April 19, 2013

Greetings from the Secretary

Greetings Everyone,

On Thursday and Friday I visited Southwest Pennsylvania. My visit on Thursday started with a meeting with Jim Pieffer, Senior Vice President; Ransom Towsley, Senior Director, Community Based Services; and Tama Carey, Interim Senior Director of Presbyterian SeniorCare. Together we discussed the aging population in Pennsylvania and ways services can be provided to those in need. My thanks to all for taking the time to meet with me.

Following the meeting, I spoke with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership on Aging (SWPPA) and the Southwestern Regional Council of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging. I provided an overview of the State Plan on Aging, the Governor Tom Corbett’s proposed budget and commitment to older Pennsylvanians, the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging four year plan and opportunities for collaboration. Thank you to Paul Winkler CEO of Presbyterian SeniorCare for the welcome and hospitality for the meeting. Thank you also to Sharon Wilson of Senator Tim Solobay’s office and David Coder of Representative Pam Snyder’s office for participating in the meeting. My thanks also to Mildred Morrison of the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging and Beverly Sullivan of the Beaver County Area Agency on Aging for their participation. My thanks to the SWPPA and Regional Council on Aging and all in attendance for a meaningful conversation.

In the afternoon, I spoke with participants of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Greater Pittsburgh. Participants of the Vintage Senior Center were also in attendance. My thanks to Brian Schreiber, President and CEO; Alexis Mancuso, Director of the JCC and their team for their welcome and to Ann Truxell, Executive Director of Vintage Senior Services. I spoke about the mission of the Pennsylvanian Department of Aging, the 2012-2016 State Plan on Aging and the Governor’s proposed budget. My thanks to Senator Jay Costa and Erika Fricke of Representative Dan Frankel’s office for attending. The results of community collaboration were evident in the intergenerational programs and services offered by the JCC. My thanks to Mildred Morrison for attending as well.

On Friday I visited the Somerset Area Senior Center and the Area Agency on Aging of Somerset County. My thanks to Mary Piatt-Bruner; Beth Hollis, Senior Center Manager and the entire team of the Senior Center and AAA for their work and participation during the visit. Thanks are also extended to Representative Carl Metzger for attending.
I wish you a safe and pleasant weekend.

Brian M. Duke
Secretary of Aging

**Legislative Update**

April 23, 2013- House Aging Informational Hearing on Hold Harmless - House Aging has scheduled an informational hearing on Rep. Petri’s, Hold Harmless Bill, HB 149. To review the bill’s language, [click here](#).

**New Legislation**

HB 1205 by Rep. Barrar – Amends the Lottery Law to establish an instant lottery game to benefit veterans. To review the bill, [click here](#).

**House Action**

HR 230 by Rep. Hennessey – A resolution recognizing the month of May 2013 as "Older Pennsylvanians Month" in Pennsylvania. The Resolution was adopted: (Vote: Y:195/N: 0). To review the resolution, [click here](#).

**Senate Action**

HB 252, Long-term Care Council – This bill was originally scheduled for a vote in Senate Aging on 04/16 however the meeting was cancelled. The bill is scheduled to be addressed will be addressed at the next voting meeting of the committee. To view the bill, [click here](#).

**2013 Lifespan Respite Care Program**

**Building Integrated and Sustainable Lifespan Respite Care Programs Grant**

The Federal Administration for Community Living (ACL)/U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) announced a competitive grant opportunity to eligible state agencies for implementing the requirements of the Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006. ACL/AoA will fund up to approximately five (5) grants up to $250,000 per award for a project period over an eighteen month period. The projected grant start time is August of 2013.

