

# *News from the Wyoming Department of Health*

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## **Aging Division Plans Public Meetings**

CHEYENNE - The Wyoming Department of Health's Aging Division is planning a series of public meetings to hear from the public about the services provided for Wyoming's older people.

"We want residents to tell us how Wyoming is doing for our seniors and if there things that should be done differently to better serve our older citizens," said Bev Morrow, Aging Division administrator.

The U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) requires the state Aging Division to develop a new plan every four years. Intended to gather input regarding the state's draft plan for 2006-2010, the regional meetings are scheduled for the following communities:

### **July 28 - Rock Springs**

9 to 10:30 a.m - City Hall, 212 D Street

### **July 31- Cheyenne**

1 to 2:30 p.m. - Herschler Building, Room 1699, 122 West 25th Street

### **August 1 - Casper**

3 to 4:30 p.m. - University of Wyoming Outreach Building, 951 N. Poplar Street

### **August 2 - Riverton**

10 to 11:30 a.m. - Riverton Branch Library, 1330 W. Park Avenue

The initial draft of the proposed State Plan for 2006-2010 will be available on the Aging Division's website (<http://wdh.state.wy.us/aging>), or by email or hardcopy (upon request) beginning July 27.

Morrow said the division is particularly interested in hearing ideas related to the goals included in the U.S. Administration on Aging's Strategic Action Plan, which include:

1. Increase the number of older people who have access to an integrated array of health and social supports.
2. Increase the number of older people who stay active and healthy.
3. Increase the number of families who are supported in their efforts to care for their loved ones at home and in the community.
4. Increase the number of older people who benefit from programs that protect their right and prevent elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Those unable to attend a meeting are asked to submit written comments by 5 p.m. on August 2. To provide comments, or request a copy of the draft plan, please contact: Ruth Davis, Wyoming Department of Health Aging Division, 6101 Yellowstone Road, Room 295B, Cheyenne, WY 82002 or call 307-777-7986 or 800-442-2766.

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