



Wider Opportunities for Women



Michigan Elders Living on the Edge New Report Shows Basic Needs Are Exceeding Income

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc.

2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI

11:00 a.m. – Noon

- I. Welcome and Introductions – 11:00 – 11:10
Laurie Sauer, Director, Region IX Area Agency on Aging

- II. Introducing the Elder Economic Security Initiative™ and Michigan Findings - 11:10 – 11:35
Stacy Sanders, Field Manager, Wider Opportunities for Women

- III. Critical Issues in Northeastern Michigan for Low Income Elders - 11:35 – 11:45
John Swise, CEO, Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency
Laurie Sauer, Director, Region IX Area Agency on Aging

- IV. Recommendations to Promote Economic Security for Michigan's Elders –11:45-11:50
Kate White, Executive Director, Elder Law of Michigan

- V. Question and Answer Session – 11:50 – Noon

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How can the data from the Elder Index and the concept of economic security/sufficiency be used to guide elder programs or policies in your county or state policies impacting elders and their families?
2. With respect to economic well-being, what do you think is the most pressing issue or concern facing elders today? How can the Michigan Elder Economic Security Initiative and the Elder Index promote positive change with regard to this?
3. Moving forward, how would you like to see the Michigan Elder Economic Security Initiative and the Elder Index implemented and used? What are helpful resources or tools that we can create to help you incorporate this information into your own efforts to promote the economic well-being of elders?

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