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

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

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Preventing Dementia & Cognitive Impairment: A Workshop

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of the science on preventing Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, mild cognitive impairment (MCI), and age-related cognitive decline (ARCD). To develop a better understanding of current scientific evidence, implications for public health messaging, and future research needs, the National Institute on Aging (NIA) asked the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (the Academies) to convene an [expert committee](#) to make recommendations that inform public health strategies and messaging on preventive interventions and recommendations for future research. To aid the Committee in its work, the NIA has asked the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to commission and oversee a systematic review – conducted by the Minnesota Evidence-



with preventing, slowing, or delaying the onset of clinical Alzheimer's-type dementia and MCI, and delaying or slowing ARCD. Other dementias such as frontotemporal dementia, Lewy body dementia, and dementias with a clear etiology, e.g., incident stroke, AIDS, traumatic brain injury will be excluded from the analysis. Interventions targeting stroke risk factors are a priority in this study. To help inform the Academy committee's recommendations, this public workshop will bring together key stakeholders to provide input to the committee on the draft AHRQ report. The Academies committee's report is expected to be released in June 2017.

Workshop Objectives:

- Collect reactions to the draft EPC systematic review on preventive interventions that might reduce the risk of developing clinical Alzheimer's-type dementia and mild cognitive impairment, and slow or delay age-related cognitive impairment/decline.
- Explore the current state of evidence on preventive interventions and discuss areas where public health messaging might be warranted.
- Discuss promising, emerging data on interventions that did not meet the evidentiary standard of the systematic review, and identify gaps and areas for future research.

For more information, please [click here](#).

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DARS Better Governance Webinar: Personnel Management

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

Good Afternoon,

The next DARS Better Governance Webinar will be on “What Board Members Need to Know About Personnel Management”. It will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at noon. You can register for the webinar by clicking on this link: [DARS Better Governance Webinars](#). The presenter will be Alison French who has a wealth of experience in Human Resources.

Save the date reminder for future webinars:

- **Best Practices in Advocacy, November 16, 2016**
- **Efficient Use of Board Meetings, December 14, 2016**
- **Collaboration and Strategic Partnerships, January 25, 2017**
- **Board Member and Staff Partnership, March 1, 2017**
- **Engaging Volunteers, April 19, 2017**

The DARS Better Governance Webinar series is designed to promote better governance of the nonprofits with whom DARS contracts. Invitations are sent to Executive Directors and Board Chairs of nonprofit organizations, but all board



members, agency directors, key staff and other nonprofits with whom your agency contracts are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Griswold Cares Foundation to Fund Respite Programs

Kathy Miller, Director of Aging Programs

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 17, 2016

The Griswold Cares Foundation will award one-year grants of up to \$2,000 to support programs that provide respite care and short-term home care. Higher amounts may be awarded when a program is an exceptional fit with the foundation's mission or giving priorities.

To be eligible, applicants must be a nonprofit organization defined as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For program guidelines and applications, [link to their website](#).

Justice Department Announces Civil & Criminal Actions

Cecily Slasor, Administrative Assistant



Department of Justice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS ANNOUNCE
CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS TO DISMANTLE GLOBAL NETWORK OF
MASS MAILING FRAUD SCHEMES TARGETING ELDERLY AND
VULNERABLE VICTIMS**

Government Agencies and Non-Profits Collaborate to Launch Public Education Campaign

WASHINGTON – The Justice Department, in coordination with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and other law enforcement partners, today announced wide-ranging enforcement actions – including criminal charges, economic sanctions, seizure of criminal proceeds and civil injunction lawsuits – along with the execution



of search warrants to combat a global network of mass mailing fraud schemes that collectively have defrauded millions of elderly and vulnerable victims across the United States out of hundreds of millions of dollars. Simultaneously, a consortium of government agencies and non-profit groups led by the department's Consumer Protection Branch and Elder Justice Initiative announced a public education campaign to heighten public awareness and educate potential victims and their families about these schemes.

The actions announced today are part of a broader effort by the department and its international law enforcement partners to attack fraud schemes targeting older Americans and other vulnerable populations that involve individuals and entities across the globe, including Canada, France, India, the Netherlands, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States.

"Every year, fraudulent mail schemes target millions of Americans with false promises of wealth and riches, swindling hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens," said Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch. "Today's actions send a clear message that the Department of Justice is determined to hold the perpetrators of these harmful schemes accountable. And they make unmistakably clear that we are committed to protecting our people from exploitation – especially our older citizens, who are so often the focus of these shameful ruses. I want to thank our partners across the federal government for their assistance in bringing these actions, and I pledge the department's ongoing dedication to ending mail fraud."

"The law enforcement and civil injunction efforts announced today are just a part of our initiative," said Postal Service's Chief Postal Inspector Guy Cottrell. "We believe that consumer education is the best defense against these scammers. We can't arrest all of these con artists, so preventing the crime is critical."

