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THE DELEGATES HAVE SPOKEN.... Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Older Americans Act Reaffirmed

The 2,217 delegates to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) demonstrated overwhelming support for Social Security, the Older Americans Act, Medicare, and Medicaid. Resolution 7.1, "Keeping Social Security Sound for Now and for the Future," received 1,597 votes, making it the top vote-getter. Closely following, with 1,573 votes, was resolution 4.7, "Preserving the Integrity of the Older Americans Act." Resolution 4.2, "Preserving the Nature of Medicaid," and resolution 4.1, "Ensuring the Future of the Medicare Program," received 1,427 and 1,406 votes, respectively.

Other resolutions adopted by the delegates call for increased funding for Alzheimer's disease research, universal health care coverage, further development of home- and community-based long-term care services, and the acknowledgment of the contributions made by older volunteers.



President Clinton addresses the opening plenary of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

In a press conference immediately following the voting results, Senator David Pryor (D-AR), Chairman of the 1995 WHCoA Policy Committee, referred to the delegates as "a pretty

pragmatic group." He added, "They want some of the things we have to work, and to work better."

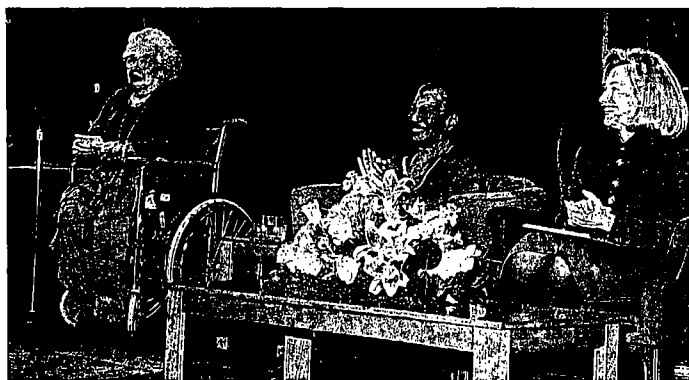
Delegates also responded to a new and growing trend in family

structures—that of grandparents caring for their grandchildren. They adopted a resolution which calls for greater assistance for grandparents who serve as primary caregivers for their grandchildren—a first in WHCoA history. This resolution clearly captures the Conference theme "America Now and Into the 21st Century: Generations Aging Together with Independence, Opportunity, and Dignity."

Activities are already underway which will examine how best to implement the adopted resolutions at the local, state, and Federal levels. These events are part of a post-Conference series titled, "Turning Resolutions Into Results."

Please see page 3 for a list of the adopted resolutions and page 4 for a calendar of post-Conference events.

1995 WHCoA EVENTS PROVIDE UNIQUE FORUMS



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton discusses the importance of mammograms with Cecelia Paulie, a member of the National Council on Negro Women (seated next to the First Lady), and Liz Carpenter, former press secretary for Lady Bird Johnson.

The 1995 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) was held May 2-5, 1995, at the Washington, D.C. Hilton Hotel and Towers. The Conference provided many forums in which 2,217 delegates and approximately 300 observers, 35 international observers, 500 volunteers, and 250 members of the press from across the country discussed America's aging policies and programs. The 1995 WHCoA was the last of its kind to be held in the 20th century.

The WHCoA began with a speak-out, held the evening of May 2, at which 50 delegates spoke for up to three minutes each about their concerns. Members of the WHCoA Advisory Committee listened to their comments. The speak-out provided an informal means through which the delegates could voice their opinions without the restrictions of parliamentary procedure.

President Clinton was the keynote speaker on Wednesday morning, May 3, during the official opening of the Conference. The President issued a challenge to the delegates, saying, "Your job here, more than anything else, is to help determine how to use the accumulated experience and judgment of older Americans to make all of our country stronger in the future." Focusing on the programs of Medicare and Medicaid, the President declared, "I believe it is wrong simply to slash Medicare and Medicaid to pay for tax cuts for people who are well-off," further adding, "It's wrong to cut Medicaid over \$150 billion in ways that threaten long-term care for seniors."

Also participating in the opening plenary were Vice President Al Gore; Secretary Donna Shalala, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services; Secretary

Jesse Brown, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs; Senator David Pryor (D-AR), Chairman, WHCoA Policy Committee; Senator William Cohen (R-ME), Chairman, Senate Special Committee on Aging; Representative Constance Morella (R-MD); Representative Matthew Martinez (R-CA); Dr. Arthur Flemming, former Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare and Chairman, 1971 WHCoA; Dr. Robert Butler, Chairman, WHCoA Advisory Committee; Robert B. Blum, Executive Director, WHCoA, and Hugh Downs, delegate to the 1995 WHCoA.

In conjunction with her breast cancer initiative, which began on May 1, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton conducted a forum on Medicare and mammography for the Conference participants on Thursday morning. Mrs. Clinton discussed the importance of regular mammograms, especially

for older women, with a panel of breast cancer survivors, individuals in the medical profession, and leaders of breast cancer prevention programs across the country. During the previous months many of the members of the panel had accompanied the First Lady as she delivered the same message to sites across the country.

