

# Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan Annual (Virtual) Conference June 15 & 16, 2021



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#### Tuesday June 15, 2021

#### 9:30-11:00 AM Plenary Session

# <u>From COVID-19 to Managed Care to Dementia-Friendly: National Trends, New Partners & Big Opportunities</u>

Join national aging leader Sandy Markwood for a conversation about the realities, trends and demographic forces changing the way we work now and in the future. From pandemic recovery to managed care to health care contracting to making communities dementia-friendly, Sandy will tackle the national topics and federal policies that affect your agency and your clients.

Presenter: Sandy Markwood, Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging

#### **Looking Ahead: What's next for Michigan?**

Director Hertel will provide an update on senior services in the state of Michigan, focusing conversation on the goals of MDHHS in the coming year.

**Presenter:** Elizabeth Hertel, Director, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

#### 11:15 AM-12:15 PM

#### Session A: Dying Wishes: Advanced Directives Overview

End of life is a very difficult time for family and patients in terms of emotions and advocating the wishes of the dying. This presentation will help decipher and offer suggestions on what health care providers could discuss End of Life issues with patients and families. Health care providers will be able to enhance their knowledge of the legal, technical and emotional outcomes during End of Life as well as help with understanding how proactive conversations can create a balance between the patient's wishes and the family members. In addition, the differences of Palliative and Hospice will be discussed.

**Presenter:** David Soltis, Mayor Pro Tem, Medison Heights

#### Session B: Mutual Missions- How PACE compliments the AAA network

The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE®) is a comprehensive, fully integrated, provider based health plan for the frailest members of our society – those who require a nursing home level of care. The PACE philosophy is centered on the belief that it is better for frail individuals and their families to be served in the community whenever possible. PACE programs coordinate and provide all needed preventive, primary, acute and long-term care services so that participants can continue living in the community.

**Presenters**: Stacey Dudewicz, PACE Director, Sunrise PACE; Luke Reynolds, Executive Director, Life Circles PACE; Stephanie, Winslow, Executive Director, PACE Association of Michigan

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#### **Tuesday June 15, 2021 (cont...)**

12:45pm—1:45 pm

#### Session A: Protect MI Commission: Vaccine Update & Future Health Concerns

**Presenter:** Dr. Surae Eaton, chair, Protect Michigan Commission; Karla Fales, CEO, CareWell Services.

#### **Session B: Journey with Dementia Minds**

A Journey with Dementia Minds promotes dialogue between individuals living with dementia and the people around them. Nationwide, there is a growing population of persons living with dementia who are aware of their diagnosis and are speaking out. Their goals are to abolish the stigma associated with living with dementia, give voice to the lived experience and advocate for full inclusion of persons living with dementia. The Journey with Dementia Minds performance allows persons living with dementia to initiate the conversation that many are afraid to have and then answer questions from the audience during the TalkBack session that follows the performance.

**Presenter:** Brenda Roberts, Director of Quality Assurance & Education, Michigan Assisted Living Association

#### 2:00pm-3:00pm

#### Session A: Practicing Cultural Humility to Address Racial Disparity & Inequity

This session will explore the prevalence of racial disparities in the elderly and disability community and uncover potential solutions to eliminate these disparities. Participants will learn how self-directed services can help dismantle systemic inequities. The session will highlight the role such services play in overcoming cultural barriers to foster stronger relationships with the underserved.

Presenter: Steven Graves, Culture and Belonging Manager, GT Independence

# <u>Session B: Teamwork & Imagination: Creating tools to improve outreach and program efficiency</u>

The MI Choice Waiver Program is available statewide, but what it can do for people in the community is not well known. Professionals have been requesting an easier path to make referrals. This session will explain path behind creating our online MI Choice Waiver referral form and updated marketing materials. It will show the multi-step process from imagination to reality used to create what we feel is improving our organizations with outreach efficiency; making it easier for professionals and others to submit referral information. We desire to share these tools with other Area Agencies on Aging in hopes they will make a positive impact at their organizations similar to how they have at ours.

