Elder and Long Term Care Committee

Wednesday, September 14, 2005
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM
Reed Hall (102 HOB)

Meeting Packet

Allan Bense
Speaker

Hugh Gibson, III
Chair

Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Speaker Allan G. Bense

Elder & Long-Term Care Committee

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OPPAGA presentation regarding Aging Resource Center implementation

Department of Elder Affairs update

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AGENDA

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I. Opening Remarks by the Chair

II. OPPAGA presentation regarding Aging Resource Center Implementation:

Department of Elder Affairs update

III. Closing Remarks by the Chair

IV. Adjournment

OPPAGA Presentation

A Presentation to the House Elder & Long-Term Care Committee

Review of the Department of Elder Affairs' Process for Implementing Aging Resource Centers

September 14, 2005

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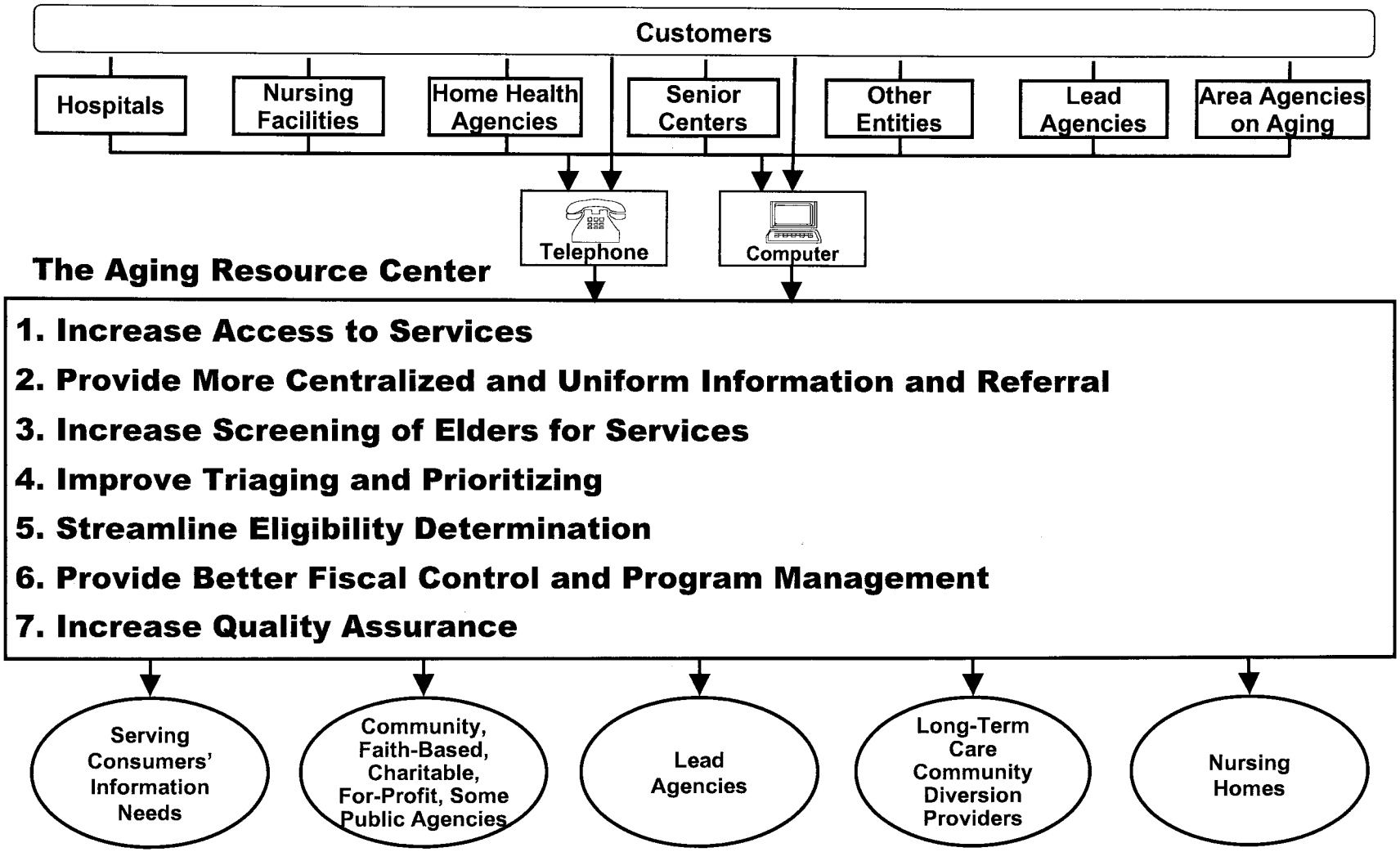
Presentation Overview

- Responsibilities and purposes of Aging Resource Center initiative
- Several steps taken by Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) to implement initiative
- Additional work needed to help ensure successful implementation