The mail schemes involve a complicated web of actors located across the world and each scheme follows a similar pattern. Fraudulent "direct mailers" create letters falsely claiming that the recipient has won, or will soon win, cash or valuable prizes, or otherwise will come into good fortune. In order to collect these benefits, the letters say that the recipients need only send in a small amount of money for a processing fee or taxes. The letters appear to come from legitimate sources, typically on official-looking letterhead, and – even though they are in reality identical form letters – the letters appear to be personally addressed. Some solicitations even use fonts that appear to be handwritten.

Today's actions include both criminal and civil cases against multiple "direct mailers" who, collectively, are responsible for dozens of schemes involving tens of millions of dollars every year. In addition, today's actions also seek to shut down several other actors who work with the mailers to carry out these schemes: an India-based printer that manufactures the solicitations and arranges for bulk shipment to



U.S. victims; list brokers who buy, sell or rent lists of victims from one mailer to another so that once a victim has fallen prey to one scheme, others are able to target this victim; and a Canadian payment processor that, for more than 20 years, has helped dozens of international fraudsters gain access to U.S. banks and take money from victims.

“The Civil Division’s Consumer Protection Branch is working with international and domestic law enforcement through the International Mass-Marketing Fraud Working Group to dismantle these complex frauds through both civil and criminal actions,” said Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Benjamin C. Mizer, head of the Justice Department’s Civil Division. “And we will continue to work with federal partners and non-governmental organizations to educate the public about this threat to vulnerable consumers.”

“The defendants targeted the elderly and vulnerable by selling false promises of cash and lavish prizes,” said U.S. Attorney Robert L. Capers for the Eastern District of New York. “Not surprisingly, the only good fortune befell the defendants. We will employ every available means, including educating consumers, to protect the public from these schemes.” **Actions against Canadian Payment Processor**

The Justice Department, OFAC, and USPIS took simultaneous actions today against PacNet Services Ltd. (PacNet), an international payments processor and money services business based in Vancouver, Canada, along with affiliate companies and their operators. Today OFAC [designated the PacNet Group as a significant transnational criminal organization](#) (TCO) pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13581, “Blocking Property of Transnational Criminal Organizations.” OFAC is also designating a global network of 12 individuals and 24 entities across 18 countries. As a result of today’s action, all property and interests in property of the designated persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction are blocked, and U.S. persons are prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

In addition, USPIS has sought and obtained a seizure warrant in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York for the funds in a PacNet U.S. bank account that is used to process payments received through fraudulent mailings. The matter is being investigated by the USPIS team assigned to the Consumer Protection Branch, in conjunction with the USPIS’s Newark Division, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation’s Newark Field Office and Homeland Security Investigation’s El Dorado Money Laundering Task Force.

According to court filings made public today, PacNet has a 20-year history of engaging in money laundering and mail fraud, by knowingly processing payments



on behalf of a wide range of mail fraud schemes that target victims in the United States and throughout the world. According to these records, in 2016 alone, PacNet has processed payments for the perpetrators of more than 100 different mail fraud campaigns, collectively involving tens of millions of dollars. In doing so, PacNet provides fraudsters in other countries with unfettered access to U.S. banks. The records also identify PacNet as the processor for each of the defendants named in the cases announced by the Department today.

“PacNet has knowingly facilitated the fraudulent activities of its customers for many years, and today’s designations are aimed at shielding Americans and the nation’s financial system from the large-scale, illicit money flows that are generated by these scams against vulnerable individuals,” said OFAC Acting Director John E. Smith. “Treasury will continue to use its authorities to respond to the evolving nature of transnational organized crime.”

Criminal Charges and Civil Injunction Action Filed against Turkish Direct Mailer

In a [criminal complaint](#) filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the government charged Ercan Barka, 34, a resident of Turkey, with conspiracy to commit mail fraud. According to the criminal complaint, Barka arranged for fraudulent solicitations to be mass-mailed to victims across the United States. The fraudulent solicitations told recipients that they had won cash awards or lavish prize items and needed to pay a “fee” to claim their winnings. Victims allegedly received nothing in return for their fees. Barka was arrested by U.S. Postal Inspectors at JFK International Airport in New York on Sept. 3, as he was about to board a plane bound for Turkey.

The government also brought a [civil injunction](#) action under the Anti-Fraud Injunction Statute against Barka and True Vision LLC, a Delaware-based corporation through which he operates. The civil complaint seeks to preliminarily and permanently ban Barka from participating in mail fraud schemes. The complaint alleges that Barka sends millions of fraudulent mailings to potential U.S. victims each year and that, since 2012, U.S. victims have paid more than \$29 million to Barka’s mailing campaigns.

