

Findings from the Larimer County Summit on Aging

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This presentation will provide an overview of the following:

- **Mission and history on the Foundation on Aging**
- **Context for convening the Summit on Aging**
- **Demographics of Summit attendees**
- **The agenda for the Summit on Aging**
- **Findings from the Summit on Aging breakout sessions**



MISSION OF THE FOUNDATION ON AGING

The Foundation on Aging for Larimer County has the mission to address the needs of older adults, raise community awareness of those needs, and foster solutions that improve quality of life.



HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION ON AGING

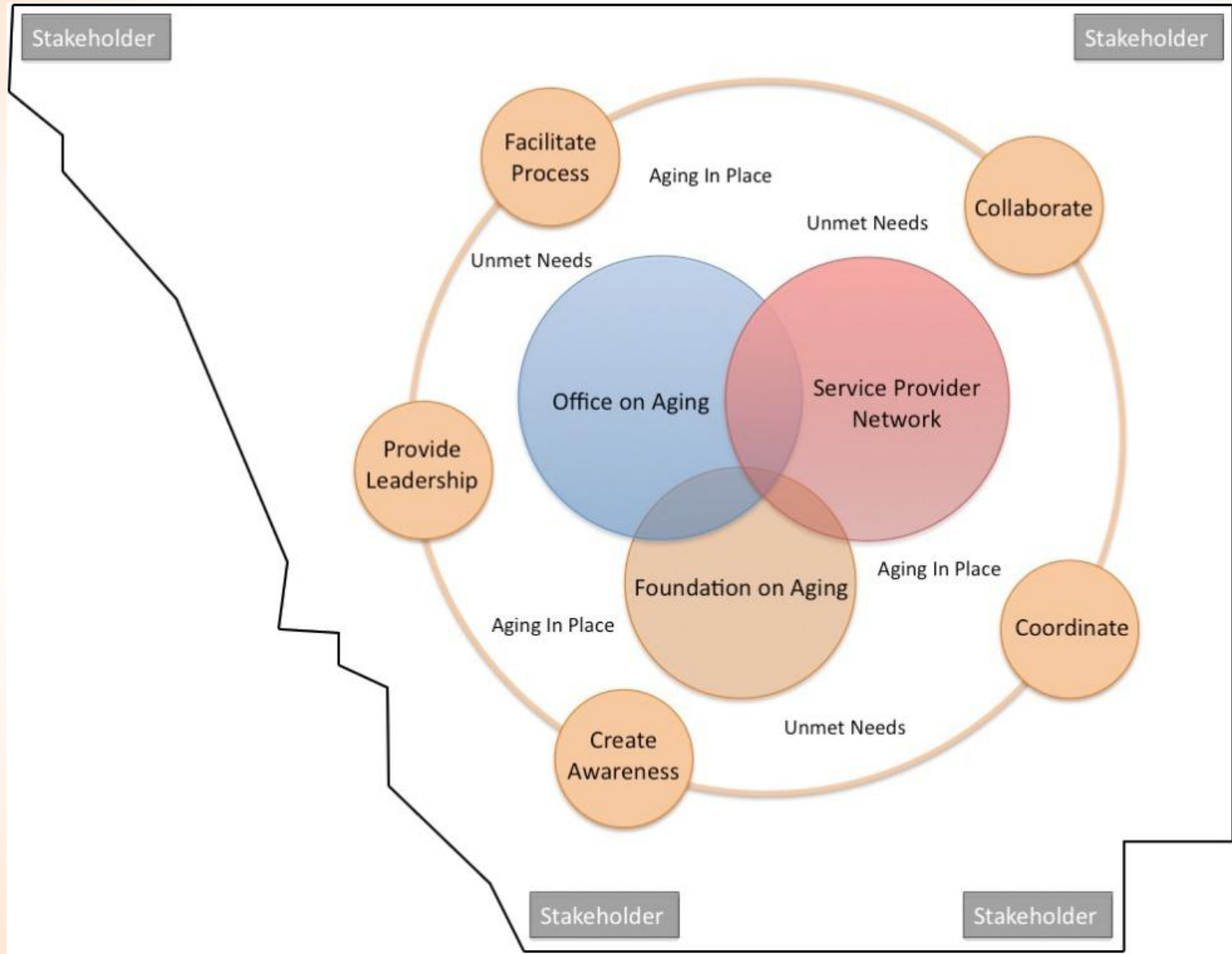
- **In 1986 Mildred Arnold, a local resident, directed part of her estate to be used in support of the issues and needs of the aging and elderly.**
- **The Foundation on Aging was established to administer the funds according to her bequest.**



HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION ON AGING

- **In 2007, in response to decreasing funding for senior services, the Foundation on Aging and the Larimer County Office on Aging initiated a formal collaboration effort to increase supports available to older adults .**
- **In 2009 the idea for the Summit on Aging was hatched.**





GOALS FOR THE SUMMIT ON AGING

- **Engage Larimer County community stakeholders in developing new and creative solutions to unmet needs of seniors.**
- **Create awareness and educate Larimer County community stakeholders about the needs of older adults and the resources required to meet such needs.**
- **Maintain and strengthen FOA's rapid response emergency grants program as a safety net for unmet needs of seniors.**

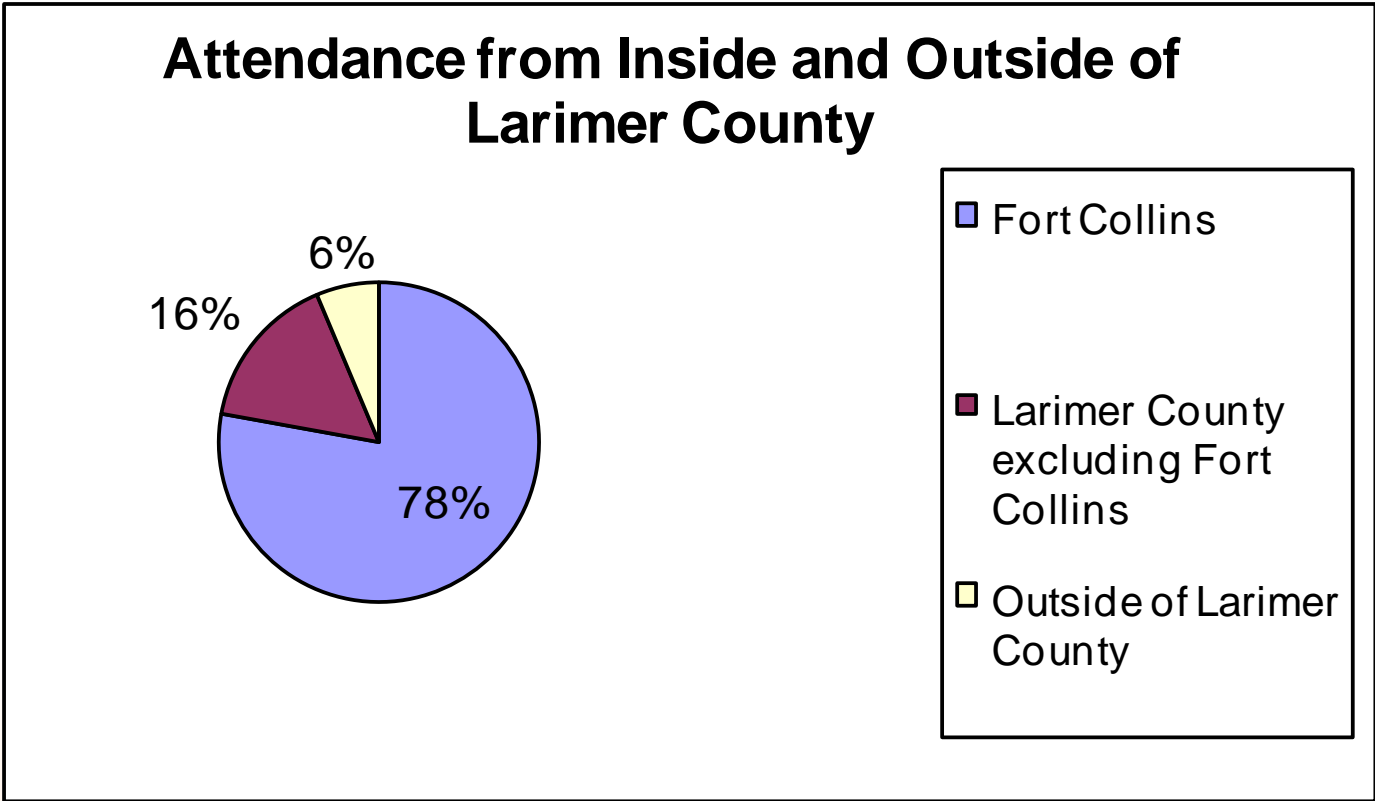


THE SUMMIT ON AGING

- **On Friday, January 22, 2010, the Foundation on Aging convened the Larimer County Summit on Aging.**
- **The Summit took place at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.**
- **Total number of participants at the Summit: 157.**



