



Communities for a Lifetime Legislation

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Communities for a Lifetime - Summary

Communities for a Lifetime presents a framework for communities to affirmatively welcome and respond to the rapidly increasing number of older persons



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- Nearly a dozen factors are proposed to define a Community for a Lifetime



CFL - Summary

- Establishes a role for the MN Board on Aging in consultation with DHS, MDH, and DEED to develop recommendations for an application process so that communities can formally achieve designation as a community for a Lifetime



CFL

- Purpose of developing CFL is twofold: Welcome new age demographics and to see seniors as assets to the community, not as a burden.



CFL

- Second: to identify the resources communities would be offering seniors to enable them to serve as contributing, civically engaged members of the community.



CFL

- Leadership Council envisions CFL as having multiple dimensions; not a one or two dimensional construct.



Opportunities CFL should offer for Seniors:

- Continue to serve in a second career
- Flexibly structured paid employment
- Choose among affordable, accessible housing options
- Socializing, Recreation, and Wellness Activities
- Age in Place
- Access to quality long term care
- Be active, move about the community and use its resources



Supports and Services Envisioned within CFL

- Wide array of Home and Community based services
- Use of Medical Technology
- Access to nutritional options
- Support for caregivers
- Access to personal assistance in accessing services
- Assisted Living and Nursing Care Facilities



Community Support

- Local Commission on Aging
- Community training and learning opportunities for interacting with seniors
- Inclusion in the community's Comprehensive Plan
- Explicit consideration of the impact of budget cuts and program expansions



Summary

- Comments
- Questions?

