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Announcements

Kathy Greenlee Joins Center for Practical Bioethics

Kathy Greenlee, the former Department of Health and Human Services Administrator of the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and Assistant Secretary for Aging, will join the Center for Practical Bioethics as their Vice President of Aging and Health Policy beginning on November 1. The Center for Practical Bioethics is a nonprofit, free-standing, independent organization whose mission is "to raise and respond to ethical issues in health and healthcare."

[Click here](#) to view the announcement.

From NASUAD

I&R Center Webinar: Data & Outcomes: National Survey Findings

The National Information & Referral Center is hosting a webinar on Data and Outcomes: National Survey Findings. As I&R/A professionals know, good data is critical to achieving good outcomes for the individuals and families that you serve. As part of a data study for the state of Colorado, NASUAD recently conducted a national survey of State Agencies on Aging and Disabilities and Medicaid Agencies to assess the status of data collection and outcome measurement for services for older adults and persons with disabilities, and to highlight important trends, developments and practices. The survey also touched upon structure and location of ADRC/SEP/NWD systems. Join us on November 2 to hear about these key findings, including information on systems for consumer access to long-term services and supports. NASUAD's Senior Director, Damon Terzaghi, will present. This webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 2, 2016, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET**. Pre-registration is required.

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Issue Brief: Characteristics of Elderly Adults Participating in and Eligible for SNAP

Mathematica Policy Research (MPR) published an issue brief about the characteristics of elderly individuals participating in and eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP is designed to offer monetary assistance to low-income individuals to purchase food. "Historically, elderly adults (age 60 or older) have participated in SNAP at lower rates than the general population." This issue brief focuses on the findings from a report on state trends that examine the number of eligible individuals over the age of 60 and how many individuals are participating in SNAP.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: Title VI Grant Applications

The Administration for Community Living is hosting a webinar on Title VI. Every three years, Tribal Communities, Native Alaskan Villages, and Native Hawaiian Organizations have an opportunity to reapply for their Title VI Grants for elder services. Reapplication is necessary in order to continue providing services. ACL is holding a webinar to offer assistance with the process as Title VI grant applications are due on December 5, 2016. Topics covered in the webinar include: needs assessments; how to use the application form; tips and tricks for a successful application; common errors; and how to count unduplicated elders. Speakers for the presentation will be Shelly Zylstra, Aging Services Program Specialist, ACL/AoA and Susan Raymond, Aging Services Program Specialist, ACL/AoA. The webinar will take place on **Monday, October 24, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Department of Health & Human Services

MACRA Quality Payment Program Final Rule

On October 14, 2016, the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) issued the final rule with comment period for the new payment system, Quality Payment Program, for Medicare clinicians. The new rule is part of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). An [interactive website](#) is being built to assist clinicians in understanding and participating in the program.

[Click here](#) to view the final rule.
[Click here](#) to submit comments.

Social Security Administration

National Disability Forum: Telehealth & Telemedicine

The Social Security Administration is hosting the 5th National Disability Forum to discuss "Exploring Opportunities to Advance the Disability Program through Telehealth and Telemedicine." It will take place at the National Education Association which is located at 1201 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. and via teleconference. Dr. David Brennan, Director, Telehealth Initiatives, MedStar Institute for Innovation will moderate the discussion. The other speakers include: Alan H. Dinesman, M.D., Medical Officer, Office of Disability and Medical Assessment, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kathy Wibberly, Ph.D., Director, Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center at University of Virginia Telehealth Resource Center; and Kofi Jones, Vice President of Government Affairs, American Well. The forum is scheduled for **Thursday, October 27, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Minority Fellowship Program Seeking Qualified Applicants

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) team announced that the MFP grantees have started to accept fellowship applications for the 2017-18 academic cycle. The MFP seeks to improve behavioral health outcomes of racially and ethnically diverse populations by increasing the number of well trained, culturally competent behavioral health professionals available to work in underserved, minority communities. Specifically, the program offers scholarship assistance, training, and mentoring for individuals seeking degrees in behavioral health who meet program eligibility requirements.

[Click here](#) to view details.

From Other Organizations

AARP

AARP Solution Forum: Families Caring for an Aging America

AARP is hosting a Solutions Forum on the topic of "Families Caring for An Aging America: Current Landscape and Opportunities for the Future." The event will take place on **Thursday, December 1, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET** at the Washington Court Hotel in D.C. The event includes a continental breakfast and discussion of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's report, Families Caring for an Aging America. The report recommends that the next presidential administration take steps to address the health, economic, and social issues facing family caregivers of older Americans. Hear from experts on the consensus committee that authored the report, and thought leaders who will react to the report's findings, recommendations, and calls-to-action.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Center for Health Care Strategies

Request for Applications to State Oral Health Leadership Institute

The Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) has put out a request for applications to the State Oral Health Leadership Institute (SOHLI), a 12-month professional development program for pairs of state Medicaid dental program directors and state oral health program directors.

