



Healthy Aging Summit

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Steering Committee



Lynda A. Anderson, PhD, *Director, Healthy Aging Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

Dr. Anderson is Director of the Healthy Aging Program at CDC and an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. She has been involved in gerontology since the mid-1970s and is responsible for leading innovative projects to facilitate the translation of research to practice to improve the lives of older adults including CDC's Healthy Brain Initiative (www.cdc.gov/aging).



Marie A. Bernard, MD, *Deputy Director of National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health*

Dr. Bernard is a board certified geriatrician who joined the National Institute on Aging in 2008. Prior to that she was the founding chairman of the Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatric Medicine at University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and Associate Chief of Staff for Geriatrics and Extended Care at the Oklahoma City Veterans Affairs Medical Center.



Carter Blakey, *Deputy Director, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

The 2015 Health Aging Summit's emphasis on the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) is derived from the Healthy People 2020 model of determinants. Healthy People 2020, the nation's roadmap to better health, also underpins the Summit with two key overarching goals: "attain high-quality, longer lives free of preventable disease, disability, injury, and premature death" and "promote quality of life, healthy development, and healthy behaviors across all life stages." www.HealthyPeople.gov

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Elizabeth Cocke, PhD, *Director, Affordable Housing Research and Technology, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*

The Affordable Housing Research and Technology Division conducts studies and provides research assistance on issues related to building codes, standards, and technologies; land use planning and housing issues related to “green” construction and energy efficiency; disaster preparedness and resilient construction, and housing and community planning addressing the needs of multiple age, income, and accessibility groups. The studies address key issues in assisted housing, mixed income, and market-rate communities.



Wayne Giles, MD, MS, *Director, Division of Population Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

The Division of Population Health is charged with managing programs that provide cross-cutting, chronic disease and health promotion expertise.



Nancy Lee, MD, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health – Women’s Health*

The HHS Office on Women’s Health is committed to addressing women’s health issues across the lifespan. We want to help all women and girls achieve the best possible health through policies, education and model programs.



Helen Lamont, PhD, *Senior Long-Term Care Policy Analyst, Office of Disability, Aging, and Long-Term Care Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office*

ASPE serves as the lead for HHS on policy development in health, disability, human services, data, and science, and provides advice and analysis on economic policy. Located within the Office of Disability, Aging, and Long-Term Care Policy, I work on dementia, supporting informal caregivers, and the Older Americans Act. My portfolio also includes falls prevention and elder abuse prevention.

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Shari Ling, MD, *Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Center for Clinical Standards, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

As a gerontologist, trained at the Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, USC in the Direct Service Track, my interest in how people age successfully is long-standing. As a Geriatrician, trained at Johns Hopkins University, I am committed to preventing the development of chronic diseases in late life where possible, and also to enabling older adults to function to the best of their abilities despite the ongoing presence of these diseases through effective clinical management of these conditions.



Barbara McCann, Hon. ASLA, *Director, Office of Safety, Energy and Environment, U.S. Department of Transportation*

Our office provides technical expertise on safety, energy and environmental matters for the Department's legislative, regulatory and research programs. We serve as the Departmental focal point for domestic and international initiatives related to safety, energy and environment, including the impact of transportation policy on health and welfare, including for older adults.



Carrie Mulford, PhD, *Social Science Analyst, National Institute of Justice*

Dr. Mulford manages the National Institute of Justice's portfolio of research in elder abuse, neglect and exploitation and serves on the Elder Justice Working Group and the Elder Justice Coordinating Counsel. Since 2005, the National Institute of Justice has funded over two dozen research and evaluation projects on elder abuse.



CAPT Sara B. Newman, DrPH, MCP, *Director, Office of Public Health, National Park Service*

Promoting active living for seniors is a priority initiative within the NPS Office of Public Health. All generations benefit from outdoor recreation, renewal and connection with our nation's most beautiful and meaningful treasures protected for generations to enjoy for centuries to come.

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Shellie Y. Pfohl, MS, *Executive Director, President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition*

The mission of the Council is to engage, educate, and empower all Americans to adopt a healthy lifestyle that includes regular physical activity and good nutrition – that means engaging Americans of ALL ages to be physical active while eating healthily. In partnership with a number of organizations, the President's Council is working to create a country and nation where we have adults living vibrant, vivacious, and productive lives. We can only do that through healthy, active efforts to increase physical activity in our older Americans.



Kathleen S. Pittman, RN, MPH, *Program Manager for Prevention Practice, Veteran Health Administration, Office of Patient Care Services, National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is actively involved in several clinical and research endeavors to promote healthy aging among Veterans. VHA offers a variety of long term services and supports, including Veteran-Directed Home and Community Based Services, that enable Veterans to remain in their homes and promote aging in place. Through partnerships with other federal agencies such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, VHA is a key player in the dissemination of innovative models of care that benefit all older Americans.



Hugh H. Tilson, MD, DrPH, *Adjunct Professor, Public Health Leadership, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health*

Hugh has a 50 year career in public health and preventive medicine, including 15 years in government, 15 years in the multinational pharmaceutical industry, and 20 years in academia and consulting in preventive medicine and pharmacoepidemiology. He serves on the Steering Committee of the Healthy Aging Summit as the representative of the American College of Preventive Medicine, which he has served in many roles, including that of President.

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Edwin Walker, JD, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration on Aging, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Serving as the chief career official for the federal agency responsible for advocating on behalf of older Americans, he guides and promotes the development of home and community-based long-term care programs, policies and services designed to afford older people and their caregivers the ability to age with dignity and independence and to have a broad array of options available for an enhanced quality of life.



Don Wright, MD, MPH, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion develops and coordinates high-impact national disease prevention and health promotion activities. From setting national health objectives and guidelines for various conditions and processes to promoting effective health communication, we're helping lead the way toward a healthier Nation.



Mary Worstell, MPH, *Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) and the Office on Women's Health (OWH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

In her dual roles, Mary's work focuses on the health and well-being of older adults across multiple federal offices and serves on multiple HHS Advisory Committees and Workgroups. She recently served as the Co-Lead, Healthy Aging Workgroup, for the July 2015 White House Conference on Aging. Prior to her current role, she held the position of Director, Partner Relations Group, Office of External Affairs at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).