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ACL News & Information

Here is a link to news & information from the Administration for Community Living (ACL):

<http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/NewsInfo/Index.aspx>

NASUAD Weekly Update

Here is a link to the weekly update from NASUAD:

<http://www.nasuad.org/newsroom/friday-update>

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December 11, 2015

Sharon Lewis to Leave ACL; Will Hand the Reins to James Toews

With gratitude and sadness, ACL announces that Principal Deputy Administrator Sharon Lewis will leave ACL at the end of January. James Toews will succeed her in an acting capacity.

For nearly six years, Lewis has provided tireless advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities and outstanding leadership to the Department of Health and Human Services. She joined the administration as the Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities and was one of the chief architects for the creation of ACL, which brought together under one agency much of the federal government's work to help people with disabilities and older adults live independently in their communities.

"Sharon's departure is a real loss to me professionally and personally. From the beginning, she and I have shared the same vision for ACL and the same commitment to the people we serve. Without her, ACL would never have been created," said ACL Administrator Kathy Greenlee.

James Toews has been with HHS since 2011, first as a senior policy analyst in the HHS Office on Disabilities and then as a senior advisor at ACL. He has spent a significant amount of time working on policy issues at ACL, CMS and the Department of Labor that affect older adults and people with disabilities living in all settings. He is a strong consumer advocate and a skilled policy advisor.

Prior to coming to HHS, Toews worked in the Oregon Department of Human Services, most recently as the director of the Seniors and People with Disabilities Division. With more than 2,000 employees and a budget of \$3 billion, his division



was responsible for all LTSS services, as well as LTSS policy and budget, Medicaid LTSS budget and operations, licensing and regulatory oversight, and disability determination services.

“I am very pleased that James has agreed to serve as Acting Principal Deputy Administrator after Sharon’s departure,” Greenlee continued. “I have known James for nearly a decade. He knows more about Medicaid HCBS than anyone I know. In every regard I consider him a colleague and peer, and I look forward to working with him even more closely.”



UPDATES

December 14, 2015

Webinar: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Dementia

Thursday, January 7, 2016, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET

Join the National Alzheimer’s and Dementia Resource Center for a webinar on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Dementia.

Participants will learn about differences in dementia diagnosis, services and supports across various ethnic and racial groups. Then you will hear how one non-profit organization is working to address some of these differences.

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center is funded by the Administration on Aging, part of ACL.

To register or learn more, visit: <https://webtraining.rti.org/registration/?eventid=a11217a2-6d91-40eb-81ff-8a36adfbce5c>.



UPDATES

December 15, 2015

Bob Williams to Join ACL as Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Disabilities and Director, Independent Living Administration



At the time Jamie Kendall passed away unexpectedly, ACL was within weeks of announcing her selection to serve as deputy commissioner for the Administration on Disabilities and director of the Independent Living Administration. Jamie had been serving as the acting director of the ILA since June.

With her extensive experience and tremendous talents, Jamie was an outstanding selection, and the ILA, AOD, ACL, and the people we serve would have benefitted greatly from her leadership in that role. Jamie's absence is felt every day, in many ways, and this is one more reason we miss her.

One of the best ways we can honor Jamie's memory is to continue her work, and ACL is fortunate to have found another exceptionally qualified senior leader to help us do that. Bob Williams will join ACL in January to serve in the dual roles.

Active in disability rights since high school, Bob came to Washington, DC to go to college and has lived and worked here for over three decades. Currently, he is the senior advisor to the deputy commissioner for retirement and disability policy at the Social Security Administration and a key leader of several interagency initiatives to create greater opportunities in career paths, employment, and economic mobility for people with significant disabilities.

In earlier roles, Bob headed SSA's Office of Employment Support Programs and has advised the Kaiser Foundation, the



Commonwealth Fund, and other organizations on policy issues affecting the health, independence and economic well-being of people of all ages with disabilities. He also served as the Commissioner on Developmental Disabilities and then as the deputy assistant secretary for disability, aging and long-term care policy at HHS. He also helped gain the passage of the ADA and to create community living services and supports to children and adults once consigned to Forest Haven, the District of Columbia's institution for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"I had known Jamie since she started as a Presidential Management Fellow in 1997, and I regarded her as a great friend, colleague, mentee and mentor." Bob said. "Although it is with sadness, I am proud to join and help lead the team that she helped create and took so much pride in."

VA Governor's Conference on Aging: Deadline for Session Proposals Today!

Martina M. James, Special Assistant to the Commissioner

This is a quick reminder that all session proposal submissions for the 2016 Virginia Governor's Conference on Aging are due TODAY, December 15, by 6pm. If needed, you will find the submission form attached.

If you have any issues with compatibility of the submission form or a reason you cannot meet the given deadline, please contact me today. I am available by phone or email at any point.

We look forward to receiving your proposal submission!