SOHLI, led by CHCS and supported by the DentaQuest Foundation, offers a unique opportunity to bring together Medicaid and public health colleagues to focus on improving oral health access and outcomes for low-income children and adults. It will provide training in leadership, policy, and cross-agency collaboration tailored for each participating team. The program curriculum will address the current oral health environment at both the federal and state levels, with a focus on three key areas: fundamentals of Medicaid dental benefit design; leadership and organizations skills; and a joint transformation project.

Applications must be submitted in partnership by a state's Medicaid dental program director and state oral health program director (or individuals in equivalent positions) by **November 30, 2016**. CHCS will select up to five state pairs as SOHLI Fellows for the 2017 calendar year. If you have any questions, please contact [Stacey Chazin](#).

[Click here](#) to view the request for applications.

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Webinar: Health Benefits of Volunteering & Boosting Recruitment

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) recently launched a national campaign highlighting research suggesting that older adults who volunteer for as little as two hours a week reap major physical, mental, and emotional health benefits. They are hosting a webinar on their new campaign that focuses on health benefits of volunteering and how to give recruitment a boost. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, October 26, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

National Council on Independent Living

Webinar: Medicaid: The Basics

The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) is hosting a webinar on the basics of Medicaid. The webinar is free for NCIL members and has a cost of \$25 for non-members-- registration is limited. Learning objectives for the webinar include: understanding what Medicaid decisions are state and federal; introducing mechanisms for modifying state programs; and introducing Medicaid managed care. Speakers for the webinar are Ken Smith, CEO, Dual Eligible and Long Term Supports and Services Populations, UnitedHealth Group and Kelly Buckland, Executive Director, NCIL. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, October 26, 2016, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

National Hispanic Council on Aging

Status of Hispanic Older Adults: Insights from the Field

The National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA) released a new field report on the status of Hispanic older adults in the United States. The report contains a literature review of the current data on the status of this population, feedback from targeted community forums, and results from a national survey conducted by NHCOA. The survey focused on "key issues impacting individuals and their communities; their civic engagement on these issues; and the role of community members in the development and implementation of public policies, programs and services that fit the needs of the diverse older adult population locally and nationwide." NHCOA also offers several

national recommendations based on the findings of the report.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services

NRCPDS Moving to Applied Self Direction

The National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPDS) is moving to Applied Self Direction. Applied Self Direction is an organization that NRCPDS staff, led by founding director Kevin Mahoney, were instrumental in creating over 2 years ago. Applied Self Direction is led by Mollie Murphy, a long-time self direction expert of the NRCPDS. The intent of creating Applied Self Direction was to house the critical work of promoting self direction. The mission of Applied Self Direction is to promote self direction so individuals have the choice and control to live the lives they want.

[Click here](#) to view the new website.

Relias Learning

Webinar: Measurement Based Care Techniques

Relias Learning is hosting a webinar about using measurement based care techniques for integrating behavioral health into primary care. A critical component to success for programs that attempt to integrate behavioral health into primary care settings is the use of measurement based care (MBC) principles. In the same manner that diabetes and hypertension management involve screening for the condition, measuring the severity, and using metrics to measure for improvement, MBC uses validated instruments to measure the severity of mental health and substance use symptoms to provide quantitative clinical feedback regarding progress or lack of progress that is used to drive treatment decisions about medication changes, therapeutic interventions, referrals, and other recommendations. MBC enables the treat-to-target approach that is familiar for other primary care conditions. Presenters for the webinar are Steve Daviss, MD, DFAPA, Chief Medical Informatics Officer, M3 Information and William Emmet, Principal, Emmet Consulting. The webinar will take place on **Thursday, October 27, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.**

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Suicide Prevention Resource Center

SPARK Talk on Suicide Prevention for Older Adults

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) launched the newest video in their SPARK (Short, Provocative, Action-oriented, Realistic, and Knowledgeable) Talk Series on the topic of suicide prevention for older adults. The video, *Reaching Older Adults*, features Dr. Jo Anne Sirey, professor at the Weil Cornell Medical College Department of Psychiatry, who stresses the importance of integrating mental health into aging services programs, such as senior centers.

