

## Special Interest Group on Aging Meeting Agenda

**Location and Time:** Tuesday, November 11, 2014, Meeting Room 15

**Convener:** Tamar Heller

**Description:**

- 1) Discussion of ways to engage with the 2015 White House Conference on Aging, including planning of listening sessions
- 2) Other federal and state initiatives that bridge aging and disabilities
- 3) Updates on aging and disability collaborations and activities participants are engaged in

In preparation for the meeting, here is some information from the website of the 2015 White House Conference on Aging:

<http://www.whitehouseconferenceonaging.gov/>

These are the key areas that will be covered:

- **Retirement security** is a vitally important issue. Financial security in retirement provides essential peace of mind for older Americans, but requires attention during our working lives to ensure that we are well prepared for retirement.
- **Healthy aging** will be all the more important as baby boomers age. As medical advances progress, the opportunities for older Americans to maintain their health and vitality should progress as well and community supports, including housing, are important tools to promote this vitality.
- **Long-term services and supports** remain a priority. Older Americans overwhelmingly prefer to remain independent in the community as they age. They need supports to do so, including a caregiving network and well-supported workforce.
- **Elder justice** is important given that seniors, particularly the oldest older Americans, can be vulnerable to financial exploitation, abuse, and neglect. The Elder Justice Act was enacted as part of the Affordable Care Act, and we need to realize its vision of protecting seniors from scam artists and others seeking to take advantage of them.