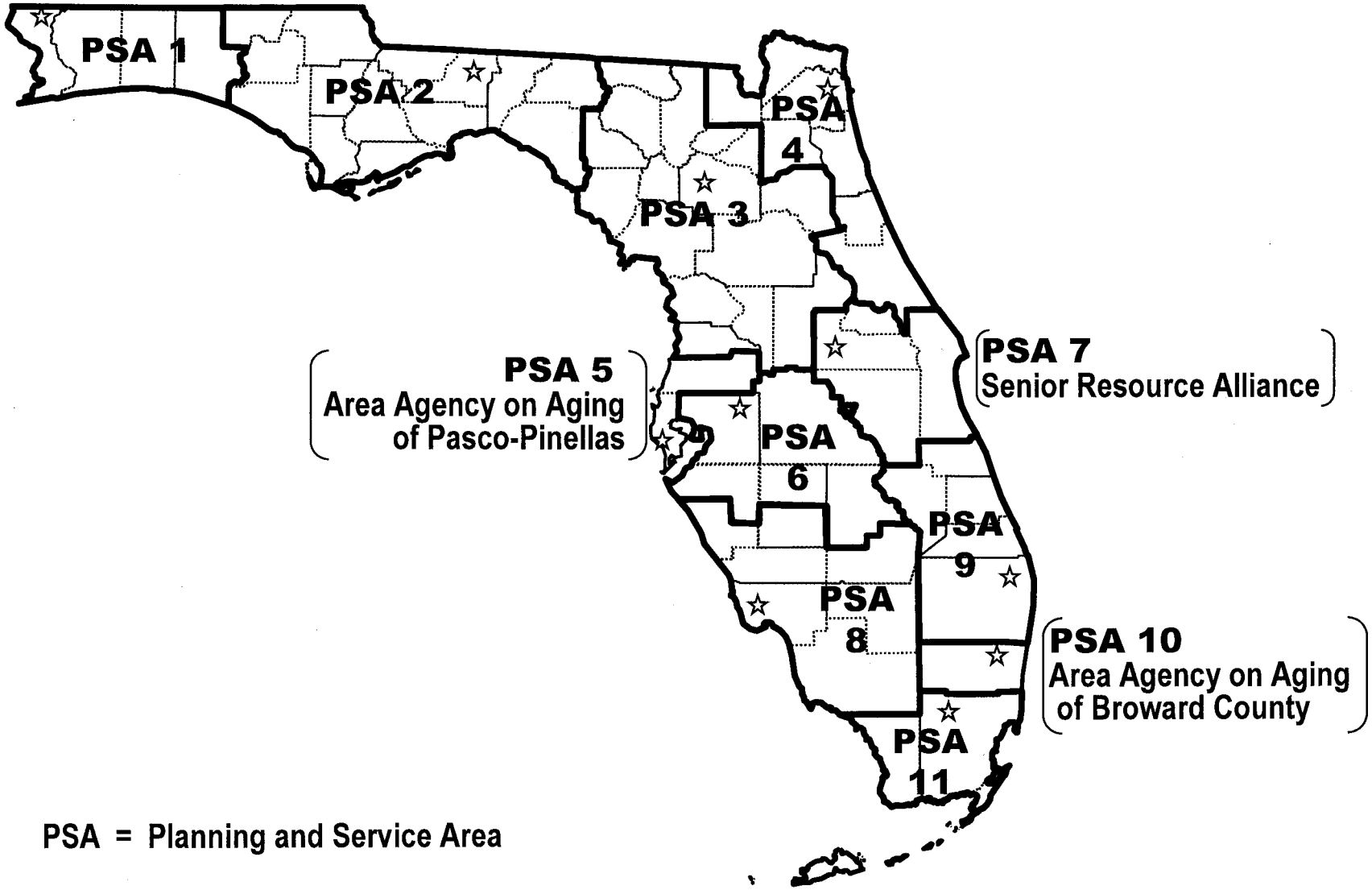
Statutory Responsibilities of Aging Resource Center Initiative

- Each Area Agency on Aging (AAA) must transition to an Aging Resource Center
- DOEA must develop a process to determine readiness of AAAs to transition and select three pilot sites prior to March 1, 2005
- OPPAGA and Auditor General must jointly review and assess DOEA's readiness process and report to the Legislature every six months

Aging Resource Center Is Intended to Reduce Fragmentation



DOEA Has Selected Three Pilot Sites



PSA = Planning and Service Area

DOEA Has Taken Several Steps to Implement Aging Resource Center Initiative

- Used appropriate criteria to select pilot sites and their transition order
- Provided reasonable technical assistance to the pilot sites
- Applied a standardized checklist to determine readiness
- Provided feedback to remaining AAAs to revise their plans

DOEA Has Addressed Several OPPAGA Recommendations

- Completed state-level agreements with Mental Health and Economic Self-Sufficiency programs
- Established several outcome measures
- Improved readiness assessment process
- Developing a new intake screening tool

DOEA Has Not Completed Certain Critical Components in a Timely Manner

- Statewide Web-based Information and Referral System (Helpworks™)
- Standards for outsourcing the functions of a center

DOEA Has Not Completed Certain Critical Components in a Timely Manner (cont.)

- Outcome measure to assess timeliness in Medicaid eligibility determination
- Templates for MOUs with CARES, Economic Self-Sufficiency, and Mental Health programs

DOEA Needs to Provide Additional Guidance and Time to Remaining AAAs

- Information on lessons learned, FAQs, and requirements for deliverables
- Clear definition of "Aging Resource Center" in the checklist
- More time for AAAs to meet Aging Resource Center requirements

DOEA has selected the order for the remaining eight AAAs to transition

Area Agency on Aging	Location	Start Date
Mid-Florida AAA	Gainesville	December 2005
AAA of North Florida	Tallahassee	December 2005
Northwest Florida AAA	Pensacola	April 2006
Northeast Florida AAA	Jacksonville	April 2006
West Central Florida AAA	Tampa	July 2006
AAA for Southwest Florida	Fort Myers	August 2006
Alliance for Aging	Miami	October 2006
AAA of Palm Beach/ Treasure Coast	West Palm Beach	December 2006

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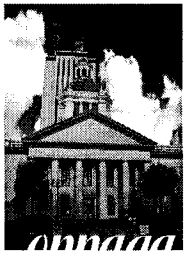

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