States who previously received Lifespan Respite grants are eligible for this funding and Pennsylvania is one of these states. The Department of Aging submitted a letter of support for this grant opportunity on April 18, 2013. The application is due May 20, 2013. The purpose of the funding opportunity is to bring the Lifespan Respite Care Program to scale and to integrate and ensure sustainability of respite services across the lifespan with continued and measurable progress towards the realization of a fully functioning Lifespan Respite Program. For more information about the grant announcement, [click here](#).
**APPRISE**

**Third Annual BRAVO Awards**
The annual APPRISE Recognition Program (BRAVO Awards) were held on April 17 and 18. The BRAVO Awards recognize the innovations of local programs that have attempted to adopt and experiment with best practices, collaborate with partnering organizations, and adhere to performance excellence and exemplary customer service. For more information on the individuals receiving awards, [click here](#). If you would like to learn more about the APPRISE program, [click here](#).

**Bureau of Advocacy**

**Supreme Court’s Forms Elder Law Task Force to tackle growing abuses to older Pennsylvanians**
The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has formed an Elder Law Task Force to study the growing problems involved in guardianship, abuse and neglect, and access to justice. The task force has been charged with recommending solutions that include court rules, legislation, education and best practices.

The task force is made up of 38 elder law experts including judges, lawyers and social workers and among the members are representatives from the Department of Aging. The task force will have three subcommittees, one devoted to appointment and qualifications of guardians and attorneys, a second on guardianship monitoring and data collection, and a third on elder abuse and powers of attorney. The work of the group will take approximately one year.

For more information from the Administrative Office of PA Courts, [click here](#).

**Prime Time Health Programs**

**CDSMP Workshop in Berks County**
The Berks County Area Agency on Aging will offer the “Living Well: Chronic Disease Self-Management” class at The Heritage of Green Hills, Reading, Berks County, on Wednesdays, through April 24 from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This class is free and open to the public. Lunch is provided each week. To pre-register for this class, please contact Ann Barlet, Berks County Area Agency on Aging, at [abarlet@countyofberks.com](mailto:abarlet@countyofberks.com) or call 610-478-6500.

**Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) Leader Training at Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging**
Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging is offering Stanford University’s CDSMP Leader Training for PrimeTime Health Coordinators and future peer leaders. This training will enable those who successfully complete the classes to present community workshops in CDSMP.

Training will be held at 305 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, on four consecutive Wednesdays, beginning May 8, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Patti Mounts at [pmounts@swpa-aaa.org](mailto:pmounts@swpa-aaa.org) or call 724-745-7327.
Prime-Time Health Conference
PrimeTime Health, the health promotion component of the aging network, will hold its Prime-Time Health Conference, May 2 - 3 at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, PA. The annual conference provides training, as well as a networking opportunity, for PrimeTime Health Coordinators, AAA staff, PrimeTime Health Advisory members and select community partners. This is NOT a public event. For more information about the PrimeTime Health program, click here.

Pennsylvania Caregiver Program

Caregiver Webinar for April
April's webinar was held on April 18, 2013. The topic "Caregiver Emotional Survival" was discussed Dr. Barry Jacobs, Director of Behavioral Sciences at Center for Family Health in Crozer Keystone Health System. Previous webinars may be viewed on the Long Term Living Training Institute’s website: http://www.ltltrainingpa.org/. If you have any questions about the caregiver webinar series, you may contact Bonnie Zarlenga at bzarlenga@pa.gov or by phone at 717-705-8887. If you have any questions about the Pennsylvania Caregiver Support Program, please send an email to ra-pacaregiver@pa.gov.

Department of State

Be Aware of Charity Scams after Boston Marathon Explosions
Secretary of the Commonwealth Carol Aichele today warned Pennsylvanians to beware of phony charities asking for donations to help victims of the Boston Marathon explosions.

“We have received reports from online industry sites of more than 125 online domain names related to the bombing being registered since Monday, as well as a number of Twitter accounts,” said Aichele, whose department includes the Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations.

“To date, the Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations has not received any applications for charities related to this tragedy, so Pennsylvanians should be extra cautious if they are asked for funds,” Aichele said.

Any organization soliciting donations in Pennsylvania is required to register with the Department of State, with the exception of religious organizations. You can check to see if an organization is registered by going to www.dos.state.pa.us, clicking on “Charities”, then clicking on “Searchable Database”, and typing in the organization’s name. You can also call 800-732-0999 to ask if a group is registered.