Civil Action under the Anti-Fraud Injunction Statute against Swiss/Singaporean Direct Mailer, Indian Printer and Connecticut “List Broker”

In a separate civil action, the United States brought suit to shut down entities and individuals, some of whom have engaged in numerous predatory mail fraud schemes for more than a decade, targeting primarily the elderly and vulnerable. First, the [complaint](#) names BDK Mailing GmbH, Mailing Force Pte. Ltd. and Only Three Pte. Ltd. (collectively BDK). These entities, under common ownership, are based in Switzerland and Singapore. The complaint also names



BDK's principals, Chantal Seguy, 58, and Marion Elchlepp, 25, both of Paris, and Aurore Jouffroy, of Zurich. BDK acts as a "direct mailer" responsible for mailing millions of multi-piece solicitations to potential victims throughout the United States that profess to come from financial entities, scholars and world-renowned psychics, with contrived names like "Harrison Institute," "Dr. Grant," "Finkelstein & Partner," and "Marie de Fortune," among others. The solicitations are written to give the impression that they are personalized and inform recipients that they will receive large sums of money, guaranteed money-making methods and/or powerful talismans in return for payment of a fee of \$50 to \$55. In reality, the complaint alleges, the purported senders and the promised winnings are fictitious. Although victims send in the requested fees by cash, check or credit card, they receive nothing in return. The complaint alleges that tens of thousands of victims send approximately \$50 to \$60 million annually in response to the defendants' fraudulent solicitation packets.

In addition, the complaint names Macromark Inc., a Connecticut-based list broker that has marketed BDK's lead lists to third-party direct mailers, and Mary Ellen Meyer, 45, of Mahopac, New York, a Macromark client service manager. The complaint alleges that Macromark and Meyer have rented lead lists to BDK and other fraudulent direct mailers who Macromark and Meyer knew would use the lists to personalize and address hundreds of thousands of solicitation packets to potential victims across the United States. Macromark marketed the lead lists as containing the demographic information of individuals likely to send money in response to the solicitations. The lists collectively contained approximately 750,000 potential victim names and addresses, according to the complaint.

Finally, the complaint names Mail Order Solutions India Pvt. Ltd. (MOSI), an India-based printer and distributor, and its principals, Dharti Desai, 49, of New York County and Mumbai, India, and Mehul Desai, also of Mumbai. As alleged in the complaint, MOSI and its principals have served as one of BDK's printer/distributors since at least 2005. MOSI designs, edits and proofreads BDK's solicitations, then "lettershops" them (folds, inserts and seals the various printed elements of the solicitations into mailing envelopes). MOSI prepares the letters for entry into the U.S. mail either as air freight to JFK (or another international airport) for delivery to a domestic mailing house, or by shipping the letters to Singapore, Fiji or Hungary for introduction via the foreign post. The complaint alleges that since 2013, MOSI has shipped at least 24.5 million solicitation packets to the United States.

Civil Action under the Anti-Fraud Injunction Statute against New York Direct Mailer

In another civil injunction action, the department seeks to stop a collection of businesses and individuals who have operated a direct mailing scheme based out of



Long Island, New York, since at least 2012. The [complaint](#) alleges that DMCS Inc., Direct Marketing Consulting Services Inc., Horizon Marketing Services Inc. (Horizon), Quantum Marketing Inc. (Quantum) and their principals, Sean Novis, 46; Gary Denkberg, 53; and Cathy Johnson, 34, all of Nassau County, New York, committed mail fraud in connection with their scheme. The complaint alleges that the defendants send fraudulent solicitations styled as notifications that the recipient has won a large cash prize, typically worth more than \$1 million. The complaint alleges that the defendants mail hundreds of thousands of solicitations to potential victims throughout the United States every year and have grossed roughly \$30.4 million since 2012.

Consent Decree Entered against Dutch “Caging Service”

Also today, the department announced that the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York entered a [consent decree](#) of permanent injunction against two Dutch caging businesses and their principal, Erik Dekker, 54, of Langbroek, the Netherlands, to prevent them from assisting mass-mailing fraud schemes. The businesses – Kommunikatie Service Buitenland B.V. (KSB) and Trends Service in Kommunikatie B.V. – are known collectively as Trends. The [complaint](#), which was filed June 1, alleged that Trends and Dekker used P.O. boxes in the Netherlands from which they collected tens of millions of dollars in victim payments for multiple international mail fraud schemes, tracked victims’ information and forwarded proceeds to PacNet for processing.

Also on June 1, Dutch law enforcement agents executed search warrants on the business address used by both companies and on Dekker’s home address. The Dutch authorities also took control of the Dutch P.O. boxes used by the defendants to receive victim funds. The coordinated U.S. and Dutch enforcement actions immediately stopped the use of Dutch P.O. boxes to receive payments from fraud victims. Further investigation revealed that Trends was providing caging services for the Barka and BDK schemes targeted in today’s actions.

Trends and Dekker agreed to settle the litigation and be bound by a consent decree of permanent injunction that prohibits them from performing caging services for prize or psychic mailing campaigns, or any other mailing campaign that misrepresents itself to consumers. The injunction also allows USPIS to intercept U.S. mail headed to the defendants, and to return that mail – along with any money being sent to the defendants – to U.S. victims.

