

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #3: CHESAPEAKE 55 & BETTER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

SUBJECT:

Highlight Best Practices from our localities including comprehensive plans for vulnerable populations.

BACKGROUND:

In Chesapeake, the aging of the population will shape local policymaking unlike any other demographic shift witnessed to date. Between 2012 and 2040, the Weldon Cooper Center projects a growth of 114% in the number of those aged 65 and older compared to an increase of 39% in the city's population overall.

The 55 and Better Comprehensive Plan was developed with the active participation of many people in the community with ideas and opinions in regards to their community atmosphere for persons 55 and over. This Plan aligns the City's priorities for older adults across not only all city departments, but the many organizations that help older adults within Chesapeake. The Plan is an agenda for action, an advocacy tool, and creates focus on the most important issues for the senior population. The Chesapeake 55 and Better Comprehensive Plan will be presented in a conference session at the Southern Gerontological Society meeting in Williamsburg on April 16, 2015 and in a joint conference session at the National Association of Area Agency on Aging meetings in Philadelphia in July 2015.

Note: This item is for informational purposes only.