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Elder Economic Security Initiative Offers a Realistic Measure of What it Takes to Age with Dignity in Minnesota

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Viewing available at video conference sites statewide

1:30 – 3:30 pm

- I. Welcome and Introductions -- 1:30 – 1:35
Marie Nelson, MinnEESI Coordinator, Minnesota Women's Consortium
- II. Findings of the Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index (the Elder Index) – 1:35 – 2:05
Jan Mutchler, Chair and Associate Director for Social and Demographic Research
Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston
- III. Sneak Preview: Using an Online Database to View the Minnesota Elder Index – 2:05 – 2:10
Mary Olsen Baker, Retirement Resources Consultant, Transform 2010
Continuing Care Administration, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- IV. Introducing the National Elder Economic Security Standard Initiative™ - 2:10 – 2:25
Joan Kuriansky, Executive Director, Wider Opportunities for Women
- V. Policy Recommendations to Promote Elder Economic Security – 2:25 – 2:40
Amy Brenegen, Director, Office on the Economic Status of Women (OESW)
Bonnie Watkins, Executive Director, Minnesota Women's Consortium

BREAK FOR DISCUSSION at VIDEO SITES – 2:40 – 2:50

Instructions for On-Site Facilitators: At this point, we will break and give you the opportunity to discuss these presentations among yourselves. We welcome your questions and/or your responses to the discussion questions provided below.

- VI. **ROUND ROBIN:** Questions and Discussion – 2:50 – 3:30

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How can the data from the Elder Index and/or the frame of economic security be used to inform, develop or evaluate 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 MinnEESI and the Elder Index promote positive change with regard to this?
3. Moving forward, how would you like to see the MinnEESI 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?