The delegates worked on the Conference resolutions in Issue Resolution Development Sessions (IRDS). These resolutions were crafted by the WHCoA Policy and Advisory Committees after they reviewed recommendations from hundreds of pre-Conference events. The initial 60 draft resolutions belonged to four main issue categories: Assuring Comprehensive Health Care Including Long-Term Care; Promoting Economic Security; Maximizing Housing and

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PROPOSED REPORT SENT TO NATION'S GOVERNORS

The proposed report of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, which is the first draft of the final report, was sent to the nation's governors on August 1, 1995. It is the first of two Conference reports required by law and features

Proposed Report

Contents

- Executive Summary
- Statement of National Aging Policy
- Resolution Process
- Text of Resolutions
- Resolution implementation strategies
- Statements by the Disability and Business Advisory committees (see related story below)
- Appendices



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Following the recent taping of President Clinton's radio address on Medicare, the President, the First Lady and others, including 1995 WHCoA Advisory Committee members Steve Protulis and Lou Glasse, listen to comments from Dr. Arthur Flemming.

a statement of national aging policy, resolutions of the Conference, and their corresponding implementation strategies. The proposed report seeks comments from the governors

concerning the nation's aging policy and implementation strategies.

Work on the proposed report began with a two-day meeting of the Advisory Com-

mittee in mid-June. Once they had approved the format of the proposed report the Advisory Committee members were charged with two tasks: synthesize the resolutions adopted at the Conference and develop implementation strategies for these synthesized resolutions.

At the end of the two-day period the 51 adopted resolutions had been synthesized to 45 resolutions by eliminating duplicative language and merging similar delegate-introduced resolutions with IRDS resolutions. In addition, each one of the synthesized resolutions had a three-part implementation plan, including:

- what type of action should be taken to realize the intent of the resolution;
- the party/ies responsible for the action; and
- the time by which the action should be complete.

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SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES EXAMINE DISABILITY, BUSINESS ISSUES

A unique feature of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging is the introduction of the Advisory Committee on Disabilities and the Business Advisory Committee. These two special committees, the members of which were selected by Secretary Donna Shalala, will

advise the Secretary in reviewing and implementing resolutions dealing with these two important issues.

Members of the Business Advisory Committee met on July 17, 1995 to discuss the critical issues inherent in conducting business with respect to aging.

The Secretary emphasized the important economic implications of our aging society and cited the challenge to use all of our available resources—both in the public and private sectors.

A recurring theme in the discussion of the members of the Business Advisory Committee was the importance of a thriving economy, the only mechanism capable of generating the income that will enable people to save for their eventual retirements. Committee members and other business delegates present at the meeting also noted the need for flexible work options, reformed retirement benefits, and tax incentives to increase savings.



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Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, shown above at the Opening Plenary session of the 1995 WHCoA, addressed the WHCoA Business Advisory Committee meeting on July 17, 1995.

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Advisory Committee on Disabilities

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American Association of Retired Persons

Mr. Fred Cowell
Senior Health Policy Analyst
Paralyzed Veterans of America

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Rheumatology Division of the
Department of Medicine
George Washington University

Mr. James P. Firman
President and CEO
National Council on the Aging

Matthew P. Janicki, Ph.D.
Director of Aging Services, New York State
Office of Developmental Disabilities

Mr. John Kemp, Executive Director
United Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc.

Douglas Martin, Ph.D.
Special Assistant to the Chancellor
ADA/504 Compliance Officer
University of California at Los Angeles

Mr. Oral Miller
American Council of the Blind

Mr. Bobby Charles Simpson, Commissioner
Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

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Aetna Life and Casualty

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President and CEO, Geron Corporation

Mrs. Candy Gialamas
The Gialamas Company, Inc.

Mr. Vernon Loucks
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Consolidated Edison Company, New York

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HealthDesk Corporation

Mr. Westcott W. Price
President and CEO
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GRASSROOTS REMAIN ACTIVE IN POST-CONFERENCE EVENTS



President Clinton visits with seniors at a Florida senior center.

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An important and ongoing facet of the White House Conference on Aging has been a national network of post-Conference events. Beginning May 9, less than a week after the Conference adjourned, they will continue through the end of the year (see Calendar on back page). The purpose of these post-Conferences is to focus on one or more of the adopted resolutions and develop strategies for implementation.

These post-Conferences have varied in size ranging from seminars with less than 20 people to full fledged meetings with close to 1000 attendees. There are several common elements to all post-WHCoA events. One is the active participation of delegates. In some instances some of the 2217 delegates are organizing the

events, in others they address the event and provide important information. In several cases, entire state delegations have been in attendance.

"I continue to be impressed with the hard work and dedication displayed by all the delegates who came to Washington in May to finalize the recommendations," said Sen.

"WHCoA expects that by year's end, more than 1000 pre and post-WHCoA events will have been held in all 50 states involving more than 125,000 persons."

David Pryor, Chairman of the WHCoA Policy Committee.

As in the case of the more than 800 pre-Conference events, these post-Conference events have been organized by a wide array of individuals and organizations in the aging network. These include State Units on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging, national and regional

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FINAL REPORT ON SCHEDULE

Work on the final report of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging is progressing on schedule and should be completed by early 1996. The WHCoA staff is currently compiling responses from the nation's Governors on the proposed report (sent to Governors in early August) as well as crafting the language of the recommendations for administrative and legislative action to be voted on by the Policy Committee in their final meeting on December 13, 1995.

Speaking on the potential impact of the report Rep. Connie Morella, a member of the WHCoA Policy Committee remarked, "I firmly believe that the formal conference report will have a profound impact on the direction of our nation's policy on

aging. One only need look at history to realize the potential such recommendations have for major policy innovation and implementation."

The report will feature recommendations for administrative

and legislative action which will be based on the Conference resolutions as well as a statement of national aging policy. Also included in the report will be full text of the resolutions, detailed accounts of the proceedings and history of the Conference, and complete listings of all pre and post-Conference events, delegates, observers, etc.

A compilation of the Governors' comments on the proposed report will appear in the *Federal Register* as well as be incorporated into the final report.

Governor's Comments Received on Proposed Report

Below is a listing of the states and territories that have submitted comments on the Proposed Report to the White House Conference on Aging thus far. The comments will be incorporated into the Conference's final report to be presented to the President, Congress and public in early 1996.

Alabama	Nebraska
Arkansas	New Mexico
Colorado	North Carolina
Florida	Oregon
Georgia	Pennsylvania
Hawaii	Puerto Rico
Idaho	Rhode Island
Illinois	South Carolina
Iowa	Tennessee
Kentucky	Texas
Louisiana	Vermont
Maine	Virginia
Maryland	Washington
Mississippi	West Virginia
Missouri	



Secretary of HHS, Donna Shalala and Rep. Patrick Kennedy discuss Medicare with a concerned senior on the east lawn of the Capitol.

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17. Role of the Private Sector
18. Technology

October 5, 1994, the WHCoA received a total of 915 responses to the notice announcing the proposed themes and issues, which appeared in the *Federal Register* on October 12.

The comments, which arrived by mail, fax, and the internet, represented approximately 275 organizations, including such groups as the Alzheimer's Association, the American Dental Association, the American Foundation for the Blind, the Foster Grandparent Program, the National Senior Citizens Law Center, the American Institute of Wine and Food, and the American Library Association.

The *Federal Register* notice contained four proposed themes, and the public was invited either to choose one from the list of four or to recommend a new theme altogether. A total of 463 comments concerning the proposed themes arrived at WHCoA headquarters. *America Now and into the 21st Century: Growing Older with Independence, Opportunity, and Dignity* received the most support, with *Aging into the 21st Century: Generations Working*



Official White House Photo.

President Clinton greets a senior White House volunteer.

Together for a Better Community a second choice. A significant number of responses concerning the theme suggested either hybrids of the four themes or possible new themes.

The issues generating most of the comments were **Health, Income Security and Other Benefits, Housing/Social and Community Services, Crime/Personal Safety,**

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Focus Groups Spotlight Seniors' Concerns

"Don't mess with Social Security! How long will I be able to remain independent? Change the way the media portrays the elderly!"

These are just some of the messages that have been sent to the Administration through the White House Conference on Aging's ongoing focus group project. The project, conducted by the University of New Mexico Center on Aging in cooperation with the Gerontological Society of America, began its work last February on the same day that President Clinton officially called for the White House Conference on Aging.



Helen Kerschner, of the University of New Mexico, leads focus group in Little Rock, AR.

The focus group project, funded by the Retirement Research Foundation and the Corporation for National Service, involves the collection of candid, qualitative data from seniors at the grass-roots level. The most recent findings came from a group of 192 seniors in 11 different locations across the country who were asked to respond to questions about a) what it means to get older, b) the special concerns of older persons, c) treatment by the media, d) the keys to healthy living, and e) generational relationships.

Fears and concerns included health, finances, security, dependency and a sense of worthlessness. The media was often identified as promoting a false, negative image of older people although participants indicated that their local media was more balanced in its portrayals. Other focus group participants pointed to young people as also advancing a false notion of the elderly being helpless and burdens to society. The keys to healthy aging were identified as involvement in daily and regular activities, volunteering, and a good mental outlook.

Participants of the focus groups made it clear that although they are experiencing many challenges, they still possess tremendous wisdom, energy and experience and wish to be treated as such. As one senior remarked, "The elderly are smarter than you think." Another senior at the first focus group in Florida commented that the WHCoA was first to ask him his opinions on aging in the 14 years since he retired."

Focus groups play a vital role in the White House Conference on Aging as it strives to identify and make public both the problems and contributions of older individuals. The WHCoA is hearing the concerns and views of seniors all across the Nation through this project, and through the approximately 600 pre-conference events taking place throughout the country.

Recommendations from the White House Conference on Aging will be the basis for national aging policy for the 21st century.