DEMOGRAPHICS



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Participant Representation from Various Professions or Sectors

| Profession or Sector | # of Participants | % of Participants |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Providers | 55 | 35% |
| FOA/OOA | 14 | 9% |
| Education/Research | 10 | 6% |
| Business | 10 | 6% |
| Government | 8 | 5% |
| Housing/Transp. | 15 | 10% |
| Media | 4 | 3% |
| Faith Community | 9 | 6% |
| Uncategorized | 32 | 20% |
| Total | 157 | 100% |



SUMMIT AGENDA

Summit Overview

Bonnie Shetler & Margaret Long

Welcoming Remarks

Tom Donnelly

Keynote Address

Philip B. Stafford, PhD

Profile Of Aging in Larimer County

Susanna D. Bozinovski, PhD

Panel Presentations:

Health Care

Roger Bermingham, MD

Support Services

Diane Stobnicke, MPA, BA

Transportation

Gary D. Thomas, BBA, SPHR

Housing

Janice M. Blanchard, MSPH

Breakout Discussions

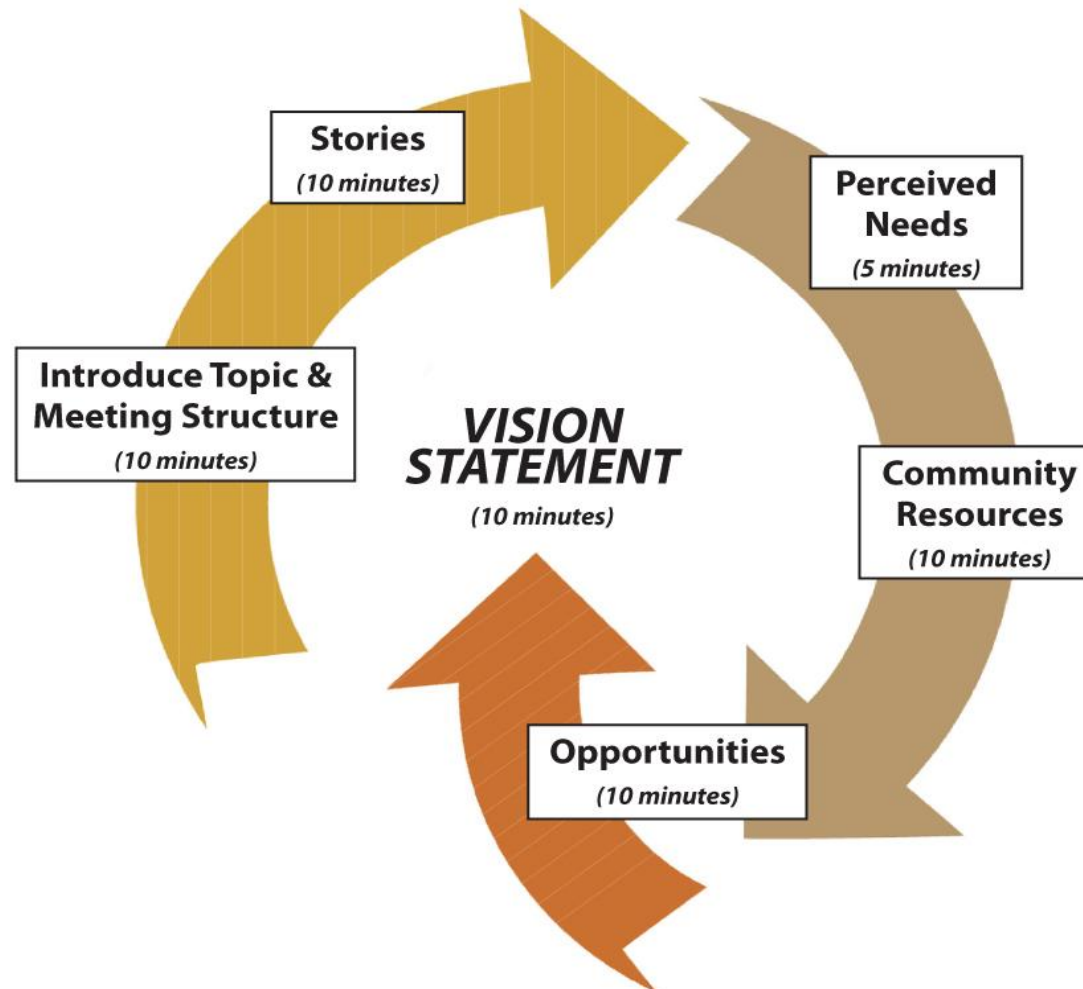
Summary & Closing Remarks

Bonnie Shetler



PURPOSE OF BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout Discussion Format



HEALTH CARE

*What are the key **needs** or the main problems around health care for current and future seniors in Larimer County?*

- **Education About Services and Resources**
- **Need More Services and Providers**
- **Communication**



HEALTH CARE

*What are **community assets** that are being mobilized already to address health care?*

- **Connecting with Services and Resources**



HEALTH CARE

*What are the **opportunities** for improvement around health care in Larimer County?*

- **Education- Provide and Obtain**
- **Collaborative Health Care**



HEALTH CARE

Vision Statement

In a Larimer County that has achieved aging readiness, and is livable and healthy for our seniors...

All seniors are aware and understand the resources available to them; livable and healthy; receive adequate financial resources to meet their needs; through a coordinated environment are receiving the health care they need; preplan and move to more self-responsibility.



SUPPORT SERVICES

*What are the key **needs** or the main problems around support services for current and future seniors in Larimer County?*

- **Affordability and availability of community services**
- **Education and awareness**
- **Quality of Life**



SUPPORT SERVICES

*What are **community assets** that are being mobilized already to address support services?*

- **Community Based Resources**
- **National Resources**
- **Government Resources**



SUPPORT SERVICES

*What are the **opportunities** for improvement around support services in Larimer County?*

