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**Area Agency on Aging to Host White House Conference on Aging “Solutions Forum”**

The Area Agency on Aging of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast is proud to host the Policy Committee of the 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) for an officially sanctioned “Solutions Forum”. The Solutions Forum will take place at the Kravis Center’s Cohen Pavilion, in West Palm Beach on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The event will begin with registration and continental breakfast at 8:00 A.M. with the Solutions Forum beginning at 9:00 A.M. A luncheon event will follow at 12 Noon.

The Solutions Forum will consist of members of the WHCoA Policy Committee who will hear recommendations from area experts, senior citizens, baby boomers and policymakers about *solutions* for an aging society. This input will assist the Policy Committee in their planning for the 2005 White House Conference on Aging, scheduled to occur December 11th to 14th in Washington, DC.

"We are extremely excited that our Agency has been chosen to host this integral ‘Solutions Forum’ in West Palm Beach," stated Robert McFalls, the Area Agency on Aging’s Chief Executive Officer.

"This Forum will feed directly into the national Conference that will ultimately develop policy recommendations to improve the quality of life for elders in years to come."

The luncheon will feature three speakers; Dorcas Hardy, Chair of the WHCoA Policy Committee, Congressman Clay Shaw and the State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs Secretary, Carole Green.



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"The WHCoA looks forward to this solutions forum involving so many committed citizens, some of whom will be Florida's 60 WHCoA delegates, who will provide their vision and input as we begin the final planning stages for the Conference in December. The WHCoA began its outreach in Florida in August 2004 because of this state's stature in the national aging community – with the largest percentage of persons 65 and older in the country. We are pleased to return one year later for this exciting event and look forward to hearing innovative solutions for the future from the Palm Beach/Treasure Coast community." Stated Ms. Dorcas Hardy, Chair of the WHCoA Policy Committee.

The White House Conference on Aging occurs once a decade to make aging policy recommendations to the President and Congress that will help guide national aging policies for the *next* ten years and beyond. These policies are designed to assist the public and private sectors in promoting dignity, health and independence for current and future generations of seniors. The 2005 White House Conference on Aging occurs as the first wave of the baby boom generation prepares for retirement, creating an important opportunity to creatively assess aging in America and improve the lives of older Americans.

For more information on the Area Agency on Aging of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, please visit our Web site at: [www.AreaAgency.org](http://www.AreaAgency.org). For details about the upcoming "Solutions Forum", click on the White House Conference on Aging logo graphic.

For more information about the 2005 White House Conference on Aging, visit [www.whcoa.gov](http://www.whcoa.gov).

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