

Our Process

Aging Services' advocacy work is member-driven and results-oriented.

The heart of the Aging Services' advocacy process is our cabinet structure. Our cabinets are divided by lines of business and are open to all Aging Services' members. Our cabinets help identify legislative priorities, participate in the development of a grassroots strategy, provide critical data and feedback, and monitor regulatory issues and review implementation of new laws.

Our agenda development begins with an idea exchange—we ask our cabinets about the top issues they would like lawmakers to address. It is a discussion with our members regarding their present-day concerns and their hopes for the future. Through these conversations, we identify both long-term goals and short-term deliverables. Aging Services' staff gathers all of the feedback provided during those discussions, and develops staff recommendations that form a proposed agenda. The agenda is presented to the Aging Services' Board of Directors where it is further discussed and refined.

Aging Services of Minnesota also coordinates our legislative priorities with the Long Term Care Imperative through the Long Term Care Imperative Steering Committee.

Throughout our process, we encourage our members to participate in the discussion and vocalize questions or concerns they may have.

Leadership

We would like to thank the following members who have played a leadership role in our advocacy this session.

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