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From NASUAD

2016 HCBS Conference Materials Available September 16th.

Thank you for joining us for the **National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference** held in Washington, DC, August 29-September 1. This year's conference was the largest to date with over 1,400 attendees.

The conference had a very full agenda with over 100 workshops, with a number of compelling plenary sessions and a very full exhibit hall. We hope everyone found the content, events, and plenaries to be useful and engaging.

We will be posting the materials on the conference website and the conference app by September 16th. If you have not shared your presentation with NASUAD staff, please email [Linda Nakagawa](#) before the 16th so your presentation can be included.

Thank you, again! We look forward to seeing everyone in Baltimore, MD in 2017.

National I&R Support Center Webinar: Innovative Routes in Transportation

NASUAD's I&R Support Center, AIRS and n4a, will be hosting a webinar titled Innovative Routes in Transportation. This webinar will highlight innovative programs and initiatives that address transportation needs. Join this webinar to learn about the newly formed National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) which promotes the availability and accessibility of transportation options for older adults, people with disabilities, caregivers and communities. The presenters are National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) program directors Virginia Dize of the NADTC and Patrice Earnest of the Eldercare Locator.

The webinar will be held on **Thursday, September 15 at 3:00pm EST.**

Attending this session will provide one hour of professional development towards AIRS Recertification. However, certificates of attendance will not be issued.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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Pre-registration is required for this webinar. Please note that this webinar will be hosted by AIRS.

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From the States

Nebraska

Statewide Meetings for Consumer and Provider Feedback

Courtney Miller, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities is traveling statewide in September on a "Let's Talk" tour, designed to gain additional stakeholder input on services to be provided through the Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Waivers. The waivers are identified as a priority in the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Business Plan. Miller is also looking for feedback on services provided through the Beatrice State Developmental Center services (BSDC) and the Bridges Program in Hastings.

[Click here](#) to see dates and times of the DD meetings.

Additionally, Medicaid and Long-Term Care Director Calder Lynch will travel across Nebraska beginning Sept. 6th, stopping in several towns throughout the state to share information about Heritage Health, the state's new Medicaid managed care program. Heritage Health begins on Jan. 1, 2017, but Medicaid consumers will begin being able to choose their Heritage Health plan in September. Lynch will hold seven town halls between September 6 and September 14.

[Click here](#) for locations and times of those meetings.

DHHS staff is also traveling statewide in September to seek public commentary about Medicaid's Long-Term Care Redesign project, identified as a priority in the DHHS Business Plan. All interested persons, including consumers and providers, are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts about what works with the current long-term care Medicaid system in Nebraska and what needs to be changed. Goals include strengthening access, coordination and integration of care through streamlined eligibility processes and collaborative case management, as well as promoting independent living in the least restrictive setting possible through the use of consumer-focused and individualized services and living options.

[Click here](#) for locations and times of the listening sessions.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

Webinar: We Can Do Better Together

ACL, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Department of Transportation are hosting a webinar titled: "We Can Do Better Together" Encouraging Health, Housing, Transportation, and Social Service Partnerships: Successful Strategies to Expand Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs. This webinar will highlight their efforts to reach underserved populations by encouraging health, housing, transportation, and social service partnerships.

The webinar will also provide an overview of evidence-based chronic disease self-management education (CDSME) programs and highlight two exemplar CDSME programs that serve affordable housing residents, in partnership with federally qualified health centers, transportation services, and social services. This webinar will be held on **Tuesday, September 20, from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm EST.**

[Click here](#) to register.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS Announces New Leadership

This week CMS announced the addition of two new members of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) leadership team, Dr. Deidre Gifford, who will be joining as Deputy Director, and Dr. Andrey Ostrovsky who will serve as Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Gifford is currently the Director of State Policy and Programs at the National Association of Medicaid Directors, where she has led that organization's efforts with states to support and advance value based purchasing in Medicaid. She has held numerous leadership positions in healthcare policy, focusing on quality improvement and the reform of the payment and delivery system. Prior to joining NAMD, Deidre served as Medicaid Director in the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services, having previously served as medical director. During her tenure there from 2012 and 2015 she advanced changes in the payment and delivery system to improve the quality of care and enhance the value of Medicaid services, including the development of numerous initiatives in care coordination, information technology, and provider incentives. Dr. Gifford will come on board at CMCS on October 3.