[Click here](#) to view the SPARK Talk.

[Click here](#) to view the SPRC website.

Events

AUCD 2016 Conference

The AUCD 2016 Conference, "Navigating Change: Building our Future Together," highlights both the change that comes at the end of a Presidential term as well as the need to work together to create a future in which children and adults with disabilities are able to participate fully in all aspects of life as valued members of their communities. Join us to engage in powerful, important, and inspiring personal and professional discourse on December 4-7 in Washington, DC.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

2017 Aging in America Conference

The American Society on Aging's 2017 Aging in America Conference will be held in Chicago from **March 20th - 24th**.

The focus of AiA17 is innovation, including innovative policies, programs, practices, models, businesses, technologies, learning and more from across the field of aging. Register now to join this conference community of nearly 3,000 multidisciplinary professionals who, like you, are working to improve the lives of older adults. The early-bird discount ends on October 31, 2016.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Jobs & Internships

NASUAD Seeks Senior Director of Business Acumen for Disability CBOs Center

NASUAD is seeking a Senior Director to manage the Business Acumen for Disability Community Based Organizations Center.

The Senior Director will have the responsibility for the overall programmatic and administrative functions of this new three-year federal grant. Key responsibilities will be coordination of partner agencies, leadership and management of the learning collaborative, coordination of technical assistance trainings and tools for the project, and establishing strong partnerships with integrated health plans.

The successful candidate will be college-educated (Master's preferred), and have strong leadership, written and oral communication skills, as well as analytical capabilities.

[Click here](#) to the job posting.

NASUAD Seeks Research Assistant/ Communications Assistant

NASUAD is seeking a Research Assistant/Communications Assistant to assist with multiple grant and project deliverables. Responsibilities include assisting to create online trainings, member communications and surveys, website and social media updates, and research and analysis of legislation/policies.

The successful candidate will be a college graduate, and have strong written and oral communication skills and analytical capability. Knowledge of website and survey tools and an advanced understanding of Microsoft Excel is a plus.

[Click here](#) to the job posting.

2017 AAPD Summer Internship Program

AAPD has announced the opening of applications for the 2017 Summer Internship Program. The AAPD Summer Internship Program develops the next generation of leaders with disabilities and offers host employers access to a talented, diverse workforce. Each summer, AAPD places college students, graduate students, law students, and recent graduates with all types of disabilities in paid 10-week summer internships in Congressional offices, federal agencies, non-profit, and for-profit organizations in the Washington, DC area.

Each intern is matched with a mentor who will assist them with their career goals. AAPD provides the interns with a stipend, transportation to and from Washington, DC, and fully-accessible housing. All applications must be received by **November 7, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view the internship announcement.

Funding Opportunities

CMS

CMS Announces a New Funding Opportunity for Track 1 of the Accountable Health Communities Model

CMS, in January 2016, released a new Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for a model called the Accountable Health Communities (AHC). This Center for Medicare & Medicaid

Innovation model focuses on the health-related social needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. The AHC Model is based on emerging evidence that addressing health-related social needs through enhanced clinical-community linkages can improve health outcomes and reduce costs. The original FOA requested applications for three different scalable tracks featuring interventions of varying intensity that would address health-related social needs for beneficiaries. After receiving inquiries and stakeholder feedback, CMS has decided to make modifications to the Track 1 application requirements and is releasing a new FOA specific to Track 1 of the AHC Model. Track 1 will support bridge organizations to increase a patient's awareness of available community services through screening, information dissemination, and referral. Track 1 award recipients will partner with the state Medicaid agency, community service providers and clinical delivery sites to implement the Model. The modifications to the Track 1 application include the following: (1) Reducing the annual number of beneficiaries applicants are required to screen from 75,000 to 53,000; and (2) Increasing the maximum funding amount per award recipient from \$1 million to \$1.17 million over 5 years.

Under this announcement, CMS is accepting applications from community-based organizations, health care practices, hospitals and health systems, institutions of higher education, local government entities, tribal organizations, and for-profit and non-for-profit local and national entities with the capacity to develop and maintain relationships with clinical delivery sites and community service providers. All applicants, including those who applied to

Tracks 1, 2 or 3 in the previous FOA, are eligible to apply to this FOA.

Applicants that previously applied to Track 1 of the AHC Model under the original FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-001) must re-apply using this FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-002) to be considered for the Model.

The AHC Model is accepting applications for Track 1 at www.grants.gov through **November 3, 2016**. For more information about the AHC Model, visit CMS at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm>.

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