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Subject: RE: State Plan on Aging

Melissa,

The statement about 3% of the senior population is based on the number of seniors served by our HCBS programs vs. the total population in the state. We currently serve approximately 28,000 seniors with a senior population of approximately 950,000. The number is low because we have limited funding for service. There are about 8,000 seniors on our waiting list. These are non-medicaid seniors.

I hope this helps.

Thanks.

Tony Kester

From: Melissa Benik [<mailto:mbenik@marymount.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 5:19 PM
To: Kester, Tony
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Mr. Kester,

I am a grad student studying Health Care Management. I am focusing on long term care in South Carolina with hopes to support the efforts like those laid out in the State Plan after graduation. I am currently working on a term paper about navigating LTC and ran across this statement in the State Plan (page 14 regarding Aging Trends) that I would greatly appreciate more information on:

"While the senior population is growing significantly, the LGOA only serves about 3% of the state's aging population. Ninety-seven percent of the senior population is not utilizing our services."

I am unclear as to when the plan says that the LGOA only serves about 3% of the state's aging population- what does this "service" include? And why is the number so low?

I understand that you must be incredibly busy and I would sincerely appreciate your reply. I am trying to understand the resources available in South Carolina.

Kind regards,
Melissa

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