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WHCoA PROPOSED AGENDA AWAITS PUBLIC COMMENT

For the first time in the history of White House Conferences on Aging, the public is being invited to help set the agenda for the Conference scheduled for **May 2-5, 1995**.

Following a unanimous vote of approval by the WHCoA Policy Committee, a proposed agenda was printed in the *Federal Register* on October 12, 1994, with the public invited to comment through December 1, 1994. Chairman of the White House Conference on Aging Policy Committee, Senator David Pryor "views this process as being critical to our efforts to ensure maximum citizen and organizational involvement in the planning and conducting of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging."

Of particular interest to the Committee are comments on the four proposed themes for the conference as well as suggestions for linking the individual issues of the proposed agenda together at the conference. The proposed agenda lists a series of nineteen major issue areas with subissues for review and public comment. They range from arts and humanities to transportation, as well



First Lady Hillary Clinton discusses the importance of exercise with a fit senior.

as health and fitness, cultural diversity and the image of older people.

The proposed agenda notes that during the Conference, delegates will begin the process of establishing priorities for action among the recommendations they produce. This will serve as the foundation for future

action toward implementation of these recommendations. WHCoA Executive Director Robert Blancato said that the public was urged to especially provide comment on how best the Conference can link different issues together to ensure a more comprehensive and coordinated series of recommendations

to impact national aging policy over the next ten years.

Major Issues

- Arts and Humanities
- Crime/Personal Safety
- Cultural Diversity
- Employment
- Families and Family Life
- Health
- Housing/Social/Community Services
- Image of Older People
- Income Security and Other Benefits
- Interdependence of Generations
- Older Americans Act and Its Role
- Productive Older People
- Quality of Life/Meaning in Later Years
- Research and Education/Training
- Rights/Responsibilities/Advocacy
- Role of the Private Sector
- Special Constituencies
- Technology

WHCoA RECEIVES OVER 150 REPORTS FROM PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Participants Make Many Important Recommendations

The 1995 White House Conference on Aging's (WHCoA) four part program of local, state, regional, and mini-White House Conferences on Aging is well underway. The program requires each mini-conference to submit its report within 30 days of the event, and each local event to submit its report within 45 days of the event. The reports contain summaries of issues discussed and recommendations proposed. As the May 1995 WHCoA approaches, the number of reports received by the WHCoA has steadily increased. Reports have arrived from all areas of the nation, stretching from Maine to Hawaii.

As of this date, over 150 reports have been received by the WHCoA. Twenty-six states have been represented, and the reports indicate that of the over 12,000 total number of participants, close to 8,000 are age 55 or older.

Common Issues

The conferences have highlighted a wide range of policy issues. The most common among these are health care, the maintenance of independence for seniors, the importance of the



Centenarians honored at the Colorado Governor's Conference on Aging. Back Row, Left to Right: Rita Barreras, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services; Mr. Robert B. Blancato, Executive Director, WHCoA; CO Governor Roy Romer. Front Row, Left to Right: Ms. Bunnie Elliott, Bessie Short's daughter, Ms. Bessie Short, 108 years old; Mr. Paul Flores, 105 years old.

interdependence of generations, and the significance of the contributions the elderly make to the community.

Other events have focused specifically on certain segments

of the elder population. Included among these are immigrants, Hispanics, women and Native Americans. These conferences have also generated important policy recommendations for the May 1995 WHCoA,

such as the need to stress cultural sensitivity in addressing the needs of minority elderly groups and the necessity of eliminating language and literacy barriers.

Variety of Formats

While the reports offer recommendations on a variety of issues, the formats of the events themselves have also been diverse. Roundtable discussions, public hearings, focus groups, and town meetings have all been implemented as structures for pre-WHCoA events. Because the recommendations already made to the WHCoA have been produced from many different types of events, it is obvious that the topics which are identified are important on a number of levels.

The local level WHCoA-recognized conferences serve as vehicles for identifying common interests and concerns at the grassroots level. This grassroots involvement is important to the WHCoA, as it is imperative that the voices of those who will be affected by the policy recommendations made at the 1995 WHCoA are heard.

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CLINTON TO CONVENE LAST WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING OF 20th CENTURY

President Bill Clinton, on February 17, 1994, formally called for a White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) to be convened in May of 1995 -- the first such conference since 1981.

In a press release from the White House detailing the convocation, the President noted, "An older America must soon face a new century. A 1995 White House Conference on Aging allows us to plan for this challenge by working together to build policy recommendations for the 21st century. We owe this to future generations."

As the President was announcing his decision

regarding the '95 WHCoA in Washington, the Conference was conducting its first local forum in Tampa, Florida aimed at obtaining grass roots input on what should be included in the agenda for the Conference.

On March 21, 1994, Secretary Donna Shalala of the Department of Health and Human Services briefed the Domestic Policy Council on the progress of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging. Cabinet officers, agency heads and senior White House staff in attendance expressed interest and support for the Conference.



President Clinton speaks with senior citizen.

Four-Part Strategy Outlined

Pre-Conference Planning and Programs Underway

The 1995 White House Conference on Aging has embarked upon a four-part strategy of programs and activities to be conducted in advance of convening the formal Conference.