Criminal Charges against Nevada Mass Mailer

On Sept. 20, pursuant to a 24-count indictment unsealed that day, Glen Burke, 56, of Las Vegas, was arrested on charges related to operating fraudulent schemes including a mass-mailing prize campaign that violated a federal court



order. According to the charges, Burke's business mailed solicitations designed to fool recipients into believing that they had won thousands or millions of dollars. The solicitations allegedly used fictitious names and in many cases looked like they came from law firms or financial institutions. The indictment alleges that the solicitations advised consumers to pay a fee - usually \$20 to \$30 - in order to claim their winnings. Once consumers paid, however, Burke allegedly failed to send anyone their promised winnings of thousands or millions of dollars.

The indictment also charges Burke and a co-defendant, Michael Rossi, 51, of Las Vegas, with running a fraudulent telemarketing campaign that mirrored the mass-mailing campaign. Rossi was also arrested on Sept. 20. According to the indictment, telemarketers hired by Burke and Rossi falsely told consumers that they had been selected to receive a valuable prize worth thousands of dollars, and that they would receive the prize if they bought certain products. Burke and Rossi are charged with conspiracy, mail fraud and wire fraud in connection with telephone promotions.

The indictment includes criminal contempt charges against Burke, which stem from a court order entered as part of a Federal Trade Commission (FTC) case brought in 1997, in which the FTC successfully obtained an order that barred Burke from misrepresenting material information to consumers. Criminal contempt of court has no statutory maximum penalty.

In addition to the contempt charges, Burke and Rossi are each charged with 16 counts of wire fraud, five counts of mail fraud and one count of conspiracy. Each of these counts carries a statutory maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. The indictment also seeks forfeiture of criminal proceeds.

FTC Action against California Mailer, Florida Printer and Florida List Broker

The FTC filed a case today in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California against Terry Somenzi, 74, of Los Angeles, who did business through a company called International Advisory Services Inc.; David Raff, 54, of Weston, Florida, and his company, Millennium Direct Inc., also doing business as MDI Lists; and Ian Gamberg, 37, also of Weston, doing business through Printmail Corporate Solutions Inc. As alleged in the FTC's complaint, since at least 2013, the defendants participated in mailing hundreds of thousands of cash prize notifications from fictitious companies, including Paulson Independent Distributors, International Procurement Center, Keller, Sloan & Associates and Phelps Ingram Distributors, informing mostly elderly consumers that they won a substantial cash prize of nearly \$1 million or more. The notifications instruct consumers to pay a fee of approximately \$25 to collect their prizes, but those who paid received nothing in return. According to the complaint, Somenzi and Raff, directly and through third-parties, provided the cash prize notifications and mailing lists of consumers' names



and addresses to Gamberg, who then arranged to have the notifications printed and mailed. Many consumers who paid the “fees” later received numerous other deceptive personalized cash prize notifications from the defendants and other companies who purchased lists containing the consumers’ personal information.

“In the 21st century, the scam in your mailbox just as likely comes from the other side of the world as from the other side of town,” said Director Jessica Rich of the FTC’s Bureau of Consumer Protection. “The FTC’s efforts to protect consumers don’t stop at our borders; we work with partners around the world against the perpetrators of mass mailing fraud. Regardless of where the fraud comes from, we encourage consumers to let us know if they have been scam victims; we share complaint information with our law enforcement partners in the United States. and abroad. Report your complaint at <http://www.ftc.gov/>, or, for international scams, at the 36-agency joint website <http://www.econsumer.gov/>.”

Iowa Attorney General Actions against List Broker and Direct Mailers

The Iowa State Attorney General took action today against fraudulent mass mailers and others facilitating their schemes. It negotiated an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance (AVC) with list broker Macromark to resolve allegations that the company facilitated fraudulent activities on the part of operations that mailed deceptive solicitations relating to sweepstakes and psychics. The AVC with Macromark requires it to refrain from any further facilitation of such fraudulent activities affecting Iowa residents and to pay \$30,000 into a fund that protects elderly Iowans against consumer fraud.

The Iowa Attorney General also brought an action under the Iowa Consumer Fraud Act seeking an injunction, restitution and other relief against Waverly Direct Inc., and its owner, Gordon Shearer, a New York-based direct mailer. Shearer and his company allegedly sent out deceptive mailings from the so-called “Numerological Resource Center.” These defendants maintain lists of vulnerable people who fell prey to their schemes, according to Iowa’s lawsuit, and market these lists to other mass mailers through a list broker.

Finally, the Iowa Attorney General brought a lawsuit under the Iowa Consumer Fraud Act against Nicholas Valenti of Nevada. Valenti has allegedly been involved in marketing the rights to send out deceptive mailings regarding techniques for winning lotteries and other chance-dominated gaming activities.

The charges and allegations in the indictments and criminal complaint are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven



guilty. The claims made in the civil complaints are allegations only, and there has been no determination of liability.

