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From NASUAD

In Memory of Ms. Jamie Kendall

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities mourns the loss of Ms. Jamie Kendall who died on Thursday, November 12. Ms. Kendall served as the Acting Director of Independent Living at the Administration for Community Living and as the Director of ACL's Office of Policy Analysis and Development.

"Jamie served as a stunning role model for all of us who work to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities and seniors," said Martha Roherty, Executive Director of NASUAD. "Her boundless energy, inquisitive nature, and good humor was contagious and will be sorely missed by the NASUAD staff and members. Her legacy will live on in the policies she helped to create and in all of the lives she touched."

HCBS Clearinghouse E-Clips

This section of Friday Update highlights reports that have been added to the HCBS Clearinghouse within the past week. Visit www.nasuad.org/hcbs for more information.

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Designing Statewide Career Development Strategies & Programs

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability published "Designing Statewide Career Development Strategies & Programs," a guide that help states assist youth and youth with disabilities prepare for employment and college. This is a two-part guide which includes a primer for youth career development and an implementation guide with promising practices from successful programs for states to model. A diploma from high school no longer provides students with the immediate potential for employability upon graduation. Instead, states are creating programs to provide students with the resources and training to find post-education opportunities or prepare for college.

[Click here](#) to access the guide and findings.

New Report: Financing Transition Services When Everyone is the "Payer of Last Resort"

The Employment Policy and Measurement Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, with funding from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, published a report on financing transition services. Multiple funding streams, or braiding of resources, are used to fund the services and supports available for transition-age youth seeking employment or higher education. This report examines who the payers of last resort are based on the legal and regulatory requirements set by Rehabilitation Services Administration, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Office of Special Education Programs, the Department of Labor- Employment and Training Administration, and the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA).

[Click here](#) to access the report and findings.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Empowering Veterans to Take Charge of Their Care

This past Wednesday, the country celebrated Veteran's Day and reflected on the sacrifices that each Veteran took for the sake of protecting the United States. The Administration for Community Living published a blog authored by Lori Gerhard, Director of the Office of Consumer Access & Self Determination at ACL. Gerhard's post highlighted the various services and supports available for veteran's to age independently and at home. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and ACL partnered to create the VD-HCBS program in 2008, which offers veterans the opportunity to be involved in their care and to live in the community. In the long term, ACL and VHA envision an entirely person-centered and consumer-directed system to ensure

veteran's are able to share their input and age in place.

[Click here](#) to view the blog post.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Apply for Program Support to Promote Community Integration

The Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) is accepting applications for targeted program support for Medicaid agencies using Long-Term Services and Supports to promote community integration. CMCS will offer support through the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) for the areas of Housing-Related Services and Partnerships and Incentivizing Quality and Outcomes. Expression of Interest forms from the states are due by **Tuesday, December 1, 2015**. Program support will be based upon feedback from the states and stakeholders, to ensure the assistance is targeted for each state's needs.

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

Partnership with New York to Coordinate Care for People with IDD

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is partnering with the New York State Department of Health and the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. Together they will evaluate a new model of coordinated care experience for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The new model is known as the Fully Integrated Duals Advantage for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (FIDA-IDD) and will focus on the long-term care needs of this population.

[Click here](#) to view partnership details.

CMS Posts Information about IAP and LTSS

In a blog update for November, CMS provided additional information about the long-term services and supports (LTSS) program area within its Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP). In the posting, CMS describes the timelines and areas of programmatic work that will be included in the IAP initiative.

CMS will include work related to (1) Housing-Related Services and Partnerships and (2) Incentivizing Quality and Outcomes in community-based LTSS programs within this component of the IAP. Each of these topical areas has two tracks for organizing the planned activities, states may apply to participate in specific tracks under the initiative. The blog post follows CMS' launch of the IAP LTSS initiative, which began in late October with a webinar for interested parties.

CMS is currently accepting expressions of interest from states that would like to participate in the LTSS IAP. The expressions of interest are due by **Tuesday, December 1st, 2015, at 5:00 p. m. ET.**

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

From Other Organizations

Alzheimer's Foundation

Webinar: How to Talk with a Loved One About Brain Health & Memory

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America and the National Alliance for Caregiving are hosting a webinar on the different approaches to take when speaking to a loved one about brain health and memory concerns. It can be difficult to approach the topic of declining cognition with a person you love, but there are methods to make the conversations easier. Experts Faith Unger, Program Director of CaregiverU; and J. Wesson Ashford, Ph.D, Clinical Professor at the Stanford VA Aging Clinical Research Center and Director of the War Related Illness and Injury Study Center at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System, will give attendees tips on how to broach these conversations. This webinar will take place on **Monday, November 16, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.**

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

American Society on Aging

Webinar: Ageism in America- A Call for Research

The American Society on Aging (ASA) is hosting a webinar on the current climate of ageism in America. ASA believes a call for research is the best way to move forward with combating ageism in our society. The webinar will present the current research agenda which addresses the following issues: the pressing need to understand the role ageism plays in workforce participation and performance; the ways in which ageism may limit the effectiveness of interventions to improve health in older populations; and, failure in much scientific research to differentiate between pathological and normal aging, thus producing overly negative conclusions about the effects of aging.