Dr. Ostrovsky who is a practicing physician, joined CMCS on September 6th. Dr. Ostrovsky has led teams at the World Health Organization, United States Senate, and San Francisco Health Department toward health system strengthening through technology. Dr. Ostrovsky has served on several boards and committees dedicated to interoperability standards, quality improvement, and innovation including the National Quality

Forum, Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), and the Commonwealth Fund, among others. He is a published researcher in quality improvement, healthcare innovation, and care coordination, and has also developed legislation at the city and national level to advance care delivery for vulnerable populations.

National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

Webinar: Translating Evidence-Based Dementia Interventions into the Community

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center will be hosting a webinar titled Translating Evidence-Based Dementia Interventions into the Community: ADSSP Grantee Experience. Participants who attend this webinar will learn about the successes and barriers associated with translating evidence-based interventions into the community through two ADSSP grant projects.

The webinar will take place on **Thursday, September 22nd from 3pm - 4pm EST**. [Click here](#) to register.

From Other Organizations

AAPD

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.

The deadline to apply is November 7th. [Click here](#) to apply.

AARP Public Policy Institute

Accelerating the Development of Supportive Services to Help Caregiving Families

The National Family Caregiver Support Program provides important supportive services to ease the strain on caregiving families and keep them from burning out. Read the [new blog](#) from AARP Public Policy Institute's Lynn Friss Feinberg to learn how this pioneering program has changed the landscape-yet how greater progress needs to be made.

Alliance for Aging Research & N4A

New Vaccination Resource: Our Best Shot Workshop Kit, Webcast Kickoff

the Alliance for Aging Research and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) will be hosting a Webcast on **September 15th at 4:00 pm EST** to kick off a new, free community leader kit--Our Best Shot: The Importance of Vaccines for Older Adults.

This toolkit is intended for AAAs, senior centers, libraries, churches, synagogues, and other places where community leaders may be looking for programming content.

Registration is required for participation in the Webcast. [Click here](#) to register.

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Call for Proposals

The 141st AAIDD Annual Meeting is holding a call for proposals for the event held in Hartford, Connecticut, June 26-29, 2017. The Annual Meeting provides an opportunity to become involved in the field, develop leadership skills, and network with people who share professional interests and passion. Students and early career professionals are encouraged to submit proposals for paper or poster presentations. AAIDD provides scholarships to support the participation of students and early career professionals. To be considered for a scholarship, a student/early career professional must be the first author on a paper or poster proposal and indicate that they would like to be considered for a scholarship on the proposal submission form.

All proposals will be peer-reviewed and authors will be notified of the decision on their submission in February 2017. The expectation is that the lead author will communicate to the co-presenters on their proposal all relevant conference information. At least the lead author of each accepted proposal is expected to attend and present at the conference.

All presenters who attend the conference must pay the conference registration fee.

AAIDD will be seeking CEUs for pre and post conference sessions.

[Click here](#) to submit your proposal.

Center for Health Care Strategies

Building Community Partnerships to Address Social Determinants of Oral Health

CHCS will be hosting a webinar, made possible through the DentaQuest Foundation, which will introduce a framework for creating partnerships in the community to address social determinants of health, with an emphasis on oral health. The discussion will feature how two organizations, United Way of Central Jersey and Youth Empowered Solutions (YES!), are planning to address social determinants of oral health in their communities. Both organizations were participants in a recent CHCS learning collaborative on engaging the community to address social determinants.

Social determinants of health are factors or conditions in the environments where people live, learn, and work that can influence as much as 40 percent of individual health outcomes. While many current initiatives to improve health at the state and local level are beginning to address social determinants, few efforts focus on oral health. Considering the close connection between oral health and overall health, and their shared barriers to care, there are untapped opportunities to address how social issues influence oral health.

Presenters:

- June Glover, Center for Health Care Strategies
- Bill Dennison, United Way of Central Jersey
- Parrish Ravelli, Access to Health Care Initiative, YES!

