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Multi-Sector Working Group on **Economic Security**: Work Group Chaired by Carol Costa

Vision Statement – “We envision a Rhode Island where all older adults have had the opportunity to save and plan for their future and have the resources and support to meet their needs with **dignity and choice**”

Priority Statement -

Multi-Sector Working Group on **Housing**: Work Group Chaired by Paula McFarland

Vision Statement – “We envision a Rhode Island where housing is recognized as a cornerstone of healthy aging, indeed a form of care – where housing is accessible, affordable, adaptable, and available to all older adults in their community or choice”

Priority Statement – Expand the connection of housing models that reduce isolation and foster meaningful social connections, creativity, and mutual support among older adults by connecting housing funding with awareness of various housing opportunities.

Multi-Sector Working Group on **Healthcare**: Work Group Chaired by Nancy Sutton

Vision Statement - “We envision a Rhode Island healthcare system that provides access to affordable, comprehensive, and age-friendly care; a system that supports healthy aging with dignity and choice, encompassing the entire spectrum of health services to maximize health and wellness, independence and quality of life”

Priority Statement – Our Priority is to advance a person-centered, trusted health system (including long-term care supports and services) that results in better outcomes and experiences for older Rhode Islanders, by improving patient navigation, investing in wellness and prevention, promoting age-friendly care, fostering interprofessional collaboration and care coordination, and driving innovation and workforce development

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Multi-Sector Working Group on **Access to Services**: Work Group Chaired by Paul Salera

Vision Statement – “Rhode Island envisions a future where every older adult can access the supports, they need when, where, and how they choose-regardless of age, income, identity, disability or community. Aging is not a one size fits all. Whether living at home or in long-term care, older adults deserve clear pathways to services, meaningful options, and the dignity of directing their own lives. Our goal is to ensure that every person can age in place with independence, respect and full inclusion.”

Priority Statement – Rhode Island will ensure access to person-centered support and expand the full range of services available to older adults including those with disabilities through effective and accessible communication. The state will strengthen and promote the Rhode Island Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) as a central entry point for information and assistance and ensure that individuals and providers are aware of the rights and principles outlines in the Olmstead Plan. We will improve navigation across all systems – health, housing, community support, and long-term services – so that every person can easily find, understand and obtain the supports they need to live with agency and dignity.

Multi-Sector Working Group on **Transportation**: Work Group Chaired by Jim Connell

Vision Statement – “We envision Rhode Island to be a state where our aging population can access safe, reliable, dependable, need-centered mobility options, that will take them to their destination of choice.”

Priority Statement – Promote and strengthen statewide coordination of rider preferred mobility options, thereby fostering inclusion, engagement, and independence, within our aging population. Invest in ridership education and communication to ensure knowledge of and access to all State public transportation and alternative mobility options too.

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Multi-Sector Work Group on **Municipal Services**: Work Group Chaired by Carmella Geer

Vision Statement –

Priority Statement –
