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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Jim Schaefer, Executive Director
Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging

DATE: August 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Position Announcement

Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging is Seeking a No Wrong Door Data System Administrator

Data System Administrator for non-profit, human service agency providing services to the elderly population of the four county Fredericksburg area. Initial part-time position with prospect of becoming full time. College degree, human service experience, excellent computer, communications and training skills required. Ability to work cooperatively with the staffs of other human services agencies. Duties will include the implementation of a new web based information and referral system that will coordinate services for elderly and persons with disabilities. Contact Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging, 171 Warrenton Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22405. 540-371-3375, 1-800-262-4012. EOE



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MEMORANDUM

TO: AAA Directors and Staff

FROM: Bill Peterson

DATE: August 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Commonwealth Council on Aging Sponsors Local Community Conversations on Aging

The Commonwealth Council on Aging is actively working to sponsor a series of *Community Conversations on Aging* across the Commonwealth to learn more about the issues and concerns important to older Virginians, family caregivers, service providers, and aging advocates. The Council will share their findings with the Department, with you, and with the governor and the General Assembly.

The first of these Conversations was held on July 26 at the Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke. Although only 22 persons participated in this event, the discussion was lively and the participants agreed to continue their dialogue in future local meetings. LOA staff were instrumental in making this a successful event and were active participants in the discussions.

I am sure that many of you will be approached by your local Council member over the coming months to join them in planning for a Conversation in your service area. Please work with your Council member and do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns. Bob Blancato, the Council's Chair, has committed to participating in as many of these events as possible and will bring a national perspective to the discussions.

For those of you who do not have a Council member in your service area but who would like to see a Conversation planned for your region, please contact me and I will work with the Council to see if we can plan a local event for your area.

The Council is in contact with the governor and members of the General Assembly around many of the issues that impact our older clientele. They hope that these Conversations will provide "ammunition" they can use to back up their request to restore or increase funding to various programs.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Tim M. Catherman
Director of Administrative Services

DATE: August 3, 2010

SUBJECT: n4a Aging Innovations and Achievement Awards

On July 20th, n4a announced the 2010 *Aging Innovations and Achievement Award* Recipients. Two Virginia programs were selected for their notable contributions to the quality of life of older adults and their caregivers.

Category: Healthy Aging

Stand Tall, Don't Fall – Prince William Area Agency on Aging / Woodbridge, VA
In partnership with VDH, the program's goal is to prevent falls among persons 65 and older. A certified senior fitness instructor from George Mason University trains local peer volunteer fitness instructors in specific techniques focused on strength and balance improvement proven to prevent falls among older adults. Trained volunteer instructors will give three months of classes, held twice per week, at two local senior centers, five-jurisdictional owned assisted living facilities, and at senior apartment complexes.

Category: Transportation

WellTran – Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging / Front Royal, VA
WellTran is a transportation program which gives seniors the opportunity to stay active around town. WellTran is a non-emergency, fee-based transportation for senior citizens 60 years and older, and persons 18 years and older with disabilities. Rides are available Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Click the link for a brochure: <http://www.shenandoahaaa.com/images/welltranbrochure.pdf>

Congratulations to both AAAs!

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Tim M. Catherman
Director of Administrative Services

DATE: August 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Federal Register Notice

The Administration on Aging has submitted the following notice for comment. They plan to conduct a study of 10 states. Within each state three AAAs will be selected with the help of the State Agency to represent a maximum range of AAAs and service provider network characteristics. A focus group will be conducted with the local service providers.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Service Provider Study

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

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SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging (AoA) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This collection of information relates to the Area Agency on Aging and Local Service Provider Study.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by August 23, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by fax 202.395.6974 to the OMB Desk Officer for AoA, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Klocinski at 202-357-0146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, AoA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

The Older Americans Act programs are administered and implemented through the Aging Service Network which is comprised of State Units on Aging (SUA), Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and Local Service Providers (LSP). The Administration on Aging (AoA) collects annual program data at the state level and has sponsored studies to collect information regarding the Area Agencies on Aging. The third component of the Aging Network, the Local Service Providers, are poorly understood and characterized. AoA recognizes that basic information of their characteristics and understanding of their relationship with the other Aging Network components and in particular AAAs is an important knowledge gap that is in need of filling.

A qualitative study that involves a brief pre-interview questionnaire followed by interviews with AAA directors and their staff and focus groups with provider organizations was deemed to be the most appropriate method at this stage of research on LSPs. A total of 10 states will be selected for study and within each of those states three AAAs will be selected with the help of the SUA to represent a maximum range of AAA and service provider network characteristics. A focus group will be conducted with LSPs for each AAA.

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The primary purpose of the study is to better understand the complexity of the Local Service Provider network and the interactions with the Area Agencies on Aging to inform planning, policy development and implementation of the OAA reauthorization provisions. The pre-site visit questions, interviews and focus groups will provide information on the range of LSP organizational characteristics, nature of the relationship including the division of roles and responsibilities between AAAs and LSPs, and types of management information systems and provider tracking systems at the AAA level.

A second purpose will be to provide information needed for the design of future representative studies. Probabilistic sampling requires accurate definitions of the study population and the ability to construct accurate sampling frames. The information collected will be used to develop operational definitions of LSPs that will be meaningful not only to AoA but to AAAs and LSPs. Information on provider tracking systems will help AoA devise methods for sampling frame construction that take into account the variety of systems used across AAAs. The proposed data collection tools may be found on the AoA Web site at http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Program_results/Program_Evaluation.aspx.

AoA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: 350 hours.

Dated: July 19, 2010.
Kathy Greenlee,
Assistant Secretary for Aging.
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