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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: James A. Rothrock

DATE: December 4, 2012

SUBJECT: National Influenza Vaccination Week

National Influenza Vaccination Week
December 2-8, 2012

The CDC established National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) in 2005 to remind individuals to get their flu shot before peak flu season. The CDC recommends that everyone over 6 months of age get a year flu vaccine to protect against this illness. Those at high risk of developing flu-related health complications include adults 65 and older and individuals with compromised immune systems or chronic medical conditions.

Helpful Promotional Links:

- [NIVW Key Points](#)
- [CDC Influenza Awareness Campaign Media Toolkit](#)
- [NIVW 2012 Flyers and Posters](#)

Medicare Part B covers the cost of the flu vaccine for enrollees and may also cover the cost of the pneumonia vaccine. [Click here](#) for more information from [Medicare.gov](#).



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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Tim Catherman

DATE: December 3, 2012

SUBJECT: Implementation of CRIA at DARS-VDA

The week of Thanksgiving, Tanya Brinkley was announced as DARS-VDA's new CRIA Referral Specialist. Tanya has been trained on the No Wrong Door initiative, the PeerPlace tools, and CRIA.

When we set out on this path, an identified goal was for the consumer contacting DARS-VDA to receive better service. One of the definitions of better service is a seamless transition to access and supports. With the implementation of CRIA at DARS-VDA, we are making a big step to meet this goal.

Beginning this week, we will begin a protocol for making appropriate CRIA referrals. As we move forward with this initiative if your agency is on the PeerPlace tools, you may receive an electronic referral for individuals who have discussed their needs with the CRIA Specialist.

We hope this process of assisting callers will be a benefit to you as well as our shared service to Vintage Virginians.



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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Tim Catherman

DATE: November 29, 2012

SUBJECT: Impact of Sequestration on Virginia's Older Americans Act Programs

NCOA, N4A and NASUAD have released charts showing the impact of sequestration. The NCOA and N4A tables show an 8.2% reduction based on each state's final FY 2012 Funding Allocation. Below is a summary of the impact on Virginia and links to the organization's charts.

Virginia	Funding	Reduction
Supportive Services	\$8,467,596	\$694,343
Congregate Meals	\$10,162,304	\$833,309
Home Delivered Meals	\$5,126,561	\$420,378
Preventive Health	\$483,047	\$39,610
NFCSP	\$3,445,502	\$282,531
NSIP	\$2,280,760	\$187,022
Elder Abuse	\$117,658	\$9,648
Ombudsman	<u>\$397,834</u>	<u>\$32,622</u>
Total	\$30,481,262	\$2,499,463

[NCOA Sequestration Impact - by State](#)

[N4A Sequestration Impact - by State](#)

[NASUAD Sequestration Impact - National View](#) provides a national view of 7.8% or 9% reductions.

If you have any questions, please let me know.



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FROM: James Rothrock

DATE: December 4, 2012

SUBJECT: DARS/VDA Staff Changes

Since its early years, VDA has been blessed as Jane Snead has served as our contract administrator providing council, expertise, and day to day oversight of the many contracts that define what VDA does. Over these four decades, 8 Commissioners or Directors have successfully relied on her guidance to keep VDA strong. Moreover, each of her colleagues who were fortunate to serve with her benefitted from her keeping the VDA Family vital. Each holiday or special meal is largely a product of her creativity and willingness to go the extra mile.

Well, it is with mixed emotions that I announce that Jane will enter the retirement stage of her career and life effective January 1st. I have been around a good long time and can think of few state employees who so richly deserve entering into a retirement mode and not giving 110 % of their effort to their work; but now are able to refocus it on more fun and rewarding activities—family, travel, church volunteering, and whatever strikes her fancy at any given moment.

Although we will surely not be able to replace her, we are developing a plan that will reallocate her duties among current staff and also looking at a new employee who can aid in completing many her many duties.

I know you join me in wishing Jane our collective very best for a healthy and happy retirement, and offer her a huge thank you for her service and many personal gifts that make our agency more effective and our time at work more enjoyable.