Aichele cautioned against giving personal information, such as credit card numbers, over the phone or on line, unless you are familiar with the organization. She said reputable charities should be willing to provide addresses and phone numbers, and you should never feel pressured into donating on the spot.
Department of Banking and Securities

Senior Citizens Urged to Learn More About Estate Planning and Retirement at “Money Matters” Investor Education Conference
In recognition of Governor Corbett declaring April as “Financial Education Month,” the members of the Pennsylvania Banking and Securities Commission urge senior citizens in the Pittsburgh area to take advantage of the “Money Matters” investor education conference on April 30 to learn more about how to plan for themselves and their families using trusted sources of information.

Two prominent Pittsburgh legal professionals, Bill Krzton of the Three Rivers Law Firm and William McKendree of the Pennsylvania State Health Insurance Assistance Program (APPRISE), will be leading a workshop on “Retirement and Estate Planning” during the “Money Matters” conference. The session is designed for senior citizens and their adult children on a variety of issues, including power of attorney, living wills and working with Medicare.

“Money Matters” will take place on April 30 at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in Cranberry Township. The conference runs from 6-9 p.m., is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

Information and registration is available by calling 1-800-PA-BANKS (800-722-2657) or online at www.dobs.state.pa.us.

National Volunteer Week

This year’s National Volunteer Week will be held April 21-27 with the theme “Celebrate Service.” Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week is a time to recognize and thank volunteers for all they do. Many organizations that utilize volunteers would not be able to accomplish their mission without them. In 2011 (the latest figures are available here) Pennsylvania had 2.67 million volunteers who provided 339.5 million hours of service. That is approximately equal to $7.4 billion dollars of service contributed. The impact of volunteers to our communities throughout the Commonwealth is immense. So please help celebrate their service by honoring the people who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities. For more information on volunteer opportunities, click here.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Pennsylvania State Police will accept unwanted, expired and unused prescription drugs Saturday, April 27, as part of National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., unwanted prescription medications may be dropped off at select State Police barracks. No personal information is required for drop-off. To find a drop-off location, visit www.psp.state.pa.us and click on the “Public Services” link on the left navigation menu.
Flushing medications contribute to water pollution and poses serious health risks to water supplies and fish habitat. Disposing of medications in trashcans causes groundwater contamination leaching out of landfills, harms the wildlife that ingest these drugs and enables others who dumpster dive to obtain the medications.

**Older Americans Month**

**Unleash the Power of Age in Your Community Challenge**

This May, the Department of Aging will celebrate Older Americans Month’s 50th year. This year’s theme is “Unleash the Power of Age,” which aims to highlight the significant contributions made by thousands of older Americans across our nation.

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has announced the “Unleash the Power in Your Community Challenge.” This challenge, in celebration of Older Americans Month 2013, invites organizations to recognize older Americans by nominating people 60 or older who are putting their talents and expertise toward inspirational achievements in their communities and beyond.

Nominees can be volunteers or paid professionals whose contributions are improving society as a whole. Examples of eligible activities include civic engagement, creative arts, and technology and innovation. The submission deadline is 11:00 p.m. on Monday, **April 22, 2013**. To learn more about the challenge and to nominate someone, [click here](#).

If the person you are nominating is a resident of Pennsylvania, please send the Department of Aging a copy of your nominations so we can join you in recognizing the contributions of our citizens. Copies can be sent to Wes Culp at [weculp@pa.gov](mailto:weculp@pa.gov).

**Announcements**

**New NASUADiQ Course Available**

A new course is available on NASUAD's free online learning center, NASUADiQ.org. Affordable housing is a basic human need that many older adults and people with disabilities struggle to find and keep. This self-paced course entitled: "Affordable Housing for Older Adults and People with Disabilities," is designed to give an overview of the types of affordable housing that are available to these populations. To register for NASUADiQ and to sign up for this course, [click here](#).

