

I. Welcome and Introductions

Peggy A. Montes, Chairperson, Commission on Women's Issues

II. Hon. Toni Preckwinkle, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

III. Introduction of First Speaker

Peggy A. Montes

IV. Speakers

9:15 Kim Blechschmidt, Director Planning, Program Design and Grants Management, Age Options

Older Americans Act and the Suburban Aging Network

9:25 Wendy Cappelletto, Supervising Attorney, Office of the Public Guardian of Cook County

Issues Affecting Public Guardianship

9:35 Nkechi Florence Townsend, Ed. D., Director, Messiah Senior Action Network, CRS Senior Action Network

Coping Skills the Mature Woman Needs to Manage Mental Health Challenges

9:45 Mayra Salazar, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration

What Women Should Know About Social Security

9:55 Cheryl Woodson, M.D., FACP, AGSF, The Woodson Network

AGE EXCELLENTLY!!

10:05 Nancey Epperson, Constituent Advocate, Center on Halsted

10:15 Merri Dee, State President, AARP Illinois

Our Senior Years, Living Happily & Productively

10:25 Beverly Kimmons, Director, Diversity Initiatives, Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter

Dementia Caregiving: Emerging Trends in Prevalence and Care

10:35 Marian Hatcher, Special Projects Assistant, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff's Women's Justice Programs

The Mature Woman with a Criminal History

11:00 Audrey Thompson, MSW, Long Term Care Ombudsman for Evanston & Illinois Regional Ombudsman, City of Evanston Senior Services

The Power of a Mature Woman

11:10 Martha Holstein, PhD, Co-Director, Center for Long-Term Care Reform, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

Women, Cumulative Disadvantage and Elder Economic (In)Security

11:20 Carrie Wachter, Director of Education and Training, Rape Victim Advocates

Sexual Violence and Older Women: Prevalence, Impact and Creating Solutions

11:30 Pamela Bozeman Evans, Chief Operating Officer, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

Working Women Aging into the Work Place

11:40 Lara Hinz, Director of Programs, Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER)

Helping Women Overcome Obstacles to Retirement Security

11:50 Yvonne Hudson, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

Homeless Mature Women on Unemployment Compensation

12:00 Julie Jones, Of Counsel Legacy Attorney, Protecting Legacies LLC

Protecting Your Legacy to Achieve Peace of Mind

12:10 Sandra Silva, Manager, Senior Options Consulting

Helping Seniors Stay in Their Homes

12:20 Jennifer Greene, Policy Advisor, Office of the Cook County State's Attorney

A Prosecutor's Resources for the Mature Woman

10:45 – 11:00 Questions

12:30 – 12:45 Questions

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2011 PUBLIC HEARING The Mature Woman: Navigating Life's Challenges to Live, Survive and Thrive

Thursday, October 20, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**George W. Dunne Cook County Administration Building
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