The webinar will be presented by Laura L Carstensen and Sarah Raposo. Laura L Carstensen, Ph.D is a Fairleigh S. Dickinson Jr. Professor of Public Policy at Stanford University and Director of the Stanford Center on Longevity and Sarah Raposo, B.A., is a doctoral candidate in the psychology department at Stanford University. Complimentary CEUs are available for participants and pre-registration is required. This webinar will take place on **Tuesday, November 10, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Health Management Associates

Webinar: Provider Network Adequacy Monitoring: Survey Findings

Health Management Associates (HMA) is hosting a webinar on a survey of states and health plans they conducted under funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. HMA experts Karen Brodsky and Barbara Markham Smith will present the findings of the survey and outline the recommendations for states and health plans to provide better provider access for members. This webinar is recommended executives of Medicaid managed care plans, qualified health plans, commercial health plans, and Medicare Advantage plans; Medicaid directors and staff; regulators and healthcare policy analysts; and executives of hospitals, health systems, health centers, and providers serving Medicaid and other vulnerable populations. The webinar is free of charge and will take place on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.**

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

Justice in Aging

Open Enrollment Resources for Advocates

Navigating the different options for Medicare Open Enrollment can be very overwhelming and confusing. Justice in Aging has created a short resource guide to help advocates serve their low-income Medicare beneficiaries. The guide includes five different conversations that advocates should talk about with their clients. Additionally, Justice in Aging created a fact sheet to inform consumers about the importance of the Open Enrollment period and what actions they need to make before it is over.

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

National Council on Aging

New Benefits Access Visualization Tool

The National Council on Aging created a new visualization tool that identifies the enrollment numbers for core benefits in each state. Viewers can select the specific benefit, population age, population characteristic, and population size that they would like to view for each state. By simply mousing over each state, the data will appear, with additional options to view state and regional comparisons and analysis.

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

Us Against Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's Talks: Will Stem Cells Help Find a Cure?

Us Against Alzheimer's is hosting an Alzheimer's Talks webinar on the topic of stem cells in Alzheimer's research. Dr. Larry Goldstein, Director of the Sanford Stem Cell Center and Distinguished Professor in the Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine at the University of California, San Diego will teach listeners about the stem cell-based models of disease that he and his colleagues are currently using to fight against Alzheimer's disease. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. The webinar will take place on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. ET.

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

Events

Case Management Society of America's Annual Conference & Expo

The Case Management Society of America is hosting their Annual Conference & Expo in Long Beach, California this June. This event is targeted for case workers, new and old, to come together to collaborate with peers, develop new skills, and learn innovative techniques and practices. Dr. Eric Coleman, MD, MPH; Dr. Josh Luke, FACHE; Valorie Burton; and Robert Priest will be the keynote speakers for the conference. Continuing education credits are available for certain sessions, price varies depending on the credit. Registration is currently open with an early bird price. This event will take place from **Tuesday, June 21, 2016, to Thursday, June 23, 2016.**

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

Jobs & Internships

Oregon DHS Seeks State Services Legal Developer

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking applicants for the position of State Services Legal Developer for the Aging and People with Disabilities Program. The legal developer will be responsible for providing leadership and complex analysis in preserving the dignity, independence, and essential rights and benefits of Oregon's aging and disability populations. The specific duties include: initiating, managing, and coordinating efforts between partners, agencies, and programs to identify, develop, and prioritize methods for enhancing and preserving the rights, independence, and safety for older Oregonians as well as DHS clients served by Oregon's public and private systems that provide long-term services and supports, community based care, and long-term care. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Business, Public Administration, Behavioral or Social Sciences, Finance, Law, or Political Science, and at least five years of professional-level experience evaluation, analyzing, and planning work. This position will remain open until it is filled.

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

National Adult Day Services Association Seeks Executive Director

The National Adult Day Services Association is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director will be responsible for ensuring programmatic excellence, program evaluation, and consistent quality of finance and administration, fundraising, communications and systems; implementing the strategic director for NADSA; providing leadership and direction to all staff and contractors; actively engaging and energizing NADSA members, volunteers, and board members, and demonstrating revenue growth and strategy for long term financial stability. Qualified applicants must have a minimum of an advanced degree in a related field, five years of experience in a leadership role, nonprofit management experience, outstanding presentation and communication skills, and experience in advocacy and policy making. The deadline to submit applications is **Tuesday, December 1, 2015.**

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

NCOA Seeks Senior Program Manager of Data Management and Evaluation

The National Council on Aging is seeking applicants for the position of Senior Program Manager of Data Management and Evaluation for their Center for Healthy Aging. The Manager will be responsible for managing the national databases supported by ACL/AoA for CDSME and falls prevention programs, training database users, developing and maintaining positive relationships, developing a quality assurance plan, and integrating and enhancing grants management tracking tools. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a Master's degree in a related field, three years of experience with database management and program evaluation, exceptional project management skills, and an understanding of health issues that are common among older adults. The deadline to submit applications is **Tuesday, December 1, 2015.**

[Click here](#) to view the full posting.

NCOA Seeks Center for Healthy Aging Senior Program Specialist

The National Council on Aging is seeking applicants for the position of Center for Healthy Aging Senior Program Specialist. The Specialist will be responsible for providing technical assistance and support to states and community organizations, seeking opportunities to increase awareness about falls, assisting in the annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day and associated events, analyzing national and state policy and developing recommendations, assisting in the development and submission of proposals, and participating in national meetings and other events to increase knowledge about healthy aging, falls prevention, and the work of NCOA. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of a Master's degree in a related field, two years of experience with involvement in implementing evidence-based health promotion, and an understanding of health issues

affecting older adults. The deadline to submit applications is **Tuesday, December 1, 2015.**

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