**Presenters:** Chelsea Szostak, MI Choice Waiver Supports Coordinator, The Senior Alliance; Cindy Huston, Web Manager, Revel; Sarah Powers, Account Manager, Revel

#### Wednesday June 16, 2021

#### 9:30-11:00 AM Plenary Session

#### **Perspectives on the Workforce Crisis**

There is profound national concern regarding how to strengthen the direct care workforce to support the aging population, people with disabilities and their families and caregivers. Our panel of experts will share their perspectives on the workforce crisis including current thinking, best practices, and policy reforms that will lead to solutions that prepare us for the future.

Panel moderated by: Dr. Alexis Travis, Senior Deputy Director, AASA

**Panelists include**: Clare Luz, PhD, Associate Professor, Director of Research, Age Alive, and IMPART Alliance, Department of Family & Community Medicine, Michigan State University.; Sarah Slocum, MA, Co-Director, Program to Improve Eldercare, Altarum Institute; Emily Dieppa, Workforce Innovations Consultant, PHI

#### 11:15 AM—12:15 PM

#### Session A: Elder Abuse Task Force & Elder Abuse Legislative Update

Learn about the genesis and composition of the Michigan Elder Abuse Task Force, considerable resources the Task Force is making available, and how you can keep current on Task Force activity. Understand the Financial Exploitation Prevention Act that is effective in September and other Task Force sponsored legislation that impacts your work and your clients. Enjoy the opportunity to ask questions about the Task Force and provide feedback.

**Presenter:** Katharyn Barron, Assistant Attorney General

#### **Session B: Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults**

This session will provide an overview of functional and access needs for older adults, review the different types, and outline considerations for each in emergency preparedness. We will also discuss hard lessons learned from COVID-19 and how organizations can better prepare for future emergencies.

Presenter: Alice Frame, Program Coordinator, Disability Health Program, MDHHS

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#### **Wednesday June 16 (cont)**

12:45pm—1:45 pm

#### Session A: Social Isolation & Isolation Equity- A SAC Report

Michigan's State Advocacy Council on Aging (SAC) conducted a research project on older adult social isolation and equity. This topic was assigned by the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. In this session, council members will share the detrimental impact of social isolation on older adults, as well as some solutions and recommendations.

**Presenters:** Kristie Zamora, Commissioner; Audra Frye, SAC council member; Marjorie Hobe, SAC council member; Elizabeth Adie Thompson, SAC Council Member

#### **Session B: Building a Compliance Office**

With new and changing programs, Area Agencies on Aging face new compliance requirements. A compliance program is critical in meeting these requirements. In this interactive workshop, attendees will learn about the required components of a compliance program and will discuss strategies for implementing and updating compliance programs in a changing environment.

Presenter: Lydia Gold, Compliance Officer, The Senior Alliance

#### 2:00 pm - 3:00pm

#### Session A: Safe Haven: Together We Can Prevent Elder Abuse

Safe Haven is a project housed at Region 2 AAA. This project received a N4A achievement award in 2018. The program works hand-in-hand with APS and other community organizations to offer immediate safety to adult victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation. R2AAA provides 6-8 weeks of Care Coordination, transitional housing and any services needed to provide safety and relief to these elder and vulnerable adult victims. This program fills a gap in the community when victims are in need of immediate safety options. R2AAA has also developed a regional Vulnerable Adult Coalition which focuses on the protection and prevention of elder and vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The objectives of this coalition is to develop outreach, recruit volunteer peer support, fund raise, network, raise awareness and offer protection to specific victims if needed. Currently, this project is funded by a Victims of Crime Act grant and an annual fundraising event.

**Presenters:** Kara Lorenz, Assistant Director, R2AAA, Angie Shepherd, Elder Abuse Victims Specialist Program Manager, & Ron Tatro, VP, Elder Law of Michigan

#### Session B: Future Trends in Aging

This session will explore current and future trends in aging including Human Longevity, Ageism and its impacts and Health Disparities. The Reframing Aging Initiative will be discussed as well.

**Presenter:** Dr. Peter A. Lichtenberg, Ph.D, ABPP, Director Institute of Gerontology and Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute