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The link to policy affecting older Iowans

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Area Agency on Aging Redesign Update Request for Application Released

In continuing to move forward with the mandates of House File 45 and House File 2320, the Iowa Department on Aging released a Request for Application this week.

The Request for Application, RFA0712297034, is the instrument that will be used to designate the new area agencies on aging.

Pursuant to the Older Americans Act, the State is divided into service regions called “planning and service areas.” The Iowa Commission on Aging must designate an area agency on aging to provide services and assistance within each planning and service area.

In Iowa, the process used to determine the best candidate to serve as an area agency on aging is the “Request for Application” process. A Request for Application is a proposal made by a government agency that invites applicants to apply to serve in a position or role. The Request for Application process can be thought of in terms of an employer job posting. An employer posts a position, potential employees apply, the potential employees are evaluated, and the best potential employee is offered the job. The Request for Application process is similar.

Applicants interested in serving as an area agency on aging can review the Request for Application [here](#) . Applications are due on October 19, 2012. A full timetable of events is included as part of the Request for Application.

After applications have been submitted, a group of five professionals will review the Requests for Application and determine which applicants will best serve each planning and service area. Recommendations will be made to the Iowa Commission on Aging, who has the authority to designate area agencies on aging. It is anticipated that the Iowa Commission on Aging will issue a designation decision by the end of the calendar year.

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Request for Application : opportunity for consideration to be designated a new Area Agency on Aging.

Request for Application Released (continued)

Questions or concerns regarding the Request for Application should be directed to Karl Wendt at the Department of Administrative Services. Mr. Wendt's contact information is provided in the Request for Application and is as follows:

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Elder Abuse Summit



August 2, 2012 | 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Izaak Walton League

4343 George Flag Parkway | Des Moines, Iowa 50321

The Elder Abuse Summit is an opportunity for information and input regarding the elder abuse system in Iowa. The Summit is a result of House File 2387, signed into law by Governor Branstad on April 4, 2012. It mandates a comprehensive review of occurrences and laws relating to the abuse, neglect or exploitation of individuals who are 60 years of age or older.

Governor Branstad, legislators, experts and citizens will gather to identify system barriers and solutions to improve our system for protection of Iowa's older, most vulnerable citizens.

Registration is closed.

The agenda is provided on the following page for your information.

Presentational materials will be posted on the web at

www.iowaaging.gov

HF 2387

Directs the Iowa Department on Aging to work with the Department of Inspections and Appeals, the Department of Human Services, the Attorney General's Office and other affected stakeholders, to conduct a comprehensive review of occurrences of and laws relating to the abuse, neglect or exploitation of individuals who are sixty years of age or older.

ELDER ABUSE SUMMIT AGENDA

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Sign-in	IDA Staff
8:00 – 8:10 a.m.	Welcome, Housekeeping & Introductions	Donna Harvey, Director, Iowa Department on Aging
8:10 – 8:45 a.m.	Opening Remarks	Betty Grandquist, Chair, Iowa Commission on Aging Governor Terry E. Branstad Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, Aging Program Specialist, U.S. Administration on Aging
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.	Keynote	Celene Gogerty, Assistant Polk County Attorney
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Legislative Panel	Representative David Heaton Representative Lisa Heddens Senator Joni Ernst Senator Pam Jochum
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	BREAK	Exhibits
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Elder Abuse Initiative Demonstration Project Results	Linda Hildreth, Elder Abuse Program Director, Iowa Department on Aging
11:00 – Noon	State Abuse Panel	Detective Danielle Metzger, Windsor Heights, Police Department Julie Allison, Bureau Chief for Protective Services, Dept. of Human Services Connie Lucas, Special Event Coordinator, Alzheimer’s Association Wendy Dishman, Division Administrator, Investigations Division, DIA Sara Sanders, Associate Professor, University of Iowa
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH	Networking
1:00 – 2:15p.m.	Financial Exploitation & Scams Panel	Chantelle Smith, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General’s Office Josy Gittler, Professor, National Health Law & Policy Resource Center - U of I - College of Law Craig Goettsch, Director of Investor Education and Consumer Outreach/Securities, Counsel, Insurance Division Peter Deegan, Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office Jodi Tymeson, Retired Brigadier General & Director, Department of Veteran Affairs Bob Steben, Service Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs Julie Versluis, Vice President and Trust Officer, Lincoln Savings Bank
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Small Group Discussion / Feedback Gathering	Donna Harvey, Director, Iowa Department on Aging
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Large Group Discussion/Report out Top 2 Issues	Donna Harvey, Director, Iowa Department on Aging
2:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Chuck Palmer, Director, Iowa Department of Human Services Bev Zylstra, Deputy Director, Iowa Department of Inspections & Appeals Eric Tabor, Chief of Staff, Attorney General, Iowa Department of Justice Donna Harvey, Director, Iowa Department on Aging

Statewide Housing Survey

The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) is working with RDG Planning and Design to conduct a comprehensive statewide housing survey. The intent is to determine current and future housing needs in Iowa, and the study is designed to provide multiple opportunities for public input, including an online survey, public discussions throughout the state, and focus groups with housing professionals. In a recent press release, Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Dave Jamison explained, "The results of this study will provide the information needed to assist the Iowa Finance Authority and our housing partners throughout the state to most effectively advance affordable housing for Iowans for many generations to come."

IFA has announced the following schedule for public discussions:

<i>Northwest Iowa</i> Monday, July 23, 7:00pm Region XII Council of Governments Office 1009 East Anthony Street, Carroll	<i>Southeast Iowa</i> Monday, August 13, 7:00pm Burlington Location TBA
<i>Central Iowa</i> Wednesday, July 25, 7:00pm Center for Town/Craft 1122/1124 Willis Avenue, Perry	<i>Southern Iowa</i> Monday, August 20, 7:00pm Ottumwa Location TBA
<i>Northern Iowa</i> Tuesday, August 7, 7:00pm Mason City Location TBA	<i>East Central Iowa</i> Tuesday, August 21, 7:00pm Tama/Toledo Location TBA
<i>Northeast Iowa</i> Wednesday, August 8, 7:00pm Waterloo Location TBA	<i>Southwest Iowa</i> Tuesday, August 28, 7:00pm Atlantic Location TBA

This is an important opportunity to communicate the housing needs of older adults in Iowa so that affordable and accessible housing is available now and in the future. We encourage everyone to participate! Details on the study and access to the online survey can be found at www.RDGUSA.com/IowaHousing.

Watch for updates in future issues of AgingWatch.



Next Month in AgingWatch:

Advocacy 101:

Tools to help you participate in the legislative process and advocate for aging issues. Citizens can influence lawmaking.



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