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July 3, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Tim Catherman
Director of Administrative Services

RE: Personnel Update

I am pleased to announce the Virginia Department for the Aging has selected Marica Monroe as the new Financial Manager.

Marica Monroe has several years experience working for state government and the private sector. Most recently, Marica served as the Controller for ION Healthcare. Prior to this Marica was the General Accounting Manager for Longwood University and before that the General Accounting Manager for Virginia State University. She has also been a Financial Analyst with the State Corporation Commission. Marica is a Longwood University graduate with a major in accounting. She received her CPA in 2001.

Please join me in welcoming Marica Monroe to the Department. Marica will start on Monday, June 25, 2007. For next week only, her office will be next to Jane Snead at (804) 662-9323.

If you have any questions, please call me.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Elaine S. Smith, MS, RD
Program Coordinator

DATE: July 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Participation in Injury Prevention Symposium

Thank you everyone for your overwhelming interest in injury prevention and the July 18 Injury Prevention Symposium. I wanted to get good representation from the AAAs and had no idea so many people would respond. This year's Injury Prevention Symposium is planned on a somewhat smaller scale with fewer invited guests who will represent organizations identified in the Injury Prevention Strategic Plan as potential partners in carrying out the plan. Therefore, spaces are limited and the following people will receive further specific details from Lenny Recupero about attending and scholarship information:

1. Kathy Miller or Ellen Nau (VDA)
2. Gloria Roberts or Teresa Carter (Southern AAA)
3. Deborah Winslow (JABA)
4. Anne Morris (Arlington)
5. Valerie Sparks (Rappahannock Rapidan CSB/AAA)
6. Susan Sciotto or another designee from Lake Country AAA
7. Libby Davis (District Three Senior Services)

I am so sorry that not everyone who responded can attend; however, we greatly appreciate your interest and input. We will be happy to send you the Injury Prevention Plan for comment when the first draft is ready in January. Also, since there is so much interest, there is a possibility of forming a special work group session with organizations that work with older adults at a later date. Please contact Leonard Recupero, VDH Community Injury Prevention Coordinator, by phone at 804-864-7734 or e-mail at Leonard.Recupero@vdh.virginia.gov if you are interested in participating in these injury prevention planning activities.

Please know that the 2008 Injury Prevention Symposium will be on a larger scale and everyone will have the opportunity to attend next year.

Again, I apologize that not everyone can attend and offer many thanks for your overwhelmingly positive response.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors, Information & Referral Specialists, Care Coordinators
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Patricia Cummins

DATE: July 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Joint VAIRS Annual Conference & Aging I & R/Care Coordination
Training Scheduled for September 5 & 6

We are pleased to announce the annual VAIRS & Aging training which will be held in September.

Following is a "save the date" flyer. Mark your calendars!

SAVE THE DATE

September 5 & 6 2007

VAIRS 2007 Conference

At

“The Place”

Innsbrook

Richmond VA, 23220

VAIRS - Wednesday, September 5

VDA Aging I & R/Care Coordination

Thursday, September 6

Sponsored by

VAIRS & the Virginia Department for the Aging

More information to come

**Virginia Caregiver Coalition
Membership Form**

Welcome to the VCC. We are glad to have your participation.

Please complete the following information to keep on file as we network, grow, and find our strengths.

Type of Membership (check one)

Organizational _____

Individual _____

Name of agency (if applicable) _____

Your name _____

Contact information

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

In your view, or the view of your agency, what issues face the family caregiver today?

What services does your organization provide to help the family caregiver?

What strengths do you bring as an individual?

What would you like to see the coalition focus on in the next year?

In the long-term? _____

What organizations, skills, or talents do you think need to be included in the coalition?

Membership Agreement:

Should I be invited to join the Virginia Caregiver Coalition, I will meet the following expectations:

- I agree to serve as a working member of the coalition, participating in committees and other work groups.
- I agree to attend all meetings to the best of my ability and inform the executive committee chair if I am unable to attend.
- I agree to educate and inform other coalition members of events in my community or other pertinent caregiver information.
- I agree to provide written and verbal notice to the Executive Committee should I choose to withdraw from the coalition. If I am an organizational member, I agree to find a suitable member from to represent my organization in my place.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

DATE _____

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: July 2, 2007

SUBJECT: Caregiving

Virginia Department of Social Services Caregiver Grant

Eligibility requirements for the DSS Caregiver Grant have changed effective July 1, 2007.

1. The definition of "caregiver" will change from relative to "person," to include legally appointed guardians who are caregivers and meet other eligibility requirements.
2. A marital income limit has been added. The combined Virginia adjusted gross income of a married caregiver and spouse must not exceed \$75,000. The income limit for a single caregiver will remain at \$50,000.

All other criteria remain the same. The Virginia Caregivers Grant Application period is February 1 to May 1 each year. New applications and brochures will be developed to reflect legislative changes. Please discard any 2007 applications and program materials that may be on file.

Questions may be directed to Tishaun Harris-Ugworji, Adult Services Program Consultant, Virginia Department of Social Services: 804-726-7000

Virginia Caregiver Coalition

All Area Agencies on Aging are cordially invited to join the Virginia Caregiver Coalition.

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A membership form is attached to this email. Membership is free and you can have the wonderful opportunity of networking with other caregiver groups throughout the Commonwealth. Meetings can be accessed through videoconferencing with the Virginia Department of Health. Be the first to receive information about caregiving, resources, financial support for caregivers and workshops! Be part of creating and shaping services that support the care available to caregivers and for caregivers! Join the Virginia Caregiver Coalition!

End of Life Issues for Caregivers

For those of you involved in supporting caregivers dealing with end of life issues, the University of Hawaii, under an Administration on Aging National Family Caregiver Support Program Innovation Grant, produced a series of five booklets for caregivers. These can be reviewed and downloaded from: <http://www.kokuamau.org/tools/booklets.htm> .