

Executive Summary

Every four years, with annual updates thereafter, the Area II Agency on Aging, (AIIAA), submits an Area Plan to the Idaho Commission on Aging (ICOA) for approval. This Area Plan is required to continue to receive federal and state funding allocations through ICOA.

The Area Plan establishes a “Single Access Point” for all consumers to access aging and disability resources and services available to Idahoans over the age of 60, their families, and vulnerable adults aged 18 and older living in Area II. It provides opportunities for individuals to access private and public pay, Long-term Care services and resources.

In developing the Area Plan, the AAA utilized ICOA’s statewide goals and objectives approved by the Administration for Community Living (ACL). The Area Plan serves as a road map for the AIIAA in its Pass-through a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the PSA, the AIIAA determined strategies, established baselines, and set measures through the use of following data and methodology:

Faced with the challenge of integrating aging and disability services, the AIIAA brought to our Community the compelling, life-long work and presentation of Dr. Kay Toombs, Emeritus Associate Professor of Philosophy at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Dr. Toombs training in philosophy with her firsthand experience of living with disability propelled to the fore of planning, services related to the experience of age, illness and disability, the care of the chronically ill, the relationship between health care professionals and consumers and the meaning of healing. We are on course in realizing a fully integrated Aging and Disability presence at the Area Agency on Aging and successfully established a new paradigm of service. We recognize our work as an integrated community partnership that promotes caring and supportive relationship every step of the way.

We recognize that this shared endeavor between consumer and provider is essential to the provision of Aging and Disability services. Guided by the many statutes, State and Federal, the AIIAA is compelled to create a foundation of service that fully reflects our Community to life restored in love and relationship, at home as well as within the certain confines of congregate care.

In the development of this Area Plan document, the AIIAA analyzed a broad array of data to establish service needs to conduct a quantitative analysis of needs within the counties in PSA II. Such sources include but are not limited to the Idaho Transportation Department, AARP, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, SAMS—the electronic client service tracking systems, logs of community attendance, attendance logs, AAA survey to local in-home service providers, Regional Economist, Communications and Research with the Idaho Department of Labor, Disability Action Center, 2010 Census Data, 2008 Disability Status Report, Veterans Administration and local VA Clinic, Idaho Department of Labor, 211 CareLine, OmbudsManager, Twin County United Way

Needs Assessment, BSU Senior Needs Assessment and the ACL Aging Integrated Database, (AGID).

AAA Collaborative Partners

Nez Perce Tribe:

The Nez Perce Tribe comprises much of the service area of the AIIAA and is the single American Indian Tribe in North central Idaho. The vision of the Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizens Program is to provide Nez Perce Elders, including Elders from other federally recognized tribes, with quality services which promote Elder empowerment, maintain self-sufficiency and ensure the maintenance and preservation of cultural values and traditions of the Elders. Their goal is to work efficiently and cooperatively with other tribal and local community programs, organizations, and foundations, in order to bring awareness, education and additional resources/services to the Elders residing on the Nez Perce Reservation. The goals of the Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizens program is to provide nutritional services through congregate or home delivery to eligible elders at least five days per week; provide education and awareness about the resources available; coordinate services with other programs; support staff training; develop program policies and procedures to provide information and referral services to all eligible elders through networking with tribal programs, state and federal agencies and other local provides, and, to provide supportive services through transportation to community and tribal events.

The AIIAA seeks to partner with the NPT senior citizens through enhanced awareness, access and participation of NPT senior citizens in OAA and SSSA programs.