**New YouTube Channel on Health Information Technology Successes**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has a new YouTube channel. AHRQ HealthIT highlights successful health information technology (IT) projects that focus on ways to enhance quality measurement, preventive care and medication management. These videos provide insights for health services researchers, health care providers and patient advocates on how AHRQ research supports the use of health IT to improve quality, safety, and effectiveness of care. For more information, [click here](#).
**National Crime Victims’ Rights Week**
April 21-27, 2013 is National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW), a joint effort of the Office for Victims of Crime at the US Department of Justice and the National Center for Victims of Crime. This week is set aside each year to pay special recognition to the rights of victims, including victims of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. In fact, one of the focus areas for this year’s observance is elder financial exploitation. As in previous years, there are materials available on-line for promoting awareness, including a resource guide, PSAs, posters, artwork, and web ads. For more information, click here.

**Boston Marathon Tragedy: Providing Psychological First Aid to Those Affected**
In the aftermath of the tragedy at the 2013 Boston Marathon, people will need mental health support as much as medical support. Therefore, it's crucial to help medical professionals, first responders, family members, and victims both administer or receive the proper psychological first aid.

This mental health awareness toolkit provides first responders—whether they are disaster response workers, parents, caregivers, or teachers—with specific tips for responding effectively to people in the wake of a disaster. The information is meant to help alleviate painful emotions and promote hope and healing. To access this toolkit, click here.

**Pennsylvania Events**

**Home Modifications and Assistive Technology Training- New dates**
This workshop, presented by Roberta Schwalm, Manager of Special Initiatives, PA Housing Finance Agency, will help you learn: What are home modifications and assistive technology? Who is a good candidate for them? What is allowed and required? How can your organization best meet its home mod and assistive technology mission?

Since many individuals with professional training in social work, nursing, or human services are not that familiar with the construction portion of home modifications, the workshop will also include information on: what are the key components of contracts? How do I oversee a job?

This workshop will be available April 22, May 8, and May 29. For more information, click here.

**2013 Nutrition Conference**
This conference will be held May 1 – 2, 2013, at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College, PA, 16803. To view the registration information, click here. Registration deadline is April 19, 2013. To make your overnight room reservation, phone 800-233-7505 or 814-863-5000 and ask for the PrimeTime Health room block code: PAAD13B. Room Block deadline is March 30, 2013.
2013 Pennsylvania Adult Day Services (PADSA) Annual Conference
On May 7, this conference will include informative sessions about regulations, best practices, smart business strategies, and opportunities to network and meet with sponsors. The conference registration includes speaker presentations, continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack, resource exchange and sponsor exhibitions. To access the conference registration, click here.

Pennsylvania Homecare Association Annual Conference
The Pennsylvania Homecare Association will hold its annual conference May 15-17, 2013, at the Penn Stater Conference Center, State College. Today's healthcare world is changing by the minute, so this year PHA is "Shaking it Up!" for the Annual Conference. In order to keep bringing quality care home, PHA will provide members with the tools they need to stay a step ahead. Featured keynote speakers include Secretary of Aging Brian Duke, Office of Long-Term Living Deputy Secretary Bonnie Rose, famed political strategists Alex Castellanos and Mark Shields and Broadway singer Sandra Joseph. For more information or to register, click here.

19th Annual Pennsylvania Immunization Conference
Each year this conference brings immunization partners together to share information, discuss current issues, and recommend strategies to improve immunization rates in Pennsylvania. This event will be held on June 20, 2013. The PIC is targeted towards private and public health care professionals from Pennsylvania and the surrounding region. For more information, click here.

Save the Date: 2013 Aging/Intellectual Disability Cross-Systems Conference
This event is scheduled for September 17-18 in Camp Hill, PA at the Radisson Hotel. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, this conference is designed for people who are part of the Aging Network and the Intellectual Disability System.


Save The Date: 2013 Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Training
The 2013 SCSEP Training will be held October 2 - 3, 2013, at Holiday Inn Harrisburg East, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. More information will be available in future editions of the Wrap-Up.

