Services

Since 1984, Herb A. Sanderson has served as director of Arkansas' State Agency on Aging. For seven years prior to this appointment, he was executive director of an area agency on aging serving 12 Arkansas counties. Active in numerous organizations serving the aging, Mr. Sanderson serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Units on Aging, the Arkansas Governor's Task Forces on Alzheimer's Disease and Supported Housing, the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Gerontological Society and the Editorial Board of Aging Arkansas. For his work in the field of aging, Mr. Sanderson has received numerous awards, including recognition by the Mid-America Congress on Aging, the Southwest Society on Aging, the Arkansas Women's Political Caucus and the Central Arkansas Area Agency on Aging.

DONNA E. SHALALA

Secretary of Health and Human
Services

Donna E. Shalala oversees the federal agency which provides direct services or income support to more than one in every five Americans. She came to HHS from the University of Wisconsin where, as Chancellor, she was the first woman to head a Big Ten University. In 1980, she became the youngest woman to lead a major U.S. college when she assumed the presidency of Hunter College in New York. From 1975 to 1977, Shalala was Director and Treasurer of the Municipal Assistance Corporation which helped reverse New York City's financial collapse. Among her directorships and trusteeships have been Children's Defense Fund, Spelman College, the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Foundation, Institute for International Economics, New York Urban Coalition and the National Women's Law Center. In 1962, Shalala volunteered for the U.S. Peace Corps and spent two years teaching in Iran.

LAWRENCE T. SMEDLEY

Executive Director
National Council of Senior Citizens

Prior to joining NCSC in 1988, Lawrence T. Smedley was Associate Director of the AFL-CIO Department of Occupational Safety, Health and Social Security. He is Chair of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, Treasurer of the Save Our Security Coalition, Secretary of the Citizens for Tax Justice, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Committee for National Health Insurance. Smedley has served on numerous advisory bodies, including planning and advisory bodies for the White House Conferences on Aging in 1971 and 1981. He also served on the Labor Department's Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Plans and on a special Labor Department task force to examine policies relating to asset reversions from over-funded pension plans.

MARTA SOTOMAYOR

President & CEO
National Hispanic Council on Aging

Marta Sotomayor has been President of the National Hispanic Council on Aging since 1986. She was a senior policy advisor to the Secretary's Task Force on Minority Health at the National Institutes of Health from 1984 to 1986. From 1981-1984 she was Director of the Office of Special Populations in the Administration for Mental Health, Drug Abuse and Alcohol of the U. S. Public Health Service. She has held numerous university teaching positions and has been a consultant on aging issues to state and community organizations as well as to research institutions. She has received many honors in the field of higher education. Her current civic activities include the Board of Directors of the American Society on Aging, the Maryland Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs, and the Board of Directors of the YWCA of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area.

DANIEL THURSZ

President & CEO
The National Council on the Aging

In addition to his responsibilities with the National Council on the Aging, Dr. Daniel Thursz is International Vice President of the International Federation on Aging and Co-Chair of Generations United. From 1977-1987 he was International Executive Vice-President of B'nai Brith International, and from 1967-1976 he was dean and professor of the School of Social Work and Community Planning, University of Maryland at Baltimore. In 1965-1966, he was Associate National Director of VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) at the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity. Other professional activities are member of the Board of Visitors, University of North Carolina at Asheville, North Carolina; and member of the Board of Directors, U. S. Committee of the International Council on Special Welfare.

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WHCoA HOLDS FIRST POLICY COMMITTEE SESSION

HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala will convene the first meeting of the White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) Policy Committee on Wednesday, July 27 at 1 p.m. in Room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Members of the Committee, which will be chaired by Senator David Pryor, D-Ark., will consider the theme and agenda for the 1995 WHCoA and decide the date, location and number of delegates to the meeting.

"This will be the fourth White House Conference on Aging in history, and the last one before the 21st century," said Shalala in announcing the meeting. "The plans made by the policy committee will help to ensure that its recommendations reflect a new era, one in which older people will represent a larger segment of the population than ever before. We will meet the challenge of a new century by developing aging policy that is creative and future oriented."

The policy committee is required by the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1992 which authorize the White House Conference on Aging. The terms of the act dictate that the 25 members be chosen jointly by the president and the Congress to plan the specifics of the meeting.

The White House Conference on Aging has embarked on an aggressive grass-roots strategy of recognizing state and local events which are hosted by community organizations. At these events, private citizens discuss issues of concern to seniors and produce policy recommendations which will become part of the final agenda of the WHCoA. Over 175 conferences in 38 states have already been recognized. All states will have conferences on aging. Several regional conferences and 50 mini-conferences in 20 states have also been approved.

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NOTE to Editors: A list of policy committee members is attached.

POLICY COMMITTEE

David Pryor, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., Chairman

Daniel P. Moynihan, United States Senate, Washington, D.C.

Barbara A. Mikulski, United States Senate, Washington, D.C.

William S. Cohen, United States Senate, Washington, D.C.

Andrew Jacobs, Jr., United States House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

William J. Hughes, United States House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Matthew G. Martinez, United States House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Constance A. Morella, United States House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services,
Washington, D.C.

Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing & Urban Development,
Washington, D.C.

Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Norman Abramowitz, Mayor of the City of Tamarac, Fla.

Bea G. Bacon, Central States Coalition on Aging, Olathe, Kan.

Horace B. Deets, Executive Director, American Association of Retired
Persons, Washington, D.C.

James T. DeLaCruz, Coordinator, Quinault Senior Citizens Program,
Taholah, Wash.

Rose Dobrof, DSW, Executive Director, Brookdale Center on Aging of
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Madeleine R. Freeman, Orono, Maine

Maralee Lindley, Director, Illinois Department on Aging,
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Lawrence T. Smedley, Executive Director, National Council of Senior
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