- **Financial**
- **Education and outreach**



SUPPORT SERVICES

Vision Statement

In a Larimer County that has achieved aging readiness, and is livable and healthy for our seniors...

Is a model of innovation that demonstrates high quality and respectful elder friendly communities.



TRANSPORTATION

*What are the key **needs** or the main problems around transportation for current and future seniors in Larimer County?*

- **Public transportation logistics**
- **Education and awareness**
- **Alternative options**



TRANSPORTATION

*What are **community assets** that are being mobilized already to address transportation?*

- **Community Based Resources**
- **Government Resources**



TRANSPORTATION

*What are the **opportunities** for improvement around transportation in Larimer County?*

- **Structural Improvements**
- **Education and awareness**
- **Untapped resources**



TRANSPORTATION

Vision Statement

In a Larimer County that has achieved aging readiness, and is livable and healthy for our seniors...

Will know how and can easily access a safe, affordable, enjoyable and reliable transportation system service that keeps them connected to our community.



HOUSING

*What are the key **needs** or the main problems around housing for current and future seniors in Larimer County?*

- **Central Resource for Housing Needs**
- **Resources for low income, special needs seniors**
- **Intentional Communities**



HOUSING

*What are **community assets** that are being mobilized already to address housing?*

- **Community Based Resources**
- **National Resources**
- **Government Resources**



HOUSING

*What are the **opportunities** for improvement around housing in Larimer County?*

- **Versatile Housing**
- **Collaboration of established organizations for knowledge, creativity and growth**



HOUSING

Vision Statement

In a Larimer County that has achieved aging readiness, and is livable and healthy for our seniors...

All seniors have options for housing that are accessible, integrated with the greater community, allow for intentional interdependence, and provide a meaningful quality of life.



THEMES FROM THE SUMMIT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- **Education and Awareness**
- **Advocacy**
- **Volunteers Available**
- **Single Reference Source/Point of Entry**



CONCLUSION

Underlying all of the findings from the Larimer County Summit on Aging is the reality that we, as a community, need to rally together to show our commitment to value, respect and provide for our seniors.