Save the Date: Meals on Wheels Association of Pennsylvania Conference
The Meals on Wheels Association of Pennsylvania Annual Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at the Penn Stater, State College, PA. More information, including registration, will be forthcoming.
PA Adult/Older Adult Suicide Prevention Coalition Conference
On October 16 and 17 The Pennsylvania Suicide Prevention Conference will be hosted at the Ramada Inn in State College, PA. This year's conference title is Suicide Prevention: Creating Healthy Communities. The five tracks of focus at this event will be youth/transition age youth, adults, older adults, military/law enforcement, and survivors. For more information, contact Cindy Richard at crichard@penn-mar.org. To view the flyer for this event, click here.

Pennsylvania Association of Senior Centers (PASC) Conference
On October 23 and 24, PASC will hold the “Dollars and Sense” Conference at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, PA. Please review future editions of the Wrap-Up for content and application materials as they become available. For more information regarding PASC, click here.

Additional Events

n4a Aging Policy Briefing and Capitol Hill Day
Administration for Community Living Administrator & Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee will be the closing speaker for n4a’s 2013 Aging Policy Briefing and Capitol Hill Day. This event will take place next Monday and Tuesday, April 22 – 23. Administrator Greenlee will speak just before participants will depart to meet with their senators, representatives and/or their staff to advocate for national aging policies that will allow older adults to remain in their homes and communities. To register for this event, click here.

National Prescription Take Back Day
On Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., DEA and local partners will hold a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at sites nationwide. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. If you are interested in partnering with a local law enforcement agency to provide a venue for your community to dispose of unwanted or unused medications, click here.

FTC Forum on Senior Identity Theft: A Problem in This Day and Age
On May 7, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will bring together experts from government, private industry and public interest groups to discuss the unique challenges facing victims of senior identity theft. The forum will include panels on different types of senior identity theft – tax and government benefits, medical and long-term care. It will also explore the best consumer education and outreach techniques for reaching seniors. Location: FTC Conference Center, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001.

Participation in this event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required but it is encouraged. To pre-register, please email your name and affiliation to seniorIDtheft@ftc.gov. For admittance to the building, all attendees will be required to display a valid form of photo identification, such as a driver’s license. For more information, click here.
Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) Conference Registration Open
The AIRS Conference will be held June 2-5, in Portland, Oregon. In partnership with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), NASUAD's I&R/A Support Center is coordinating the Aging and Disability Track for the AIRS Conference. The Aging and Disability Symposium includes a pre-conference I&R/A Summit for Aging and Disability Professionals, and a full complement of workshops, panel discussions and lively conversation throughout the week. For more information, click here.

Studies and Reports

AARP PPI Report: State Studies Show HCBS are Cost-Effective
The AARP Public Policy Institute has just released a report entitled: State Studies Show Home and Community-Based Services are Cost-Effective. States have made progress in providing greater access to home and community based services (HCBS) for people with low incomes. Many states have also conducted studies to ensure that HCBS are cost effective. This report contains a summary of a collection of relevant state studies as well as Web links. To read the full report, click here.

AARP PPI Releases New Paper on Funding Specialized Transportation
The AARP Public Policy Institute has just released a report entitled: Weaving it Together: A Tapestry of Transportation Funding for Older Adults. This paper highlights the major sources of federal funding that providers can tap to fund transportation for these populations. To read the full report, click here.

State-Level Trends in Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance: A State-by-State Analysis
Most nonelderly Americans who have health insurance are covered through an employer, and employer sponsored insurance (ESI) will continue to be a major source of coverage even after 2014, when the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA’s) Medicaid expansion and subsidies for the purchase of private coverage through health insurance exchanges will take effect. This report examines recent trends in ESI at the national and state level, and it expands and updates our previous analysis. To read this report, click here.

Webinars

Protect Your Finances: Tips to Avoid Financial Fraud
On April 23, the AARP and North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) will discuss spotting common warning signs of a scam, researching if investment products are right for you, and checking out your financial professional. For more information, click here.

The Health Care Law 101 (in Spanish)
This April 23 presentation, in Spanish, is on the main provisions in the Affordable Care Act (the health care law) and how to access care in your community. Information on the Health Insurance Marketplace and how to receive updates on implementation of the law will be shared. For more information, click here.
You are encouraged to submit questions you would like to have answered on the webinars to ACA101@hhs.gov.

