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ACL and NASUAD Newsletter Weekly Updates

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Support

Here is a link to the weekly Administration for Community Living (ACL) update:

<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/eNewsletter/CurrentNewsLetter.pdf>

Here is a link to the weekly National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) update:

Note: The web links in this document may change over time. DARS-VDA does not attempt to refresh the links once the week has passed. However, this document is maintained on the web for a period of time as a reference. Some links may require registration.



<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs163/1109249143446/archive/1113206599203.html>

Nominations for the National Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services

Charlotte Arbogast, MSG, Dementia Services Coordinator

HHS is soliciting nominations for six non-Federal members of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services. The six positions are for each of the following categories, as specified in the National Alzheimer's Project Act: Alzheimer's patient advocate, Alzheimer's caregiver, health care provider, representative of state health department, researcher with Alzheimer's-related expertise, and voluntary health association representative. Nominations should include the nominee's contact information (current mailing address, email address, and telephone number) and current curriculum vitae or resume.

The full request for nominations is available at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-01/pdf/2013-18482.pdf>

DATES: Submit nominations by email or FedEx or UPS before COB on August 16, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Helen Lamont at helen.lamont@hhs.gov; Helen Lamont, Ph.D., Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 424E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Lamont (202) 690-7996, helen.lamont@hhs.gov.

Brief on Helping Americans Age in Place

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner, for Carmen Sanchez, Administration for Community Living

Dear Colleagues: FYI

Below is a link to the research brief by the Population Reference Bureau (PRB) with funding from the University of Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging and supported by the National Institute on Aging.

This publication focuses on the demographics and economics of aging with particular reference to the Older Americans Act. As stated in the article "This brief draws on findings



from researchers with these centers as well as other related research on the health, economic circumstances, and social well-being of older Americans that might inform OAA community programs in the following areas:

- Disability
- Elder abuse
- Caregiving
- Long-term care
- Cognitive impairment
- Civic engagement

<http://www.prb.org/pdf13/research-highlights-aging-2013.pdf>

N4A Meeting and Virginia AAA Recognitions

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

Last week the N4A was held in Louisville, KY. One of the keynotes speakers, NBC Chief Medical Editor Nancy Snyderman, M.D. discussed aging and caregiving. The video is found at USA Today. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/08/02/nancy-snyderman-aging-caregiving/2613705/>.

A video of Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Sec. for Aging and Administrator of ACL presentation can be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/71895653>.

The VDA conference room has been reserved for noon Wednesday to view Kathy Greenlee's speech.

N4A Awarded three long-time directors in the Aging Network top honors for leadership. Bill Massey, Chief Executive Officer of the Peninsula Agency on Aging, Inc. (PAA) receive one. http://www.n4a.org/pdf/n4a_LEADERSHIP_AWARDS_2013.pdf

Also, n4a Recognizes 57 Local Aging Programs with Aging Innovations and Achievement Awards. Three Virginia programs were recognized.

http://www.n4a.org/pdf/2013_AIA_National_News_Release_.pdf

Care Transitions

Eastern Virginia Care Transitions Partnership (EVCTP) Care Transitions Intervention / Bay Aging, (Urbanna, VA)



Caregiving

Equipment/Occupational Therapy Caregiver Training / Prince William Area Agency on Aging, (Woodbridge, VA)

Transportation/Mobility Options

Veteran Transportation Enhancement Project / Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. (Big Stone Gap, VA)

Congratulations to Bill Massey, Bay Aging, Prince William AAA, and MEOC on your recognition.

Launch of the Virginia Family Caregiver Solution Center

Ellen M. Nau, MA, Program Coordinator

On Wednesday, August 7, 2013, the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), in partnership with the Virginia Caregiver Coalition (VCC) and VirginiaNavigator (VN), launched the Virginia Family Caregiver Solution Center. The Solution Center will provide supports for caregivers of individuals of all ages and disabilities through webinars, articles, “Ask an Expert” , and a Peer-to-Peer Caregiver Support tool.