Jim



*The Department for Aging & Rehabilitative
Services/Virginia Division for the Aging
invites you to a
Retirement Reception
in honor of*

Jane Snead

*Please join us as we celebrate Jane and her
40 years of state service!*

*Tuesday December 18, 2012
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Virginia Division for the Aging
1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100
Henrico, Virginia*

Light refreshments will be provided

*RSVP to Cecily Slasor 804-662-9312
Before 5 pm December 14, 2012*





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SUBJECT: New Project Director at NASUAD

I would like to share some very good news for our network from Martha Roherty, Executive Director of NASUAD.

“I am pleased to announce that John Michael Hall has join the NASUAD team. Mike will be directing the Medicaid Managed Long Term Services and Supports Collaborative project that we have initiated. Mike’s contact information is mhall@nasuad.org<<mailto:mhall@nasuad.org>> and he can be reached at 202-898-2578. A copy of the press release that explains more about the project is attached for your reference.”

Martha Roherty, Executive Director
NASUAD



**NASUAD Announces John Michael Hall to Head Managed
Long Term Services and Supports Collaborative**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Rachel Feldman
December 3, 2012 (202) 898-2578

WASHINGTON, DC – NASUAD Executive Director Martha Roherty announced today that John Michael (Mike) Hall will assume the role of Senior Director of Medicaid Policy and Planning for the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities. In this capacity, Mr. Hall will provide state aging and disability directors and their staff with technical assistance, training, and support on a wide array of issues relating to Medicaid long term services and supports (MLTSS).

Until earlier this year, Mr. Hall was the Director of Integrated Health Systems for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services with responsibility for nationwide health care policy development, regulatory review and oversight, technical assistance and program improvement in the areas of Medicaid managed care; managed long-term services and supports; integration of primary and long-term care; Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); Primary Care Case Management (PCCM); as well as deployment of new initiatives, such as Health Homes for Persons with Chronic Conditions; Accountable Care Organizations; Integrated Care for Dual Eligibles; health care delivery system reform; and payment and reimbursement system innovations.

Prior to his CMS tenure, Mr. Hall was the Secretary of the Department of Aging for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, served as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services in Maine; the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Prevention, Assistance, Transition and Health Access; and as the Vermont State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

"I am delighted that Mike has agreed to serve in this critical leadership role for our organization. Mike's technical expertise in long term services and supports at the federal and state level will help us to better provide technical assistance and supports to states as they move forward with efforts to integrate care." said Martha Roherty.

In October 2012, NASUAD was awarded a cooperative agreement with the Administration on Community Living entitled, "*Building the Business Capacity of Aging and Disability Community-Based Networks for Managed Long-Term Services and Supports*". Mr. Hall will head the MLTSS Collaborative formed from this award. Partners in the Collaborative include the National Association of Medicaid Directors, the National Association of State Developmental Disabilities Directors, the National Council on Aging, the National Centers for Independent Living, and the University of Illinois University Center on Excellence. The Administration on Community Living has funded NASUAD for the following interventions:

Intervention 1: Regional MMLTSS Groups: NASUAD will host regional Medicaid Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MMLTSS) monthly calls organized around the ACL's regional offices. Participants

will include designated state staff from aging and disability agencies, Medicaid LTSS directors, as well as central and regional representatives from ACL and CMS.

Intervention 2: State and Community MMLTSS Innovation Tracking and Reporting: NASUAD will maintain and expand its monthly “State Medicaid Integration Tracker”. The tracker currently reports states engaged in MMLTSS; dual demonstrations; the Balancing Incentive Program; and 1915 (a) and 1915 (k) state plan amendments.

Intervention 3: MMLTSS Technical Assistance: NASUAD will develop tools and trainings on MMLTSS that will be available online at NASUAD’s clearinghouse www.hcbs.org and online training center www.nasuadiq.org In addition, NASUAD staff, led by Mike Hall, will be available for technical assistance and support on MMLTSS system design and implementation strategies.

Mike’s email is mhall@nasuad.org and his phone number is 202-898-2584.

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, founded in 1964, represent the nation’s 556 designated state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities. The Association’s principle mission is to design, improve, and sustain state systems delivering home and community based services and supports for people who are older or have a disability, and their caregivers.