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Department of Aging

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TO: Nutrition Summit Participants
AAA Directors
Nutrition Services Stakeholders

FROM: John Michael Hall, Acting Secretary
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SUBJECT: **Follow up to the Nutrition Summit November 17, 2008**

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide to you some follow up information related to the Nutrition Summit that was held on November 17, 2008. We had a very busy day with a lot of valuable input from a variety of AAA staff, dietitians, nutrition providers and consumers. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Nutrition Summit and for making it a huge success.

The input from the breakout sessions has been a tremendous help in going forward with looking at how to make changes to the nutrition programs to prepare them for the future. There were 4 breakout sessions (2 for congregate meals and 2 for home delivered meals). Each session asked the same 4 questions:

- What is working well?
- What are the barriers that preclude you from doing anything new and creative?
- If money were no object, what would the program look like in the future?
- What are some resources or partnerships to consider that would address some of the issues previously identified and enhance the programs for the future?

Enclosed with this memo is a list of long term and short term goals that the Office of Long Term Living and the Nutrition Services Advisory Committee are beginning to explore. These are the result of the top items that were discussed at the Nutrition Summit. Some pilot projects may be considered as well.

Thank you again for your valuable input regarding the Nutrition Services Program. I am excited to move forward to make the nutrition programs ready for the future. We will continue to keep all interested stakeholders informed of our progress.

If you have any comments or suggestions, they may be addressed to Becky Fortenbaugh at rfortenbau@state.pa.us or at (717) 425-5116.

Enclosure