The Launch program included remarks by a variety of individuals associated with providing supports to the Commonwealth’s respite providers and their clients. VCC Chair MaryAnn Johnson noted the contributions of VCC members to the content portion of the Solution Center. Virginia’s Chief Information Officer, Samuel Nixon, Jr., offered remarks on the establishment of on-line supports being established by the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) for clients of the Virginia Department of Health and Human Services. DARS Commissioner Jim Rothrock spoke to the contributions of DARS staff and the Virginia Caregiver Coalition in constructing the Solution Center. Katie Benghauser of VN demonstrated the Solution Center which is located at: <http://www.virginiannavigator.org/vf/>

The event, moderated by DARS Program Coordinator and Lifespan Respite Care Grant Administrator, Ellen Nau, was enjoyed by caregivers, VCC members and DARS staff located at the DARS-VDA Conference Room, and at six video-conference sites located throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Phone participants included Greg Link and Erin Long, Program Administrators at the U.S. Office for Community Living at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources and Richard Nix, of the national database *AgingCare*. Mr. Link and Ms.



Long commented favorably on Virginia's implementation of the Lifespan Respite Care Grant Program.

As the Respite Care Grant Program enters its third and final year, DARS staff is looking forward to sustaining and improving the work accomplished by the Lifespan Respite Care Grant Program.

Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence in Later Life: Innovative New Resources for the Community

Cecily Slasor, VDA, for Kim Tarantino, SeniorNavigator

Live webinar to be held August 27, 2013, 1:30 pm Eastern-

SeniorNavigator and The Virginia Center on Aging worked collaboratively to pilot an innovative, positive, confidential, community-based and interactive internet project focused on the important issues of domestic violence in later life and elder abuse. The project resulted in an online solution center offering a person-centered resource for service providers, individuals experiencing domestic violence, and "trusted community resources" such as family, friends and clergy.

This live one-hour webinar will discuss the issues of elder abuse and domestic violence in later life. Additionally, it will provide the faith-based community, service providers in aging and violence prevention and other interested individuals with a **key new resource** to help them respond appropriately and assist people in abusive situations get the help they need.

Presenters: Lisa Furr, Project Coordinator: Central VA Task Force on Domestic Violence in Later Life, Virginia Center on Aging (VCoA) and Adrienne Johnson, MS (Gerontology), Executive Director, SeniorNavigator.

This webinar will be moderated by E. Ayn Welleford, MS (Gerontology), PhD, AGHEF and Chair of the VCU Department of Gerontology.

This webinar will take place at 1:30 pm (EST) and will last approximately one hour. To register, please visit www.alzpossible.org.

This webinar was made possible through a grant from the Verizon Foundation. The Take Back Your Life Solution Center project was made possible by grants from The Cameron Foundation and The Verizon Foundation.



Arlington County Executive Director Position Recruitment

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations

Job Title: AREA AGENCY ON AGING PROGRAM
DIRECTOR

Closing Date/Time: Continuous

Salary: \$28.14 - \$50.97 Hourly
\$2,251.20 - \$4,077.60 Biweekly
\$4,877.60 - \$8,834.80 Monthly
\$58,531.20 - \$106,017.60 Annually

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: 2100 Washington Blvd., Sequoia Plaza *ART Bus
Accessible*, Virginia

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Are you seeking a dynamic and challenging position in the field of aging? Do you want to join a team of visionary managers and work closely with community members committed to ensuring Arlington County is a livable community for all ages?

The Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) is seeking an experienced professional to manage its Area Agency on Aging (AAA). This is a mid-level management position that reports directly to the ADSD Division Chief.

Major duties are:

- Oversees the development of the annual AAA plan and provides administrative oversight of its implementation, budget and contracts;
- Plans, develops and monitors federal programs funded by the Older Americans Act;



- Oversees and ensures staff support to the Commissions on Aging and Long-term Care Residences;
- Makes oral presentations to organizations and the general public;
- Develops, negotiates and monitors contracts with agencies providing program services to older adults;
- Facilitates and/or participates in strategic planning on older adult issues;
- Conducts comprehensive research and periodic assessments on older adult community needs and makes recommendations to the Division Chief in response to changing needs or gaps in services;
- Works in collaboration with interested community groups, other jurisdictions and partners;
- Collects statistics and prepares written reports on aging issues; and
- Remains current on relevant national and state policies and tracks legislation.

The employee is expected to model the department's values of excellence, dignity, integrity, and accountability.

Selection Criteria:

Minimum: Master's degree in Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, Public Administration or a closely related field plus substantial experience in human services program management. Program management experience must have involved budgeting, procurement and planning.

The ideal candidate will have a record of achievement and innovation in human services; policy development and implementation; community-building, fiscal oversight and internal and external collaboration.