The four parts of the strategy involve local, state, regional and topic-specific mini conferences.

This strategy has two purposes: first, to encourage the widest possible participation by individuals and organizations; second, to identify common interests and concerns.

Letters of invitation have been sent to thousands of potential sponsors of local conferences. Concurrently,

to broaden public awareness, an announcement was also published in the March 14, 1994 edition of the Federal Register.

Both the Federal Register announcement and the letter included guidelines for local programs and activities that could be recognized as official 1995 WHCoA events.

States will soon be notified that the WHCoA will provide limited seed money for the convening of State White House Conferences on Aging.

In addition, formal notices will also be sent to regional offices of the Department of Health and Human Services to inform them of limited funds being available for Regional Conferences on Aging.

In the near future, the WHCoA will announce criteria for mini conferences on aging. These mini conferences differ from the

others in that they are to focus on a specific federal aging policy issue or on a special constituency of older Americans.

These four activities will be conducted through the early part of May 1995. They will be followed by the national conference and the writing of a report to the President and Congress containing policy recommendations.

Further, the 1995 WHCoA also intends to develop a post-WHCoA program to help implement priority recommendations produced at the Conference aimed at developing aging policy over the next decade.

President Names Blancato to Head 1995 WHCOA

President Clinton has appointed Robert B. Blancato as executive director of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

"Bob Blancato is a leading expert in aging policy who has been recognized for his work on numerous occasions," said the President. "I look forward to his work at the White House Conference on Aging."

From 1977 to 1988, Blancato was the staff director of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Aging's Subcommittee on Human Services. He remained a senior advisor to that subcommittee until its expiration in May 1993. Most recently,

Blancato served as director of Institutes and Public Policy for the National Italian American Foundation. He was also the president of the National Meals on Wheels Foundation.

Blancato has also served as an adjunct faculty member at the New School for Social Research's Gerontological Services Administration and the Post Master Certificate Program in Aging at Hunter College in New York City.

In 1982, he served as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the World Assembly on Aging held in Vienna and as an alternate to the 1981 White House Conference on Aging.

Blancato, 43, holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and an M.P.A. from American University and lives with his wife and daughter in Arlington, VA.



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President: "How will we build upon the sacrifice of D-Day's heroes?"

Tribute to Pathfinders of a Generation Past Becomes A Challenge To Light Paths For Future Generations

"Let us never forget, when they were young, these men saved the world."

In these words, President Clinton characterized the achievements of American troops who fought so valiantly in World War II. His remarks come during D-Day ceremonies at the U.S. military cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France, June 6th, the fiftieth anniversary of the original invasion.

The President not only credited the fallen heroes of Omaha and Utah Beaches with saving the world, but also noted that those who survived are now the bulwark of the nation's seniors, still contributing to our national pride. Excerpts follow:

"... We come to this hallowed place that speaks, more than anything else, in silence. Here on this quiet plateau, on this small piece of American soil, we honor those who gave their lives for us 50 crowded years



Official White House Photo

ago.

"Today, the beaches of Normandy are calm. If you walk these shores on a summer's day, all you might hear is the laughter of children playing on the sand, or the cry of sea gulls overhead, or perhaps the ringing of a distant church

bell—the simple sounds of freedom barely breaking the silence. Peaceful sounds. Ordinary sounds.

"But June 6, 1944, was the least ordinary day of the 20th century. On that chill dawn, these beaches echoed with the sounds of staccato gunfire, the

roar of aircraft, the thunder of bombardment. And through the wind and the waves come the soldiers, out of their landing craft and into the war, away from their youth and toward a savage place many of them would, sadly, never leave

"They had come to free a continent—the Americans, the British, the Canadians, the Poles, the French Resistance, the Norwegians and others. They had all come to stop one of the greatest forces of evil the world has ever known. . . .

"Millions of our GIs did return home from that war to build up our nation and enjoy life's sweet pleasures, but on this field there are 9,386 who did not — 33 pairs of brothers; a father and his son; [and] 11 men from tiny Bedford, Virginia killed near these bluffs by a German shell on D-Day. They
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WHCoA '95 ACTIVITIES UNDER WAY ACROSS U. S.

The 1995 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA), officially called by President Clinton on February 17, 1994, is well under way.

Through the WHCoA's four-part program of local, state, regional and mini-White House Conferences on Aging, Americans everywhere, of all ages and from all walks of life, are playing a role in shaping a national aging policy that will take our nation into the 21st century.

Grass roots participation, extremely important in planning the 1995 WHCoA, is evident throughout the country. The response to this appeal is broad.

Local Event Statistics

More than 150 local events in 38 states and territories have been recognized by the WHCoA. As of June 10, a total of 52 local White House Conference events, representing 25 states, the District of Columbia and Guam, have been conducted. California has held the most events, followed by New York and Alabama.

These events have focused on many different issues, but topics receiving greatest emphasis have included: health care reform, especially as it relates to long term

care; elder abuse prevention, community-based services, including those promulgated through the Older Americans Act, and intergenerational programs.

