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PA Secretary of Aging visits Allegheny County AAA

Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) welcomed a special guest on December 5: Pennsylvania's secretary of the Department of Aging, Robert Torres. This marked Mr. Torres' first visit to western PA since his appointment in January 2019.

Approximately 30 directors and deputy directors from AAAs across western Pennsylvania drove in for the visit. The group spent the morning engaged in discussions around aging topics, such as protective services staffing, how senior centers will look in the future, and strategic plans.

During the afternoon, Mr. Torres spoke with Allegheny County AAA staff and consumers to learn about their experiences and hear their concerns firsthand.

"Although the morning visit with Secretary Torres and the other western Pennsylvania AAA directors was very beneficial, the afternoon meeting with our AAA staff allowed the secretary to witness the day-to-day work of our dedicated and talented staff. It also provided an opportunity for him to listen in on live calls with local seniors, and to experience their true needs and expectations." said Kurt Emmerling, AAA deputy director. "We hope that Secretary Torres' visit offered further clarity and opportunity to think more regionally about the needs of Allegheny County's seniors, caregivers and families."