Who Should Attend: Community-based organizations, policymakers, state-based coalitions, health/dental plans, providers, and other oral health stakeholders

[Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

Mathematica

Helping Workers Keep Their Jobs After an Injury, Illness, or Disability

The Stay-at-Work/Return-to-Work (SAW/RTW) Policy Collaborative of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy and Mathematica's Center for Studying Disability Policy are hosting the policy forum and webinar "Helping Workers Keep Their Jobs After an Injury, Illness, or Disability." The session will provide policy recommendations intended to improve the SAW/RTW outcomes for workers who experience injury, illness, or disability.

Presenters will discuss 1) steps states can take to help workers keep their jobs after injury, illness, or disability; 2) adapting a

successful workers' compensation initiative to off-the-job cases; 3) and behavioral interventions designed to promote SAW/RTW. The event can be watched online or in person at Mathematica's office in **Washington D.C. on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to register.

National Council on Aging

Falls Prevention Awareness Day

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is hosting its 9th annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day. The event raises awareness about how to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults. This year's theme is "Ready, Steady, Balance: Prevent Falls in 2016." NCOA provides handouts, event ideas, and promotional materials for organizations to help spread the word about how to prevent falls. The event will be observed on **Thursday, September 22, 2016.**

[Click here](#) for more information.

National Quality Forum

NQF Announces the Measure Incubator Innovation Challenge

Now through **September 18, 2016**, the Measure Incubator™ is seeking proposals that identify innovative and agile approaches to solving one or more of the opportunities for improvement or leading gap areas in measure development.

Submissions may be based on an existing project or theoretical solutions that may not yet be verified. Theoretical approaches can also identify solutions and/or processes used in different industries that could be applied to measure development and/or testing.

NQF will provide cash awards for up to five submissions selected by the NQF Measure Incubator working group committees. Winners will be announced by October 7 and will be invited to present their proposals at an NQF webinar in fall 2016. Selected submissions will be featured as initial content in the online NQF Measure Incubator Learning Collaborative, tentatively scheduled to launch in 2017.

[Click here](#) for more details about the challenge.

Events

2016 ANCOR Technology Summit & Showcase

The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) is hosting the "2016 ANCOR Technology Summit & Showcase." The summit will feature peers, advocates, and experts presenting ways that technology can help the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) community achieve the triple aim of better health, better care, and lower costs. The event will take place in **Broomfield, Colorado on Friday, October 7, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to register.

Funding Opportunities

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>. A webinar scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 2:00pm EST will provide more information about the Track 1 changes and the AHC Model application process. [Click here](#) to register.

Community-Based Palliative Care Delivery for Adult Patients with Advanced Illnesses and their Caregivers

The Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) posted a notice of an upcoming funding opportunity to: a) support care planning for adult patients with advanced illnesses over time that is consistent with the goals and preferences of adult patients and their caregivers, and b) support the delivery of coordinated, community-based palliative care that effectively implements those care plans.

Applicants focusing on advanced care planning should address the following research question: "What is the comparative effectiveness of different patient, caregiver, and clinician-directed and combination approaches to facilitating advanced care planning conversations between adult patients living with advanced illness, their caregivers, and clinicians on patient-centered and other outcomes over time?" And applicants focusing on community-based models of palliative should consider the following research question: "What is the comparative effectiveness of different established models of palliative care delivery in community settings on improving patient-centered and other outcomes among adult patients with advanced illness and their caregivers?"

PCORI seeks to fund multiple, large, multi-site, community-based comparative effectiveness research (CER) studies to generate evidence in support of this goal. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is **Wednesday, September 14, 2016**, and applications are due **Monday, December 19, 2016**.

[Click here](#) to view more information.

National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making State Grant Program

The National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making (NRC-SDM) announced its State Grant Program. The NRC-SDM will fund up to six projects with the purpose of stimulating innovative supported decision-making practices that can be replicated across the country. Each project that is funded will become part of the NRC-SDM's Community of Practice and will receive logistical, organizational, technical, and other necessary support.

The State Grant Program will award grants for state-based projects that: 1) Adopt an innovative approach to increase knowledge of and access to supported decision-making by older

adults and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) across the life course; and 2) collect and disseminate information to document the positive impacts of supported decision-making in their state and, at least annually, issue a report documenting success stories, challenges and any system changes that have been made to increase the understanding and use of supported decision-making. Applications are due by **Thursday, September 15, 2016.**

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

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