Mandated local event reports are beginning to arrive and some will be reported in the next issue of the WHCoA Newsletter.

President's Personal Appeal To the States

Through a personal letter in April, President Clinton encouraged every governor to participate in 1995 WHCoA activities. The states are responding quite positively.

The states of New York and Georgia kicked off their official WHCoA activities in May. By mid-June, every state had received an application for the funding of state events. Each state will hold a conference or host another kind of event, or both, to produce policy recommendations for the WHCoA.

Regional Activities Begin

The first Regional White House Conference on Aging was convened May 15 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, under the auspices of the National Hispanic Council on Aging's multi-state training conference

All 10 Federal regions are expected to hold one or more regional White House Conferences on Aging over the next year. More information on these will be included in the next newsletter.

Mini-conferences Being Planned

In addition to the local, state and regional events, the 1995 WHCoA will conduct a series of national mini-conferences specific to certain topics or constituencies. There are two categories of mini-conferences: the first receives WHCoA recognition; the second will receive both recognition and funding. The deadline for organizations seeking funding for mini-conferences was June 27.

Several mini-conferences approved under the first category have been held on such topics as transportation, age related vision loss, wellness and cultural diversity, and technology and aging. These well attended events have generated policy recommendations that will soon be submitted to the WHCoA for consideration as part of the 1995 WHCoA agenda.

Funding Available

Funds have been allotted

for mini-conferences and state and regional conferences in these amounts:

State Conferences	\$600,000
Regional Conferences	\$200,000
Mini-Conferences	\$150,000

Private Organizations Participate, Too

Many national organizations have demonstrated enthusiasm and support for WHCoA through their participation in local, state, regional and national events.

In addition, declarations of public support, through formal resolutions, have been made by the American Medical Directors Association, the National Council on Senior Housing, the National Association of Home Builders and the Gray Panthers.

Individuals and organizations are encouraged to become
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NEWSLETTER

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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
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- o WHCoA Comes Alive With Upcoming Events
- o Grassroots Views on WHCoA's Agenda

THE 1995 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

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NEWSLETTER

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WHCOA '95 COMES ALIVE ACROSS U.S.

Invitation Extended To Keep The Momentum Building Through Events and Reports From Grassroots

If you thought the 1995 White House Conference on Aging was a single event at a specific location at a certain time for an exclusive group, think again! Note for example:

- the local White House Conference on Aging in Alhambra, California,
- the state White House Conference in Burlington, Vermont,
- the regional Conference in Springfield, Missouri,
- the mini-Conference in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

WHCOA '95 pre-conference events have become a nationwide happening as they spread across the country — engaging the participation, involvement and enthusiasm of growing numbers of citizens in all fifty states.

How Strategy Is Working

Since February, when President Clinton officially called for the Conference, WHCOA '95 has been conducting and recognizing events and programs from coast to coast. Through these activities, the Conference is gaining enormous insight into the views of senior citizens — their thoughts on what should be on the agenda for the national WHCOA '95 as well as their ideas for a national

aging policy that will take our country into the 21st century.

From now until May 1, 1995, when the national White House Conference on Aging officially convenes in Washington, D.C., an average of more than three scheduled events will take place every week all across the country! And this number is expected to continue to increase as the goals and strategy of WHCOA become better known.

This pre-WHCOA strategy accomplishes two significant goals: it ensures the greatest possible individual and organizational involvement in planning, and it provides valuable perspective on issues of concern and interest to seniors.

Each recognized event, local, state, regional and mini-White House Conference on Aging activity, must submit a report containing policy recommendations, to the '95 WHCOA. These reports, as well as WHCOA staff participation in the events themselves, are giving the WHCOA important information on key issues as viewed by senior citizens. WHCOA staff have been privileged to participate in more than 20 percent of all events. This information is the basis for the develop-

ment of the WHCOA '95 agenda.

WHCOA's Goals In Sight

Well over half of all WHCOA events are focused on the closely related issues of home- and community-based long-term care and health care reform. Other subjects at the top of the list are: independence, well-being and security; the interdependence of the generations; income and economic security; issues concerned with minority aging; and housing and coordinated services.

Pre-Conference, grassroots events are critical to the primary purposes of the WHCOA, which are:

1) To develop, adopt and work to implement recommendations to shape national aging policy over the next decade, and

2) To raise public awareness about issues and problems facing seniors of today, while working to prepare for the aging society of tomorrow.

Senior citizens are playing major roles in pre-Conference activities.

It's Not Too Late To Join In

If your locally-based organization has not conducted a local WHCOA, it is not too late to apply to have your event recognized and your recommendations

considered in the agenda. In fact, you are encouraged to become an integral part of the planning process, as so many organizations are doing.

The only requirements for recognition as a local WHCOA are: that the event focus on one or more federal policy issues, that it involve senior citizens and that a report summarizing its recommendations be submitted within 45 days.

Since March, when WHCOA '95 issued its first invitation to conduct events, more than 350 conferences have been scheduled around the country.