Public Education

Reflecting the government's unified effort to combat elder financial exploitation, the [Consumer Protection Branch](#) and [Elder Justice Initiative](#) have spearheaded a multi-agency education campaign to inform the public about mass mailing fraud and how it can be avoided. Agency partners include the USPIS, the FTC, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Social Security Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission and USA.gov. As described in detail in the [fact sheet](#), each agency is using its means of public outreach to broadcast information about the prevalence of mass mailing fraud. The outreach includes messages to caregivers – such as friends, relatives, social workers and others in contact with older individuals – about the need to be vigilant against prize or psychic letters being sent to those under their care.

In addition, and as described in detail in the fact sheet, the government has also joined forces with non-governmental organizations in the elder justice and consumer protection arena, each of which will contribute to the public education campaign. These groups include AARP, Consumers Union, Consumer Federation of America, the Elder Justice Coalition, Meals on Wheels Association of America, National Adult Protection Services Association, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, National Center for Victims of Crime and National Consumers League. Using their vast networks and communication tools, these organizations will alert their members and the public to the scourge of mass mailing fraud schemes and offer tips to combat financial exploitation. Their tools include websites, newsletters, social media channels, training and outreach events and other means.

U.S. law enforcement's actions against mass-mailing fraud arise out of a larger worldwide effort. Mass-mailing fraud has been identified as a major financial threat by the International Mass-Marketing Fraud Working Group (IMMFWG), a network of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Europol, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. The IMMFWG is co-chaired by the U.S. Department of Justice and FTC, and law enforcement in the United Kingdom. Recent actions have been taken by law enforcement agencies from several working group countries, including Belgium, Canada, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, to disrupt mass mailing fraud schemes and gather evidence for prosecution of criminal participants. Through these efforts, the working group serves as a model for



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international cooperation against specific threats that endanger the financial well-being of each country's residents.

More information on fraud against the elderly is available at <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/>. For more information about the Consumer Protection Branch and its enforcement efforts, visit its website at <http://www.justice.gov/civil/consumer-protection-branch>.

Maryland AIRS Conference 2016

Kathleen Vaughan, No Wrong Door Coordinator

NASUAD has shared information with Virginia about the Maryland AIRS Conference, LINK (Leveraging Innovation, Networking and Knowledge). The conference will be held on October 21st. Registration closes on Friday, September 30th. Please reference the Conference agenda, the Conference flyer and other information about the Conference.

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Information for Elderly & Disabled Voters

Marcia DuBois, Director of the Division for the Aging

The Prince William County Communications Office has created the following material to educate Elderly & Disabled Voters about voting options and their rights at the polls on election day. I wanted to share with the DARS staff.

- Here is the [link to the article and video](#)
- Here is the [link just to the video](#)
- Attached is the social media graphic
- Attached is the poster

VOTING INFORMATION

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MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE

In order to make your voice heard in any election, you must first be registered to vote.

You can register at the Office of Elections in Manassas or the DMV in Manassas or Woodbridge.

VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT!

If you can't vote in person due to disability or illness, you can request a ballot through the mail.

Or you can vote by absentee ballot in person at these four locations:

- The Prince William Office of Elections
- The Woodbridge Department of Motor Vehicles
- The McCoart Building
- The Ferlazzo Building, Auditorium

There are timelines and deadlines for absentee voting, so make sure to check those out now at www.pwcvotes.com, so that you don't miss anything.

VOTE IN PERSON!

Elderly and disabled voters may vote in person at their polling location on Election Day, either inside the polling place or curbside. Curbside voting is available for people ages 65 and older, or for any person with a physical disability. And any voter may request assistance with voting due to a physical disability or inability to read or write. Any Election Officer can assist you, so that you have the opportunity to vote in a private and independent fashion.

**IN ORDER TO VOTE ON
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**



**YOU MUST REGISTER BY
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

Visit www.pwcvotes.com for more information, or the Office of Elections at 703-792-6470 or pwcvote@pwcgov.org.





September 21, 2016

[Watch: Person-Centered Planning in Action Workshop](#)

Last month, ACL hosted a staff professional development workshop to learn about an example of a long-term services and supports system embracing person-centered thinking, planning, and practices.

The District of Columbia's No Wrong Door system has incorporated the approach throughout all aspects of home and community-based services for older adults and people with disabilities, including independent living and behavioral health services.

ACL staff heard from former Director of the DC Department of Disability Services Laura Nuss, DC DDS Program Manager Erin Leveton, and Project ACTION! Co-Vice President Steven Powe. ACL's Shawn Terrell and Administration on Disabilities Deputy Commissioner Bob Williams provided opening remarks.

[Watch video of the full workshop.](#)



September 22, 2016

[Webinar: Report on Families Caring for an Aging America: Thursday,](#)



September 29 at 1:30 pm

Last week the National Academy of Medicine released a report, Families Caring for an Aging America, examining family caregiving for older adults.

The report is available at:

<http://nationalacademies.org/hmd/reports/2016/families-caring-for-an-aging-america.aspx>

The Academy is offering a free briefing on the report next Thursday, September 29 at 1:30 pm. The website below gives some background information about the report and has a place for webinar registration.