GrantSolutions Grantee Training Webinar
GrantSolutions is a comprehensive grants management system that provides end-to-end grants management services. Effective April 1, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) switched to the GrantSolutions grants management system for discretionary grants. GrantSolutions makes grant administration easier and more cost effective, for both ACL and our grantees, by allowing for the electronic receipt of applications from www.grants.gov, application review, grantee reporting, information access, etc. The system also provides for grantee involvement in key stages of the grant process, including post award activities and official correspondence tracking.

On April 23 this training webinar will be provided by the Center of Excellence training department. All grantees that do not have prior GrantSolutions experience are encouraged to participate in the webinar and those that might need a refresher to tune in as well. For more information, click here.

Let's Move Faith and Communities Online Training Opportunities
This special series of online training opportunities will equip health leaders to run the National Institutes of Health's (NIH's) We Can! program in their communities. We Can! is a science-based national education program that provides parents, caregivers and communities with tools and strategies to help families improve food choices, increase physical activity and reduce screen time. To sign up for the April 23 webinar, click here. To sign up for the April 27 webinar, click here.

Understanding the Progression of Alzheimer's Disease as a Continuum
On April 25, this introductory level program will review the 2011 diagnostic criteria for Alzheimer’s disease and discuss the implications of the perspective underlying criteria for the assessment, treatment and support of individuals with Alzheimer's disease. Kelly O'Shea Carney, PhD, CMC, the Executive Director of the Phoebe Center for Excellence in Dementia Care at Phoebe Ministries, will present this webinar.

Register for this webinar on the Long Term Living Training Institute Learning Management System (LMS) at www.ltltrainingpa.org. If you already have an account on the LMS, just log-in, go to the Events Calendar, locate the webinar on April 25, 2013, and register. If you do not yet have an account on the LMS, click on the “Register your training account” link on the LMS Home Page (right-hand side under LTLTI Portal) and follow the directions to open up your account. Once your account is created, go to the Events Calendar, locate the webinar on April 25, 2013, and register. For registration assistance, contact the Long Term Living Training Institute at 717-541-4214.

Since registrations must be limited to 200 registrants, organizations are strongly encouraged to arrange for group viewing by all participants together in your offices rather than each participant in your organization viewing the webinar separately.
MIPPA: What We've Learned, What's Next
The National Council on Aging will be hosting a webinar on the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008 and its achievements and granted opportunities, as well as the challenges that still remain. MIPPA funding has brought significant changes to Medicare, especially for low-income beneficiaries. It has been used to increase access to Part D among rural beneficiaries and help low-income individuals make Medicare affordable. The webinar will take place on April 30 from 2-3 p.m. To register, [click here](#).

Rural Housing, Challenges and Opportunities webinar
On May 9, this webinar will explore housing in rural communities, including the unique challenges and opportunities for nursing home transition and supporting individuals who are aging and living within their communities. Additionally, examples from rural counties will be presented, including strategies that have been implemented to address this need, and additional barriers that still need to be addressed. For more information, [click here](#).

Two-Part Webinar Series on Expanding Oral Health Access for Older Adults
Expanding Oral Health Access for Older Adults is a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) initiative. Older Adults and Oral Health: Inspiring Community-Based Partnerships for Healthy Mouths is the topic of the first of two webinars to be sponsored by this initiative. The goal of this May 15 webinar is to describe the oral health status of older adults in the U.S., provide useful resources and highlight two innovative community approaches to improving oral health access for older adults. For more information, [click here](#).

Funding Opportunities

National Alzheimer's Call Center
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is a new cooperative agreement to operate a national information and counseling service for persons with Alzheimer's disease, their family members and caregiver. The National Call Center will be available to people in 56 states and territories, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to provide expert advice, care consultation, information and referrals nationwide, at the national and local levels, regarding Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD).