Next May's meeting in Washington, D.C., is of utmost importance, but the White House Conference on Aging is not a single event held in a single place. It is a continuing process, one that both precedes and follows the conference. This process starts with grassroots forums and events leading up to the Conference and continues with post-Conference implementation of policy. People of all ages are involved every step of the way, particularly seniors themselves. It is exciting to watch the process work and to look ahead to the implementation of the policy that is evolving from the hard work and commitment.

DELEGATE SELECTION QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q: What are the dates of the national White House Conference on Aging?

May 1-5, 1995.

A: Where will it be held?

Delegate meetings will be held in the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.; however, additional activities are being planned to involve off site locations.

Q: How many delegates will attend?

Under the terms of a July 27, 1994, resolution adopted by the Policy Committee of the WHCOA, the Conference is

planning for between 1,666 and 2,000 total delegates.

A: How are they chosen?

Governors will choose between 750 and 900; members of Congress will choose one each, for a total of 540. The remaining delegates will be chosen by national aging organizations, veterans organizations, youth organizations, international delegates and others (the precise number is not known at this time).

Whom do I contact if I wish to be named a delegate?

Your governor if you wish to be in the state delegation, your

congressman if you wish to be a congressional appointee, or other groups as outlined above that have an interest in aging issues and have been authorized to send delegates to the WHCOA.

What criteria are established for state delegates?

The White House Conference on Aging requires that: 1) each Governor appoint a State Delegate Coordinator; and 2) the demographic profile of the state's delegation reflect that of the aging population of the state being represented, as follows:

- 50% of the delegation

must be 50 years of age or older

- 50% must be women
 - minority representation
- and rural versus urban must reflect the composition of the state's population based on the

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- o Grassroots Views on WHCOA's Agenda

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VOL. 1 NO. 3 SECTION 3

NEWSLETTER

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WHCoA LISTENS TO SENIORS, LEARNS IMPORTANCE OF INDEPENDENCE

From February through August, WHCoA '95, in partnership with other organizations, has conducted more than a dozen focus groups to gain additional direct input from individuals, primarily seniors, as to what should be on the agenda for the Conference. Long valued as a market research tool, focus groups are small group meetings in which select individuals share, in detail, their views and opinions on specific topics.

One set of focus groups is being conducted as a joint project with the Gerontological Society of America and the National Corporation for National and Community Service. Most recently, these joint focus groups have been conducted in Little Rock, Arkansas, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Corpus

Christi, Texas in cooperation with local Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) chapters. Earlier focus groups were conducted in Tampa, Florida, Los Angeles, California, Chicago, Illinois, and Boston, Massachusetts. More are planned in other cities, including San Francisco, California, and Baltimore, Maryland.

Clearly emerging from the focus groups is the strong desire of seniors to maintain their independence as long as they can. Through the focus groups, seniors are sharing their concern about the high cost of prescription drugs and about crime in their communities. Moreover, older citizens are increasingly concerned about the problems of loneliness and isolation.

Most seniors participating in



Helen Kirschner (top left) and staff conduct focus groups under the auspices of the Gerontological Society of America and NCNCS with the help of RSVP.

the focus groups believe the media presents a negative image of older Americans. Seniors also share the positive aspects of aging by pointing out their freedom to travel and pursue special interests and hobbies, the chance to spend more time with their families and the opportunity to volunteer in their communities.

Another set of focus groups is being conducted in collaboration with Temple University's Center for Intergenerational Learning. These focus groups have been held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and New York City. Intergenerational input from seniors and youth in ethnic communities offers a unique perspective on aging and society.

Language barriers, intergenerational value differences and cultural traditions emerge as important issues to both young and old.

To date, focus groups have been held with the Hispanic, Asian and African American communities. A written summary of these focus groups will be included in the next issue of our newsletter.

Focus groups are valuable for many reasons, but particularly because they are an environment created solely for the purpose of giving individuals an opportunity to express their opinions and concerns so that this information can be systematically documented and analyzed to arrive at more relevant and meaningful solutions.

Perhaps more than anything, the focus groups are an effective tool of the WHCoA to bring people at the grassroots level into the process of developing the national agenda for the 1995 WHCoA. Focus groups will help ensure that people from across the country had a chance to be heard and participate in pre-WHCoA activities.



Staff of Temple University's Center for Intergenerational Learning conducted Focus Groups featuring Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans and African Americans on behalf of WHCoA.

