**Advisory Council Kickoff Meeting**

Held: Friday, February 17th, 10-11 CST on Teams

Attendance: 53 participants (including host Laura Newland); see Excel spreadsheet

Summary:

* Introductions from Lt. Gov. Kehoe, Director Nickelson, Director Highland
* State plan introduction from Mindy Ulstad
* Why Missouri is doing a State Plan
* Overview of ecosystem and core values
* General timeline 2023-2025
* Subcommittee overview
* 2023 Timeline
* Future AC meeting dates through 2025

Comments from chat:

* Wanting to better serve veterans
* Helping/responsible to help people age with dignity and independence
* Too many gaps in services for people with disabilities
* Need support in rural areas
* Need support for unpaid caregivers
* Insufficient transportation, especially in rural areas
* Increase access to home health care
* Need assisted living resources available for all income levels
* Intersections with behavioral health / disabilities
* Affordability
* Leverage and coordinate integrated supports—people need to know before crisis
* Training healthcare workers
* Reframe aging
* Resources needed to help people age in place
* Health equity
* Ability to choose and make decisions
* Communication on how to access resources