# **Blueprint Action Team Guide**

Action Teams will play the critical role of leading implementation of the Blueprint, with support from Age-Friendly Minnesota. This guide is designed to provide you with the information needed to help make your Blueprint Action Team successful.



#### **What Action Teams Do**

Each Action Team is led by a Convener and made up of actively engaged crosssector members. Their primary work will be to:

- Facilitate partnerships among diverse sectors and partners, such as government agencies, community organizations, and others.
- Keep abreast of emerging trends and challenges associated with the objective area.
- Develop a plan of action to implement tactics identified by the Multisector Blueprint.
- Meet on a regular on-going basis to implement the plan of action.
- Suggest/Advocate for policy changes that support age-friendly design, programs, and systems related to objectives (if applicable).
- Suggest metrics/data that can be used to monitor progress on specific objectives.
- Provide regular updates to the Age-Friendly Minnesota Team.

#### **Action Team Toolkit**

- Sample Agenda for the first meeting
- Forms to submit notes from initial meeting and subsequent meetings
- · Questions? Reach out to either:
  - Michael Saindon, Interim Director of the AFMN Council michael.saindon@state.mn.us
  - Farah Baig, Legislative Coordinator for the AFMN Council farah.baig@state.mn.us

#### **Additional Resources**

- Multisector Blueprint for Aging (first version released Dec. 2024)
- Background on Action Teams
- Take a journey through the Blueprint
- Learn more about Age-Friendly Minnesota
- Learn more about Multisector Plans for Aging
- National Center to Reframe Aging



### **Your Action Team**



**Domain 1:** Connected Communities

Strategy B: Multimodal Transportation Options

**Objective 1:** Accessible and Age-Friendly Transportation Access

## **Your Action Team's Priority Tactics**

These tactics were identified as priority action steps needed to achieve your Action's Team objectives. View the full Blueprint for more detail and to see them in context. Your Action Team will determine which tactics to undertake first and a general timeline for the work.

- Volunteer driver reimbursement.
  - Increase reimbursement rates for volunteer drivers.
  - Support efforts at the federal level to make changes to legislation, such as the Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act of 2023, that would raise the amount of mileage reimbursement that volunteers can claim exempt from federal taxes.
- Expand and promote volunteer driver programs.

