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Nora Super's Next Steps

Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee shared this note with staff this afternoon:

At the end of last month, the White House Conference on Aging team published their [final report](#). With that tremendous task behind her, Nora Super has decided to seek her fortunes elsewhere. Nora has been offered a position that will allow her to continue working in the field of aging, so we are likely to remain in touch.

I first met Nora in June 2014 when I talked to her about coming on board as the Executive Director of the White House Conference on Aging. Although she was working for HHS at the time, she and I had never met. In fact, the first people to alert me to Nora were colleagues in the Domestic Policy Council at the White House. From the very beginning, Nora was a natural fit for the position. She had the support of the White House, HHS, and the broader aging community.

Hosting the 2015 White House Conference on Aging was an opportunity and also a challenge. Unlike prior conferences, this conference needed a different approach, driven largely by a combination of lack of federal appropriations and the tremendous potential of technology and social media.

During her time as Executive Director, Nora traveled the country seeking input on a broad number of issues facing older adults and caregivers. She managed policy workgroups that produced both policy papers and program recommendations. She met with hundreds of stakeholders and spent countless hours navigating the logistics of hosting regional forums, topic-specific events and the White House Conference on Aging itself. As a result, the 2015 conference was a huge success and included an unprecedented number of individuals participating in watch parties in every state in the nation.

Nora's last day in the office will be Friday, February 5th. On behalf of the aging network, and personally, I want to thank her for a job well done. I couldn't have asked for a better colleague to lead this important national conference.

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