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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

**DATE:** December 13, 2006

**SUBJECT: Virginia Respite Care Grant – Request for Proposals**

Qualified organizations are invited to submit a proposal for up to \$100,000 in funding as the Virginia Department for the Aging issues its request for proposals for July 1 2007- June 30, 2009 grant period. A copy of RFP #163-07-02 is available on the VDA website [www.aging.state.va.us](http://www.aging.state.va.us). Sealed proposals will be received until 4:00 p.m. EST, March 1, 2007, or postmarked by March 1, 2007. Proposals must be mailed or hand delivered to:

The Virginia Department for the Aging  
1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100  
Richmond, Virginia 23229-5007

The purpose of the Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit proposals from local private nonprofit organizations, or agencies of local government for the development, expansion, or start-up operation of respite care services, including but not limited to adult day care services, that provide respite (relief and support) to the caregivers of older, infirm, or disabled adults. The Virginia Respite Care Grant Program is authorized under Section 2.2-714 through 2.2-717 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The objective of the grant is to promote the development and expansion of respite care services which support family caregivers in Virginia and prevent or delay the premature institutionalization of frail older adults. Potential applicants are encouraged to read the RFP carefully and make sure their proposal follows its requirements. For further information please contact: Ellen Nau at 804-662-9340 or [ellen.nau@vda.virginia.gov](mailto:ellen.nau@vda.virginia.gov)

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**SUBJECT: National Family Caregiver Support Program**

**Seminar on Nursing Home Resident Rights Regarding Discharge/Readmission from Hospital – Issue of interest to I&A and Care Coordination Staff**

Date: January 9, 2007  
Time: 8:30 A.M.

VA One Church, One Child  
1214 West Graham Road  
Richmond, VA 23220

The Virginia Caregiver Coalition, a volunteer coalition facilitated by the Virginia Department for the Aging, will host a seminar on nursing home resident rights regarding their readmission to the nursing home after a hospital stay. Learn about federal and state laws protecting residents from transfer or discharge and the resident's right to readmission. Find out what assistance is available to residents to help enforce these rights. Trainers are Joani Latimer, Virginia's State Long Term Care Ombudsman, and Kathy Pryor, Elder Law Attorney with the Virginia Poverty Law Center.

Coffee and continental breakfast will be available at no charge at 8:30 A.M. The program is scheduled to begin at 9:00 A.M. and will last approximately two hours. Questions from participants will be welcomed by the presenters.

Contact Karen Gill at 804-909-0123 by January 5, 2007 to register for the seminar.

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### **Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. (PSA 1) Receives National Family Caregiving Award**

Six organizations including PSA 1 were named award winners after a competitive national search for caregiving programs focusing on caregiver support, caregiver education and technology held by the National Alliance for Caregiving and the MetLife Foundation. MEOC was recognized in the category of caregiver support and won an award of \$25,000 to continue its efforts in this field. Other award winners recognized by the National Alliance for Caregiving and the MetLife Foundation include: Eldercare Partners in West St. Paul, Minnesota; Stroke of Hope Club in North Palm Beach, Florida; Family Caregiver Alliance in San Francisco, California; and the Alzheimer's Association of Los Angeles.

For more information on the competition and detailed profiles of award winners, go to the website of the National Alliance for Caregiving at [www.caregiving.org](http://www.caregiving.org).

### **Langeloth Foundation Request for Proposals**

In its fall 2007 cycle of requesting proposals for caregiving programs, the Foundation will target community-connected caregiver programs and projects. Proposals for programs that reduce the burden on individual caregivers and improve the care of at-home patients while also improving the community's capacity to support such relief are sought by the Foundation. Proposals that deliver services and/or evaluate approaches that reduce the burden of longtime caregiving by caregivers marginalized by virtue of race, age, language, geography, class, level of literacy, culture and other factors are the emphasis of the fall 2007 award cycle. Interdisciplinary, interagency and inter-sector collaborations are encouraged.

Projects should be registered on the Langeloth Foundation website at [www.langeloth.org](http://www.langeloth.org) by January 15, 2007. Full proposals are due May 8, 2007. For additional information, contact Jennifer Segal, Program Officer at [jsegel@langeloth.org](mailto:jsegel@langeloth.org) or 212.687.1133 x6. Applicants should familiarize themselves with the Langeloth Foundation mission, criteria, history and guidelines at [www.langeloth.org](http://www.langeloth.org).

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Directors  
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**FROM:** Bill Peterson

**DATE:** December 13, 2006

**SUBJECT: Governor Accelerates the Auxiliary Grant Rate Increase**

As you may have already heard, Governor Kaine has issued a press release indicating that he is going to direct the Department of Social Services to increase the Auxiliary Grant Rate on January 1, 2007 rather than waiting until July 1, 2007. See below:

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
**Office of the Governor**

Timothy M. Kaine  
 Governor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 December 8, 2006

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**GOVERNOR Kaine ANNOUNCES ACCELERATED GRANT INCREASE  
 FOR RESIDENTS OF ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES**

*~ Unexpended balance to allow 6.7% increase six months early ~*

**RICHMOND** - Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced that the auxiliary grant rate for residents of assisted living facilities will be raised approximately 6.7 percent, effective January 1, 2007. The increase will bring the maximum monthly rate to \$1,048, up from the current \$982. In addition, the personal care allowance that residents receive will rise, from the current \$70 to \$75.

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Auxiliary grants help supplement the incomes of recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and other aged, blind or disabled individuals residing in a licensed assisted living facility or an approved adult foster care home. The program, which is mandated by the federal government, serves an estimated 6,500 Virginians each year at an annual state cost of approximately \$25.5 million.

The program is maintained by local departments of social services to ensure that adults are able to maintain a standard of living that meets a basic level of need. A portion of the increase, \$20, is a result of a 3.3 percent federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) gain. A state-funded \$28 per month increase was to be effective next July 1<sup>st</sup>, but Governor Kaine, after consulting with state social services and budget officials, has decided to accelerate implementation of the increase by six months because of unexpended balances within the program. In addition, monthly payments to individuals will increase an additional \$18 per month.

“This is welcome news for families, caregivers, health care providers, and those who operate assisted living and adult foster care facilities,” Governor Kaine said. “Not only are we boosting the monthly rates, we are speeding-up the payment of these funds much earlier than we thought possible. As we focus intently in this coming year on ways to reform and improve our health care system, a primary goal is to look for opportunities such as this to make our health care programs stronger.”

Funding for the auxiliary grant program is 80 percent state and 20 percent local. The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) administers the program, and grant rates are determined by the General Assembly and adjusted periodically.

“With increased costs of food, medical care and supervision, raising the maximum rate for the auxiliary grants will be appreciated by our care providers,” said Anthony Conyers Jr., VDSS Commissioner. “Our residents will continue to receive the level of care they need and deserve.”

Visit [www.dss.virginia.gov](http://www.dss.virginia.gov) to learn more about adult care options and the Virginia Department of Social Services.

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