Substitution: A combination of education and required experience that demonstrates a thorough knowledge of the issues and services related to aging and elderly populations can substitute for the minimum requirements on a year for year basis.

Desirable:

- a) experience evaluating program effectiveness;



- b) fiscal management experience;
- c) experience with strategic planning;
- d) experience staffing active advisory boards; and/or
- e) experience in a local or state government or other large, complex organization.

Special Requirements:

Completion of the Supplemental Questionnaire is required and a part of the application process for consideration of this position. Do not give "see resume" as a response to questions. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Additional Information:

Work Hours: 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday (flexible); evening and weekend work is required regularly. Travel to state and regional meetings is required.

This position is open until filled. Applications will be reviewed on a continuous basis. Interviews will be scheduled with those candidates whose qualifications best fit our needs. The application process will close when the position has been filled or when a sufficient number of qualified applications have been received.

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VCU Department of Gerontology Reception to Honor Cathy Saunders
Charlotte Arbogast, MSG, Dementia Services Coordinator



AgeWell VA News, updates
& more from
VCU Department of Gerontology

August 1, 2013

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Summer GeroSTAT Reception to Honor Cathy Saunders

The VCU Department of Gerontology will host its summer GeroSTAT Reception on Thursday, August 15th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Riverside PACE -MacTavish, 1300 MacTavish Avenue.

The Reception will honor the hard work and dedication of Cathy Saunders, VCU Department of Gerontology alumna and President of the Department of Gerontology Advisory Board. Cathy's commitment to "Improving Eldercare through Education" is known throughout Richmond and the aging services networks. Her client-focused work as a realtor with Long & Foster has been recognized with the 2012 RAR Realtor of the Year Award.

The evening will feature previous awards recipients and student posters to showcase the scope of the VCU Department of Gerontology's academic excellence and commitment to community engagement.

The summer Reception will also launch a collaboration between the VCU Department of Gerontology and the VCU Alumni Association. The VCU STAT (Students Today and Alumni Tomorrow) organization served as inspiration for the GeroSTAT initiative within the VCU Department of Gerontology which works to support students, alumni and community partners interested in collaborating to improve eldercare.

Current event sponsors include the **VCU Alumni Association** and **Riverside PACE - MacTavish**. For more information on event sponsorship, please call Jay White at [804-828-1565](tel:804-828-1565) or whitejt2@vcu.edu. To attend, please click [here](#). Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$25 for students and VCU alumni. 100% of funds raised will support student scholarships and community engagement initiatives.

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The Elder Justice Coalition Newsletter

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner

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August 5, 2013

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**John B. Breaux
Honorary Chair**

**Robert Blancato
National
Coordinator**

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News from the EJC: Seniors Fraud Protection Act of 2013 Introduced in the Senate and House

Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced S. 1358, the Seniors Fraud Protection Act of 2013 in the Senate on July 25, 2013, and Reps. Ted Deutch (D-FL), Vern Buchanan (R-FL), and Peter Welch (D-VT) have introduced H.R. 1953, the companion legislation, in the House.

The Seniors Fraud Protection Act of 2013 would establish an advisory office within the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Bureau of Consumer Protection to increase oversight and education. It would also mandate the FTC to monitor specific scams targeted at seniors, strengthen the complaint system, and coordinate with other federal agencies.

"Too often seniors can have their entire life savings snatched up in scams specifically designed to target their assets. This bill will give seniors and their



families the tools they need to avoid scams before they happen, and will also help make sure that when a complaint is filed, it gets into the right hands so it can be addressed swiftly and effectively," Sen. Klobuchar said in a press release.

"With nearly 200,000 seniors living in my area of Southwest Florida, I understand that these crimes steal more than our loved ones' money - they also steal their independence and trust. The Seniors Fraud Prevention Act is a critical step to combating fraud, protecting seniors and bringing those responsible for these unthinkable crimes to justice," said Rep. Buchanan in a press release.

The EJC fully endorses both bills. Bob Blancato, National Coordinator of the EJC, said, "These bills mark an important landmark in protecting seniors from fraud. With over \$2.9 billion lost to financial scams on older adults annually, we must act now to stop these crimes before they start."

August Is Advocacy Month: Call for the House to Support Elder Justice Funding!

