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Department for the Aging

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09-98

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department for the Aging

MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Linda Nablo, Commissioner

DATE: 3/31/09

SUBJECT: MEOC Receives the United We Ride Leadership Award

MEOC is one of only 5 organizations nationwide to receive the *United We Ride Leadership Award* from the US Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration, The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility, and the National Resource Center on Human Services Transportation Coordination.

The United We Ride Leadership Award recognizes innovators in the coordination of services to enhance the transportation for older individuals, individuals with disabilities, children, and individuals with low incomes. The United We Ride program's goals are to streamline access to transportation, provide more rides for less funding, and to improve customer service.

MEOC staff traveled to Capitol Hill on 3/30/09 to receive their award from the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. The event featured speeches by Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Congressman James Oberstar; Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood; and the Acting Deputy Administrator for the Federal Transportation Administration, Matthew Welbes.

Mr. Welbes stated, "It is important at the start of a new administration to spotlight initiatives that are strong and have a demonstrated record of accomplishment. [Monday's] event did just that. The attendance and range of awardees were indicative to Secretary LaHood and Chairman Oberstar that innovation is occurring in many places. Moreover, the objectives of the UWR and MSAA initiative relate to the livability agenda that is being articulated."

Congratulations to MEOC! We all know of your leadership here in Virginia but it is terrific to have it recognized nationally.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Linda Nablo

DATE: April 1, 2009

SUBJECT: Stimulus scams

Please be aware of the following notice provided by the National Association of State Units on Aging.

Information and Referral Programs across the nation should expect and plan for heightened call volume during April and May, as the federal government gears up to distribute \$250 economic recovery payments to more than 50 million people who receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.

Not only is I&R call volume expected to increase, but be prepared for scams that may occur. Social Security can use the support of I&Rs across the nation to help consumers not to fall victim to scams. To reduce the likelihood of scams, focus on the following three facts:

- **All Social Security and SSI beneficiaries who are eligible for the special one-time recovery payment will have their payment issued in May;**
- **The payment is automatic; and**
- **There are no requests to make, no applications to complete, no emails to respond to and no fees to pay, no help required to obtain the payment.**

Social Security has an Office of the Inspector General (OIG) that will investigate allegations of fraud, including circumstances where scammers attempt to intercept a beneficiary's one-time economic recovery payment. Please inform your clients about this latest scam and tell them to

report such activity to Social Security's OIG at www.socialsecurity.gov/oig or by calling the fraud hotline at 1-800-269-0271 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. EST.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides this one-time payment of \$250 to adult Social Security beneficiaries and to SSI recipients, except those receiving Medicaid in care facilities. To receive the payment, the individual must be eligible for Social Security or SSI during the months of November 2008, December 2008, or January 2009.

The legislation also provides for a one-time payment to Veterans Affairs (VA) and Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) beneficiaries. The VA and RRB will be responsible for paying individuals under their respective programs. However, if someone receives Social Security and SSI, VA, or RRB benefits, only one \$250 payment will be received.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) urges those who receive Social Security and SSI to refrain from calling about the payment unless the benefit is not received by June 4.

There are a number of educational resources you can use to learn the facts and prepare for I&R questions. Log onto the Social Security Administration's website, <http://www.ssa.gov/payment/> to find the Social Security Economic Recovery One-Time Payments Information Page. There you will find frequently asked questions, a training video, scam alert, factsheet and a brochure that can be ordered in bulk by sending an e-mail to oea.net.post@ssa.gov.

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department for the Aging
Linda Nablo, Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Fiscal Officers
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Marica Monroe

DATE: March 31, 2009

SUBJECT: Basic VICAP and VICAP Supplemental Technology Final Close Out Report
Grant Period – 04/01/2008 to 03/31/2009

A close out (settlement) report for the fiscal period April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 for Basic VICAP and VICAP Supplemental Technology funds is due on or before May 29, 2009. An electronic version of the VICAP closeout report is available on the VDA website, www.vda.virginia.gov. Please e-mail the completed reports to reports@vda.virginia.gov and name the file, VICAP Closeout Report PSAxx (Insert your PSA number in the integers, xx).

The total available amounts contained in your VICAP contract Summary of Obligations, should agree with the totals in the Basic VICAP and VICAP Supplemental Technology Close Out Reports, Approved Budget columns. The total available amounts include unencumbered cash and unadvanced balances as of 03/31/08 from last year's close out report. If you have any questions, please contact me at (804) 662-9320 or by e-mail at marica.monroe@vda.virginia.gov.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING

BASIC VICAP and LONG TERM CARE AWARENESS 2009 FINAL CLOSEOUT

Section A

Name and Address of Agency Operating Program

Contract Period: 04/01/2008-03/31/2009

Report Period: 04/01/2008-03/31/2009

Section B Approve Budget Categories (List)	Approved Budget		Y-T-D Expenditures		Budget Balance	
	VICAP	L. T. Care Awareness	VICAP	L. T. Care Awareness	VICAP	L. T. Care Awareness
					0	0
					0	0
					0	0
					0	0
					0	0
					0	0
					0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Section C

	VICAP	L.T Care
(1) Funds Received Y-T-D	_____	_____
(2) Funds Requested but not yet rec'd	_____	_____
(3) Line 1 plus Line 2	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(4) Expenditures Y-T-D	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(5) Cash-On-Hand (Line 3 minus Line 4)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING
VICAP SUPPLEMENTAL TECHNOLOGY 2009 FINAL CLOSEOUT

Section A

Name and Address of Agency Operating Program

Contract Period: 04/01/2008-03/31/2009

Report Period: 04/01/2008-03/31/2009

Section B	Approved Budget	Y-T-D Expenditures	Budget Balance
Approve Budget Categories (List)	VICAP Supplemental	VICAP Supplemental	VICAP Supplemental
			0
			0
			0
			0
			0
			0
			0
Total	0	0	0

Section C

- (1) Funds Received Y-T-D
- (2) Funds Requested but not yet rec'd
- (3) Line 1 plus Line 2
- (4) Expenditures Y-T-D
- (5) Cash-On-Hand (Line 3 minus Line 4)

VICAP SUPPLEMENTAL
