New River Valley Agency on Aging
Request Public Input for Development of the 2013 Area Plan

The New River Valley Agency on Aging is beginning our annual process to devise a plan for service delivery and budgeting for the next fiscal and program year which begins in October 2012. The plan is the Area Plan for Aging Services. The Area Plan determines how resources are allocated for services provided under the Older Americans Act. While waiting for information on funds or "planning figures" from funding sources, **comments are requested from the public for guidance on how they think the resources can best meet the needs of older adults.** With shrinking resources due to stagnate and/or reduced federal and state funding, it is more important than ever, to ensure that funds are used for the services most needed by older adults. **Comments are considered as the Area Plan draft is developed.** Once the Area Plan draft is ready, there will be a public comment period before it becomes official and is submitted to the Virginia Department for the Aging in mid-July for approval.

With a current operating budget of approximately $1.6 million, NRV Agency on Aging provides many different services with federal, state and local support. The largest programs include Home Delivered Meals (also known as "meals on wheels"), Congregate Meals (Friendship Cafes), Information and Assistance to help find and access needed services and resources, Transportation and Homemaker services. Client waiting list currently exists for Homemaker Services. Other services provided include Caregiver Support, Respite Care, Care Coordination, Transition Coordination, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Elder Abuse Prevention, Health Insurance Counseling and Medicare Fraud Prevention, Long Term Care Coordination and Legal Assistance. The Agency serves as the Local Contact Agency for Long Term Care facility residents who request information on community based services and resources that might be available to them if they leave facility care and return to the community.

Individuals are invited to send comments now, before the draft Area Plan is developed, regarding the services listed above or other needed services to NRV Agency on Aging, 141, East Main Street, Suite 500, Pulaski, Virginia 24301 or e-mail at nrvaoa@nrvaoa.org.