<http://nationalacademies.org/hmd/Activities/Aging/FamilyCaregivingforOlderAdults/2016-SEPT-29.aspx>



September 22, 2014

TIM Talks Webinar: Community Based Organizations (CBOs) Developing Meaningful Partnerships with Hospitals

Tim Talks Webinar is on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 2:00 – 3:30 pm ET

ACL's Office of Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs (ONHPP), in collaboration with consultant Tim McNeill, invites you to a business acumen webinar on Community Based Organizations (CBOs) Developing Meaningful Partnerships with Hospitals.

This webinar will highlight financial drivers for hospitals, and how a CBO could align their services and make a pitch to meet the needs and demands of the hospital. As always, participants will also have ample opportunity to ask any other business acumen-related questions.



The TIM Talks monthly webinar series feature discussion of various business acumen topics in an inviting Q&A format. We challenge you to stump Tim with your questions!

Webinar Presenter and Facilitator:

Tim McNeill, Independent Health Care Consultant

Phantane Sprowls, ONHPP Program Analyst, ACL

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UPDATES

September 26, 2016

Deadline Extended to Oct. 7 - Medicaid Quality Measures

Please note that the comment period has been extended thru October 7th.

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- Medicaid beneficiaries and Medicare-Medicaid (dual)



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Memos with questions and background information on this CMS quality measures initiative are available as zip files in the Download section of this web page:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/MMS/CallforPublicComment.html>.

Comments are due by close of business October 7, 2016, to MedicaidQualMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com.

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Thank you for joining us for the National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference held in Washington, DC, August 29-September 1. This year's conference was the largest to date with over 1,400 attendees.

The conference had a very full agenda with over 100 workshops, a number of compelling plenary sessions, and a very full exhibit hall. We hope everyone found the content, events, and plenaries to be useful and engaging.

Materials from the workshops are now available on the conference website (under the [agenda tab](#)) and on the conference app. If you have not shared your presentation with NASUAD staff, please email [Linda Nakagawa](#).

Thank you, again! We look forward to seeing everyone in Baltimore, MD in 2017.

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CEAL Board of Directors

In July 2016, the Board of Directors for the Center for Excellence in Assisted Living (CEAL) selected Martha A. Roherty, Executive Director of the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD), to join its Board. CEAL is a unique collaboration of national provider, consumer, and advocacy organizations committed to enhancing the care provided in these long term care communities.

"I am honored to be selected to serve on the board of such an important organization," said Roherty. "At a time when 10,000 Americans are turning 65 each day, but the funding to support the Older Americans Act is not increasing, our nation needs to focus on innovative, effective, and person-centered ways to serve older adults and individuals with disabilities. CEAL's emphasis on expanding access to assisted living services for those who need it, while simultaneously promoting high-quality, person-centered services is crucial to our nation's ability to support individuals who require these supports." "We are excited to welcome Martha to the CEAL Board of Directors. Her expertise and perspective as a family caregiver will be a valuable addition to CEAL." Lindsay B. Schwartz, Ph.D., CEAL Board Chair Roherty has held leadership positions working for governments and their associations for over three decades.

[Click here](#) to view the full press release.

From the Administration

Administration for Community Living

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The deadline for submitting public comments on Medicaid quality measures has been extended to **Friday, October 7**. All comments must be submitted to MedicaidQualMeasures@mathematica-mpr.com.



[Click here](#) to view the memos listing questions.

MedPAC Sounds the Alarm on Medicare Spending Growth

On September 8-9, 2016, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) met in Washington, DC to discuss Medicare issues and policy questions in order to develop reports and recommendations for Congress. MedPAC discussed Medicare payment policy, outcome measures under a unified post-acute care (PAC) payment system, and health professional services, among other topics. Most of the briefing was to inform the Commission on the work that the staff will be doing this year, and provide the Commission an opportunity to give direction to the staff. The following summaries are highlights from certain sessions at the meeting.

[Click here](#) to view all of the MedPAC agenda and presentations.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Fact Sheet on Long-Term Effects of TBI

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) have partnered to increase awareness of the needs of people who have experienced moderate to severe traumatic brain injury (TBI). They have released a new fact sheet describing the long-term effects of moderate to severe TBI and some actions that can support the proactive management of the condition. While coordinated approaches to acute care and rehabilitation after TBI are available, only a few promote long-term health and well-being, which adds to the long-term financial and health burdens of TBI.

[Click here](#) to visit CDC's TBI website to read and download the fact sheet.

Department of Justice

Combating a Global Network of Mass



Mailing Fraud Schemes

The Justice Department, in coordination with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and other law enforcement partners, announced wide-ranging enforcement actions - including criminal charges, economic sanctions, seizure of criminal proceeds and civil injunction lawsuits - along with the execution of search warrants to combat a global network of mass mailing fraud schemes that collectively have defrauded millions of elderly and vulnerable victims across the United States out of hundreds of millions of dollars. Simultaneously, a consortium of government agencies and non-profit groups led by the department's Consumer Protection Branch and Elder Justice Initiative announced a public education campaign to heighten public awareness and educate potential victims and their families about these schemes.

