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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.

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

“It is an honor to be a member of Florida’s WHCoA delegation as we prepare for this milestone event,” stated Secretary Green. “Florida’s network of aging organizations is second to none and through events such as this forum we have the opportunity to share our knowledge and experiences with each other to benefit our state’s aging population and elders throughout the country.” said Green.



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"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 Solutions Forum portion of the event is open to the public and does require pre-registration as there is limited space available.

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 graphic.

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

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