Last month, the Elder Justice Coalition called on the House Appropriations Committee to support the Senate's inclusion of \$8 million in elder justice funding in their version of the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill. The Senate elder justice provision would go to support Adult Protective Services demonstration projects and was first called for in President Obama's FY 2014 budget proposal.

During the August recess, it's time to put this call into action. Email or call your House member, particularly if he or she is on the Appropriations Committee ([list here](#)), and ask him or her to support this crucial funding for elder justice and make sure that it is



included in the House's Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill.

EJC and RetireSafe at n4a Conference

Bob Blancato, National Coordinator of the EJC, and Thair Phillips, President of RetireSafe, presented a session at the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) Conference in Louisville, KY on July 29, 2013 entitled "Elder Abuse as a Threat to Aging in Place: What Communities Can and Should Do." The session examined the ways in which elder abuse can prevent the ability of older adults to age in place in livable communities and means by which community initiatives should include robust policies to prevent elder abuse.

Mark Your Calendars: ASA's National Forum on Elder Justice: A Mission and a Movement

Mark your calendars: On Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the American Society on Aging (ASA) Conference in San Diego, the Elder Justice Coalition will lead a special half-day forum on elder abuse and the Elder Justice Act. It is an outgrowth of the fall 2012 edition of Generations, the award-winning ASA journal that was guest edited by EJC National Coordinator Bob Blancato. More details are to follow; see the [ASA website](#) for the latest information.



Sixth Annual Workshops/Webcasts on Aging

Tim Catherman, Director Aging Operations, for Linda Gupta, VCU

Registration Now Open - September 10 - 11, 2013 -

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*A continuing education activity presented by the
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work,
in partnership with the
Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Care
and the VCUHS Department of Care Coordination,
for social workers, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, gerontologists, psychologists, and other
professionals who work with the geriatric population in Virginia.*

This program is made possible in part by Geriatric Training and Education (GTE) funds appropriated by the General Assembly of Virginia and administered by the Virginia Center on Aging at Virginia Commonwealth University.

**Earn up to 7 Category I Contact Hours depending on participation and
up to .7 CEUs available upon separate registration.**

There are more than 7 million people age 65 and above living with cancer in the United States today. This number is expected to double by 2050. Despite the high number of cancer diagnoses in the older population, a *significant knowledge gap* exists amongst those who provide care to them. Join us as four distinguished faculty from social work, medicine, nursing and pharmacy present six continuing professional development workshops/webcasts devoted to aging and cancer.

Workshops/webcasts include:

- **Workshop/Webcast 6A: Expectations Regarding Aging and Cancer - Part I: The Literature and Research - September 10th, 10-11 a.m.**

Annemarie Conlon, Ph.D., MBA, M.S.W., assistant professor, VCU School of Social Work

- **Workshop/Webcast 6B: Opportunities in Cancer Research: The Intersection between Palliative Care, Aging, and Survivorship - September 10th, 11 a.m. - 12 noon**



Egidio Del Fabbro, M.D., program director of Palliative Care, Massey Cancer Center; associate professor of Internal Medicine, VCU School of Medicine

· **Workshop/Webcast 6C: Preventing and Resolving Medication-Related Problems During Cancer Treatment - September 10th, 1-3 p.m.**

Patricia W. Slattum, Pharm.D., Ph.D., C.G.P., director of the Geriatric Pharmacotherapy Program; associate professor, VCU Department of Pharmacotherapy & Outcomes Science

· **Workshop/Webcast 6D: Pain Management - September 11th, 10 - 11 a.m.**

Patrick J. Coyne, M.S.N., A.P.R.N., F.A.A.N., clinical director, Thomas Palliative Care Program; clinical nurse specialist for Palliative Care/Pain Management MCV Hospitals

· **Workshop/Webcast 6E: Dying in America - September 11th, 11 a.m. - 12 noon**

Patrick J. Coyne, M.S.N., A.P.R.N., F.A.A.N., clinical director, Thomas Palliative Care Program; clinical nurse specialist for Palliative Care/Pain Management MCV Hospitals

· **Workshop/Webcast 6F: Expectations Regarding Aging and Cancer – Part II: The Patient Perspective - September 11th, 1 - 2 p.m.**

Annemarie Conlon, Ph.D., MBA, M.S.W., assistant professor, VCU School of Social Work

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 – 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 – 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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MCV Alumni House - Paul A. Gross Conference Center, Rm. 114

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