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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.nasud.org/newsroom/nasud-news>

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Retirement of MaryAnn Griffin and Acting Director Terri Lynch at Alexandria AAA

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

On December 31, 2014, MaryAnn Griffin will retire from the Alexandria County as the Director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services. This is a position that MaryAnn commanded for 10 years in addition to other senior level positions in health and human services. We will miss you MaryAnn, but you will not be forgotten!

Effective January 2, 2015, the new Acting Director at Alexandria will be Terri Lynch. As you may know, Terri has over 30 years of experience as the Executive Director of the Arlington Agency on Aging. Welcome Terri!

Terri's email address is Terri.Lynch@AlexandriaVa.gov. The address and main phone number is 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue, Unit 5, Alexandria, VA 22301-1159, Phone: 703-746-5999.

2015 State Budget Public Hearings

Tim Catherman, Director of Aging Operations

GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2014-2016 BIENNIAL STATE BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEES OF THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL HOLD REGIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2014-2016 BIENNIAL STATE BUDGET, AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015 (Hearing begins at 10:00 a.m.)

- **Prince William County** - George Mason University, Manassas Campus, Hylton Performing Arts Center, Gregory Family Theater
- **Abingdon** - Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015 (Hearings begin at 12:00 noon)

- **Williamsburg** - College of William and Mary, School of Education, Professional Development Center
- **Martinsville** - New College Institute, Building on Baldwin
- **Central Virginia** - General Assembly Building, House Room D



The purpose of the hearings is to receive comments on the Governor's proposed amendments to the 2014-16 biennial state budget. Those persons wishing to speak may register at each hearing site **no earlier than one hour prior** to the start of the hearing.

Speakers will be taken in the order of registration. Each person may register only one speaker at a time. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to three minutes or less. Speakers representing groups and organizations should consolidate remarks to reduce duplication.

Persons unable to attend may comment in writing to either:

Delegate S. Chris Jones
P.O. Box 406
General Assembly Building
Richmond, Virginia 23218

OR

Senator Walter A. Stosch
P.O. Box 39
General Assembly Building
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Accommodations for individuals with hearing impairment may be made by calling (804) 698-7480 beginning Monday, December 1, 2014. All requests for individuals with hearing impairment must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 21, 2014. Interpreters will only be provided at locations per specific requests.

Free 2015 Virginia PreSummit Statewide Learning Session

Ali M. Faruk, Special Assistant to the Commissioner

“Improving the Patient/Family Experience Across the Continuum of Care”

Wednesday, January 28, 2015
7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Richmond Marriott Downtown
500 E. Broad Street, Richmond VA



Recent and projected changes in U.S. health care policies (i.e., readmission penalties, use of patient satisfaction as a pay for performance measure) have provided new incentives for health care organizations and their community partners to coordinate their efforts to improve patient transitions between health care settings and home and to improve the patient experience within health care settings.

This one day session will provide an opportunity for representatives from a variety of health care settings in Virginia to come together to learn about creative strategies for enhancing their efforts to improve care transitions, reduce avoidable hospitalizations and improve the patient experience when hospitalization becomes necessary.

Agenda

7:30 – 8:30 am. Registration

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Overview

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. The Power of Choice in Patient Experience Improvement: Driving Distinction for Positive Outcomes in a Value-Based World

Jason Wolf – President, Beryl Institute

10:00 – 10:15 am. BREAK

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Patient Experience Story Around Care Transitions

11:30 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch/Networking

12:45 – 4:00 p.m. Breakout Tracks

Track 1: Care Transitions/Reducing Readmissions

Target Audience: Healthcare organizations and community partners

Track 2: Patient & Family Engagement/Patient Experience

Target Audience: Hospital-based staff involved with patient experience and patient / family engagement activities

4:15 p.m Summary and Closing Remarks

There is no registration fee for this one day session but pre-registration is required.

Register at: <http://www.vhha.com/eventregistrationlogin.html?id=278>

Registration deadline is January 15, 2015 or sooner if full. Please note that lunch will NOT be provided but will be available for purchase onsite.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Richmond Marriott Hotel at a rate of \$152 for single/double occupancy. The cut-off date for hotel reservations at this rate is Wednesday,



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January 7, 2015. Reference the “VHHA” block when reserving your hotel room by telephone (804-643-3400 or 800-228-9290) or register online at www.marriott.com.

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