The actions are part of a broader effort by the department and its international law enforcement partners to attack fraud schemes targeting older Americans and other vulnerable populations that involve individuals and entities across the globe, including Canada, France, India, the Netherlands, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States.

[Click here](#) to view the Press Release

[Click here](#) for the outreach fact sheet

[Consumer Protection Branch Flyer](#)

[Mail Fraud Scams flyer](#)

[Click here](#) for the Department of Justice's Consumer Protection Branch webpage on mass mailing fraud

Food and Drug Administration

Medication and Safety Tips for Older Adults

On September 20th, 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released information regarding safety recommendations for older adults that are taking medications, prescriptions, and supplements. The four key tips include: take medicine as prescribed and include input from your health care



provider; keep a medication list; be aware of potential drug interactions and side effects, and; review medications with your health care provider. Additional information can be [found here](#).

Office of Disability and Employment Policy

Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities Releases Final Report

The Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities (the Committee) submitted its Final Report to the Secretary of Labor and to Congress on September 15, 2016. The Final Report summarizes the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Committee on ways to increase competitive employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities or other individuals with significant disabilities as well as the use and oversight of the certificate program as carried out under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

[Click here](#) to read the Committee's final report.

From the States

Nebraska

"Potential Changes in Nebraska's Long Term Care" Webinar

On **Wednesday, September 28th from 6:30-7:30pm central time**, the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) will host a webinar titled "Potential Changes in Nebraska's Long Term Care." This online, interactive webinar presentation is on behalf of the state of Nebraska to help facilitate a statewide listening and information



gathering tour with stakeholders on its proposed Long Term Care Redesign Project.

The State is inviting feedback from consumers receiving Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS), advocacy organizations, providers, managed care organizations, care coordination agencies, legislators, and any other interested members of the public regarding the redesign of Nebraska's LTSS system. Your questions and suggestions will be welcomed.

To register online for the Webinar:

1. [Click here](#) to register.
2. Click "Register"
3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit". You will be emailed the web link and call-in information for the event once you are registered.

From Other Organizations

[AARP Public Policy Institute](#)

Family Caregiving Blog Post

Family caregiving for older adults must be taken seriously as a critical issue of public policy, says a [recent report](#) from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Read the [new blog](#) from AARP Public Policy Institute's Lynn Friss Feinberg to learn what a transformed system would look like in health care, long-term services and supports, and in today's workplace. Feinberg was a member of the expert consensus committee that authored the report.

[American Society on Aging](#)

Webinar: Tapping Into New Payment & Deliver Models

The shift in healthcare to value-based programs and purchasing



is creating new incentives for healthcare organizations to pursue and strengthen collaboration with community-based organizations (CBOs). Within this changing environment, accountable care organizations (ACOs) have emerged as a promising delivery and payment model that presents opportunities for CBOs to integrate their services with healthcare, and share in any financial savings. This webinar will highlight a successful CBO-ACO partnership in Maine that resulted in better care, lower costs and opportunities for diversifying the CBO funding stream. The presenters for this webinar are Laurence (Larry) Gross, Executive Director, Southern Maine Agency on Aging, and Elizabeth (Betsy) H. Johnson, President and CEO, MaineHealth Accountable Care Organization. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. ET.**

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Collaborative on Health Reform and Independent Living

CHRIL Webinar on ACA Findings

Collaborative on Health Reform and Independent Living (CHRIL), will be hosting a webinar later this month where they will be sharing the early findings from the first year of their research on the Affordable Care Act and people with disabilities. The webinar will be held on **Tuesday, September 27 from 3:00-4:30 ET.**

To read more about what will be covered in the webinar and for instructions on how to join, [click here](#).

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Families Caring for an Aging America

With support from 15 sponsors, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine convened an expert committee to examine what is known about the nation's family caregivers of older adults and to recommend policies to address



their needs and help to minimize the barriers they encounter in acting on behalf of an older adult. The resulting report, Families Caring for an Aging America, provides an overview of the prevalence and nature of family caregiving of older adults as well as its personal impact on caregivers' health, economic security, and overall well-being. The report also examines the available evidence on the effectiveness of programs and interventions designed to support family caregivers. It concludes with recommendations for developing a national strategy to effectively engage and support them.

[Click here](#) for more information.

National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices

NTG Workshops on Dementia and Intellectual Disability

The National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices has partnered with several ACL Alzheimer's Disease Initiative grantees to provide workshops for administrators, clinicians, staff, and caregivers on dementia and intellectual disability. The workshops are scheduled for **Wisconsin (October 3-4)**, **New York (October 26-27)**, and **Hawaii (November 14-16)**. A third day 'train-the-trainer' option is available for staff development personnel. The workshops are designed to encourage local aging and disability agencies to develop and provide dementia-related services for people with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Events

2016 ANCOR Technology Summit &



Showcase

The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) is hosting the "2016 ANCOR Technology Summit & Showcase." The summit will feature peers, advocates, and experts presenting ways that technology can help the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) community achieve the triple aim of better health, better care, and lower costs. The event will take place in **Broomfield, Colorado on Friday, October 7, 2016.**

[Click here](#) to register.