Thank you,

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Preparing for Winter Weather: DARS Joins VDEM and NIA to Share Tips

A. J. Hostetler, Communications Director DARS

With colder temperatures approaching, DARS joins with the Virginia Department for Emergency Management and the National Institute on Aging to help share information on why it is important for everyone, especially older adults and people with chronic medical conditions, to prepare for wintry conditions. In the coming weeks, DARS will share tips and information on its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/vadars. VDEM offers information to assist older adults prepare a supply kit to have on hand for those days when weather conditions keep many people at home, www.vaemergency.gov/readyvirginia/getakit/older. The National Institute on Aging's booklet, "Stay Safe in Cold Weather," is available online or you may order up to 25 copies for free at www.nia.nih.gov/health/publication/stay-safe-cold-weather/what-hypothermia.

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Communications Director

DARS Updates the Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI) User's Manual

Paige L. McCleary, MSW, Director Adult Protective Services Division

The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, Adult Protective Services Division has updated the *User's Manual: Uniform Assessment Instrument*. The updated version replaces the *User's Manual: Virginia Uniform Assessment Instrument (Revised July 2005)*. The 2005 version should no longer be used. The updated UAI manual and transmittal are available on the Department of Social Services public website at <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/as/servtoadult.cgi>. Once on this page, select "[+] Manuals" and click the link to the manual and transmittal.

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AIRS Conference Scholarships Available

Kathy B. Miller, Director of Programs, Division for the Aging

The annual call for AIRS Conference Scholarship Applications is now open!

Have you always wanted to attend an AIRS conference but just didn't have the funding? Would you or someone you know benefit from the I&R education, training and networking opportunities that the conference provides? Once again the Friends of AIRS and the AIRS Affiliates are offering six full scholarships to the 2016 AIRS Conference, May 22 - May 25 at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel in Missouri.

Please download the application form to see if you are eligible to apply and for instructions. The scholarships are popular with many people applying each year. The deadline is January 29, 2016 and no late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

You can download the form below, or please visit our website at www.airs.org/conference. Thanks and good luck to all applicants!

[AIRS Conference Scholarship Application 2016](#)

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Governor McAuliffe has called for the first Virginia Governor's Conference on Aging since 2003. The day and a half conference will be held May 2-3, 2016 at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa at Short Pump, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond. The first day will be a full conference program of engaging and interactive plenary sessions, a large variety of breakout sessions, networking opportunities, an exhibit hall, and an evening reception. The second day is an optional, half-day, moderated session that will result in a number of state policy recommendations.

Virginia's population is becoming older and more diverse. Today, there are nearly 1.5 million adults in the Commonwealth over age 60, and this population will expand to more than 2 million by 2030 when the entire babyboom generation will be between 66 and 84 years old. Virginia's aging population will live longer due to advances in health care and older Virginians with chronic conditions may need more assistance for longer periods of time. How will the Commonwealth and its communities respond?

THEME

The theme for the 2016 conference is "Designing Our Future." Expanding the ability of individuals to work and save, promoting more options for later life, and creating intergenerational communities and neighborhoods helps all Virginians. Virginia's health care system, communities and public and private services can be designed to encourage people to "age in place" safely and as independently as possible through the development of livable communities.

The three main topics to be addressed at the conference are:

1. Culture Change in Long Term Services and Supports
2. Safety and Financial Security: Older Adults in the new Virginia economy
3. Livable Communities: Overcoming Barriers and Sharing Strategies

AUDIENCE

The Conference is designed for professionals in the aging service network, including health care professionals, government, business, academia, non-profit sector, consumer advocates, program volunteers and others.

GOALS

1. To communicate openly and effectively the Commonwealth's public policy as well as age wave initiatives at the local and regional level for enhancing the health and well being of Virginians as the population ages.
2. To create a platform for citizens, government, business, academia, and the non-profit sector to share ideas, strategies, and resources to identify best practices that enhance the health and well-being of Virginians as they age.

To learn more about the Governor's Conference on Aging, visit
www.vadars.org/conference or email: govconf@dars.virginia.gov



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**REQUEST FOR
SESSION PROPOSAL**

The Governor's Conference on Aging welcomes individual presenters, groups and proposed panel presentations. Presenters are encouraged to consider an audience with varying needs and learning styles and are encouraged to be creative and flexible in the presentation method. The Program Selection Committee will strive to create balance throughout the program amongst presenters, organizational presentations, presentation topics and themes.

Submission Title: _____

Please select the conference theme that best describes your presentation

- Culture Change in Long Term Services and Support
- Safety and Financial Security: Older Adults in the new Virginia Economy
- Livable Communities: Overcoming Barriers and Sharing Strategies

Please list 3-5 keywords that best describe your submission topic (example: Housing, employment, financial services, security, healthcare, Age Wave Planning)

Presenter/s (Please attach speaker bios):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/Type (example: university, service provider): _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/Type (example: university, service provider): _____

Email: _____

(For additional speaker provide the same information on a separate sheet)

Session description (Five sentence limit):



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Learning Outcomes (please list 3-5 objectives):

As a result of this session conference attendees will be able to,

What is the approximate amount of time needed for your presentation (For example: 15, 30, 60 or 90 minutes)?

Please note if you need any specific AV/Technology/Adaptive Technology needs:

(Optional) Please provide any additional information that you believe will be helpful in describing your proposed session.

****Dependent on presentation topic, you may be paired with a similar presenter in a multi-presentation format.**

Please return your submission by December 15th, 2015 to Martina James: martina.james@dars.virginia.gov