CALENDAR REGIONAL EVENTS

As of 8/5/94

27 Regional Conferences

10 Regions participating

REGION I

- 10/94** **Council of Elders, Inc.** Boston, MA
Issue: Health Status of Black Elderly
Contact: Helen Pankey, (617)442-4001
- 10/20,21/94** **MA Council for Adult Foster Care.** Andover, MA
Issue: New England Adult Foster Care.
Contact: Elsie Fetterman, (413)253-7948
- 11/94** **HHS Regional Office.** Boston, MA
Issue: Nutrition, Malnutrition.
Contact: Thomas L. Hooker, (617)565-4511
- 11/94** **North Central CT AAA/Institute for Community Research.** Hartford, CT
Issue: Hispanic Health and Social Concerns.
Contact: Thomas L. Hooker, (617)565-4511
- 12/94** **HHS Regional Office.** Boston, MA
Issue: Health, Economic Security & Elder Abuse.
Contact: Thomas L. Hooker, (617)565-4511

REGION II

- 3/95** **HHS Regional Office.** New York, NY
Issue: Community and Home-based Long Term Care.
Contact: Judith Rackmill, (212)264-2976

REGION III

- 10/26/94** **Philadelphia Corporation on Aging.** Philadelphia, PA.
Issue: Health Reform, Long-term Care, Caregiving, Economic Security, etc.
Contact: Karen Mudd or Andrea Leerman, (215)765-9000

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President Clinton and Veteran's Affairs Sec. Jesse Brown participate in the Congressional Black Caucus' Veterans Awards Ceremony held September 16, 1994.

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- o Alzheimer's Support Groups
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THE 1995 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

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NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Productive Aging

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1994

SHALALA COMMENDS CAMPAIGN TO GET AMERICANS MOVING

In a move to improve the health and well being of millions of Americans, The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the Advil Forum on Health Education have teamed up to help motivate Americans who are over the age of 40 to participate in regular physical activity. Advil chose Nolan Ryan as its spokesperson to encourage a more active and healthy America.



Sec'y Shalala discusses the PCPF/Advil fitness initiative with Nolan Ryan.

"For 27 years, Nolan Ryan thrilled the world's baseball fans with his pitching wizardry and his dedication to physical conditioning," said Secretary Shalala. "But while we were watching him make magic on the baseball field, too many of us were neglecting our own health. It's not enough to sit in the bleachers or sit in front of the TV watching our favorite teams. We've got to balance being a spectator with being physically active. In short, we've all got to get moving."

"Physical activity and a balanced diet," Secretary Shalala went on to say, "are two of the most powerful ways to prevent illness and poor health -- particularly as we get older. Good health begins with each and every one of us taking direct personal responsibility to get busy and stay physically active. This exciting partnership will help us motivate more people to become physically active. By working together, I know we can strike out poor health and preventable disease."

For more information about the free availability of Mr. Nolan's book for distribution to aging organizations or having Nolan Ryan speak to your organization, contact the Advil Forum on Health Education, 1500 Broadway, New York, New York 10036.

CALENDAR STATE AND LOCAL EVENTS

As of 8/4/94

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ALABAMA

State Events

6/19-22/94 Governor's Summit on Long Term Care.
Contact: Claude Hooks, Jr., (205) 242-5743

ALASKA

State Events

9/94 4 conferences: Medicare, SSI, OAA Programs.
Contact: Pat Denny, (907) 465-4879

ARIZONA

State Events

9-11/94 8 area conferences throughout state.
Contact: Richard Littler, (602)542-4446

Local Recognition Event

10/15/95 Gila Co. Cooperative Ext. Univ. of Arizona, Payson, AZ.
Contact: Ruth Carter, (602)425-7179

11/16 Arizona Community Action Assn., Tucson, AZ.
Contact: Janet Regner, (602)230-8267

ARKANSAS

State Events

3/27/95 State Conference
Issue: Intergenerational Issues, Wellness, Managed Care
Contact: Mary Lou King (501)682-8519

Local Recognition Events

9/7-9/95 Arkansas Division of Aging & Adult Services, Little Rock, AR.
Contact: Mary Lou King, (501)682-8519

CALIFORNIA

State Events

TBA 2 state conferences
Issue: Abuse
Contact: Catherine Arlette, (916) 324-2941

Local Recognition Events

9/29 Janet Levy Center, Chico, CA.

Contact: Vicki Paxton, (916)898-6758

10/28,29/94 Older Women's League of California, San Jose, CA.
Contact: Mary Charles, (408) 248-3839

COLORADO

State Events

9/26,27/95 State Conference on health care, housing, security, volunteerism, education, reengineering the business of aging.
Contact: Rita Barreras, (303)866-5913

Local Recognition Events

9/28/94 Colorado Senior Employment Network, Denver, CO.
Contact: Lu Horner, (303)866-5911

CONNECTICUT

State Events

4/7/95 State Conference on issues TBA.
Contact: Elissa Breiling, (203) 424-5280

Local Recognition Events

9-11/94 Southwestern CT Agency on Aging,
14 towns in SW Connecticut.

Contact: Diana Shoemaker, (203)853-7189

9-10/94 Lower Fairfield. Coalit'n Pro. Serving Srs., Stamford, CT.
Contact: Wendy Winnick Wheat, (203)327-4551

9/12-29/94 Western CT AAA, Waterbury, Cheshire, Sharon, and Thomaston, CT.

Contact: Christina Fishbein, (203)757-5449

10/28-31/94 National Shared Housing Resource Center, Stamford, CT.
Contact: Margaret Harmon, (802)862-2727

11/94 Westfield Court/Stamford Athletic Club, Stamford, CT.
Contact: Wendy Winnick Wheat, (203)327-4551

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