Jobs & Internships

2017 AAPD Summer Internship Program

AAPD has announced the opening of applications for the 2017 Summer Internship Program. The AAPD Summer Internship Program develops the next generation of leaders with disabilities and offers host employers access to a talented, diverse workforce. Each summer, AAPD places college students, graduate students, law students, and recent graduates with all types of disabilities in paid 10-week summer internships in Congressional offices, federal agencies, non-profit, and for-profit organizations in the Washington, DC area.

Each intern is matched with a mentor who will assist them with their career goals. AAPD provides the interns with a stipend, transportation to and from Washington, DC, and fully-accessible housing. All applications must be received by November 7.

[Click here](#) to view the internship announcement.

Funding Opportunities

CMS



CMS Announces a New Funding Opportunity for Track 1 of the Accountable Health Communities Model

CMS, in January 2016, released a new Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for a model called the Accountable Health Communities (AHC). This Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation model focuses on the health-related social needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. The AHC Model is based on emerging evidence that addressing health-related social needs through enhanced clinical-community linkages can improve health outcomes and reduce costs. The original FOA requested applications for three different scalable tracks featuring interventions of varying intensity that would address health-related social needs for beneficiaries. After receiving inquiries and stakeholder feedback, CMS has decided to make modifications to the Track 1 application requirements and is releasing a new FOA specific to Track 1 of the AHC Model. Track 1 will support bridge organizations to increase a patient's awareness of available community services through screening, information dissemination, and referral. Track 1 award recipients will partner with the state Medicaid agency, community service providers and clinical delivery sites to implement the Model. The modifications to the Track 1 application include the following: (1) Reducing the annual number of beneficiaries applicants are required to screen from 75,000 to 53,000; and (2) Increasing the maximum funding amount per award recipient from \$1 million to \$1.17 million over 5 years.

Under this announcement, CMS is accepting applications from community-based organizations, health care practices, hospitals and health systems, institutions of higher education, local government entities, tribal organizations, and for-profit and non-for-profit local and national entities with the capacity to develop and maintain relationships with clinical delivery sites and community service providers. All applicants, including those who applied to

Tracks 1, 2 or 3 in the previous FOA, are eligible to apply to this FOA.

Applicants that previously applied to Track 1 of the AHC Model under the original FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-001) must re-apply using this FOA (# CMS-1P1-17-002) to be



considered for the Model.

The AHC Model is accepting applications for Track 1 at www.grants.gov through November 3, 2016. For more information about the AHC Model, visit CMS at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm>. A webinar scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 2:00pm EST will provide more information about the Track 1 changes and the AHC Model application process. [Click here](#) to register.

Paul Marchand Internship Fund

Paul Marchand Internship Applications Due October 1

The Paul Marchand Internship Fund will provide \$3,000 per semester or summer session to assist interns interested in pursuing careers in public policy advocacy for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD). For 38 years, Paul Marchand was a dedicated disability policy advocate and recognized leader working on behalf of people I/DD and the larger disability community. Upon his retirement in 2011, The Arc, with substantial contributions from United Cerebral Palsy, other organizations, and individuals with whom Paul worked during his decades in Washington, established an internship to honor Paul and to continue to cultivate disability policy advocates. All applications must be submitted by October 1, 2016.

[Click here](#) to view more information.

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VAIRS Webinar: Virginia Relay



Please click [here](#) to register for VAIRS Webinar: Virginia Relay on Nov 17, 2016 10:00 AM EST.

Virginia Relay enables people who are deaf, hard of hearing, DeafBlind, or have difficulty speaking to communicate by TTY (text telephone) or another assistive telephone device with anyone who uses a standard phone. In this webinar we will be discussing the Virginia Relay programs and services available to anyone that need the service and the ways to qualify at little or no cost. Additionally, we will discuss Hamilton Relay and how they collaborate with Virginia Relay.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act created a new 5th core service for Centers for Independent Living (CILs). This new core services is actually a package



of services related to community living for people with disabilities. One key piece of the new service directs CILs to "provide assistance to individuals with significant disabilities who are at risk of entering institutions so that the individuals may remain in the community."

While the conversations around these services are relatively nascent, there are likely myriad ways to achieve this new directive – in fact, most CILs have been doing this work for years. But it's still important to have this discussion, learn about best practices from around the country, and innovate to provide the best services possible to keep people in the community.

Join us on September 29th to learn how one CIL – Ability360 in Phoenix, Arizona – addresses nursing home diversion by reaching out to individuals new to their disabilities while they're still in rehab facilities in the Phoenix area. They'll share how they built and funded the program, how it works, and real-world examples and success stories from the program.

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