The grantee will maintain a national network of organizations that are effectively linked together and supported by a national office, and have an overarching capability of linking consumers to local entities that are prepared to provide accurate information, referrals to publicly and privately funded services and supports, counseling services, including crisis counseling, and detailed follow through to ensure consumers receive appropriate and high quality responses to their concerns. The grant amount for one award is $985,135. The application deadline is April 22, 2013. For more information, [click here](#).
**Pension Counseling & Information Projects**
This program will help individuals understand and exercise their pension rights. The counseling projects promote protection of the rights, financial security, and independence of older individuals and empower them to make better choices in planning for long-term care. The grant amount is $1.2 million for 6 awards. The close date is **April 22, 2013**. For more information, [click here](#).

**National Resource Center for LGBT Aging**
This funding opportunity announcement from the Administration for Community (ACL) is to establish and provide ongoing technical assistance and support and build upon past advancements and innovations in serving older LGBT individuals through new, efficient and sustainable approaches for ensuring high quality and culturally competent service delivery. Applicants to this FOA must demonstrate the capacity to work at the national level to provide training, technical assistance and support to aging network entities (State Units on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging, service providers), LGBT organizations and older LGBT consumers. The grant amount for one award is $295,540. The application deadline is **April 29, 2013**. For more information, [click here](#).

**Grant: Acute Kidney Injury in Older Adults**
This opportunity invites applications that propose basic, clinical, translational and outcomes research on acute kidney injury (AKI) in older persons. Research supported by this initiative should enhance knowledge of the increasing incidence of AKI in older persons and its consequences and provide evidence-based guidance in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of AKI in this expanding segment of the population. Grant Amount is contingent upon NIH appropriations. Direct cost limitation of $275,000 for two year period. The close date for this opportunity is **May 7**. For more information, [click here](#).

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Roadmaps to Health Prize**
The RWJF Roadmaps to Health Prize honors the efforts and accomplishments of U.S. communities working at the forefront of health improvement. Up to six winning communities will each receive a $25,000 cash prize and have their success stories celebrated and shared broadly with the goal of raising awareness and inspiring locally-driven change across the country. The application deadline is **May 23, 2013**.

For more information on the RWJF Roadmaps to Health Prize, please contact Kirstin Siemering, Manager, at RoadmapsPrize@match.wisc.edu. To view the informational webinar on this opportunity, [click here](#).

**Volunteers Matter: Excellence in Volunteer Services Award**
The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) has announced the 2013 Volunteers Matter: Excellence in Volunteer Services Awards. This initiative is designed to highlight successful state-run programs that are leading the way in the creative use of volunteers in the long-term services and supports network. The award is open to programs that help older adults and persons with disabilities in the long-term services and supports system. Programs must be statewide in scope and operation. Submissions will be accepted through **May 30**, 2013.
2013. Winners will be notified in June 2013, to prepare for formal announcement at the 2013 HCBS conference. For additional information, click here.

**Funding Opportunity for Marketplace Navigator Grants**
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) last week announced the availability of new funding to support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces. The “Navigator” program will help consumers understand new coverage options as they enroll in new Marketplaces.

Navigators are individuals and entities that will provide unbiased information to consumers about health insurance, the new Health Insurance Marketplace, qualified health plans, and public programs including Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is open to eligible self-employed individuals and private and public entities applying to serve as Navigators in states with a Federally-facilitated or State Partnership Marketplace. The new funding opportunity provides up to $54 million in total funding. Applications are due by June 7, 2013. To access the funding opportunity announcement, click here.

**Pathways to Greatness Program: Call for Entries**
Define what makes an aging-services organization great by participating in the national Pathways to Greatness Recognition Program (P2G) this year. Share your experience, and contribute to innovation in the aging-services field. Applications for the 2013 P2G program are now open. The deadline is June 17, 2013. For more information, click here.

**In The News**
Secretary of Aging honored – [Click Here](#)
Secretary of Aging pitches budget plan to seniors in Scranton – [Click Here](#)
New model of how brain functions are organized may revolutionize stroke rehab (Penn State News) – [Click Here](#)

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