



## LCAO ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

### Committee and Workgroup Meetings

Income and Security – **Today** at 2:30 – 3:30 pm  
Community Service- 4/30/2020 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
Coronavirus Workgroup –5/12/20, and 5/26/20 10:15 am – 11:15 am

### LCAO May Council Meeting

The monthly LCAO meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 am – 12:00 noon**. **Please note:** This will be a **(Virtual Skype meeting)**. The dial-in feature will allow non-Skype participants the option to still join by phone. Expect the meeting invitation and materials early next week.

We are pleased to have joining us for the meeting, **Amy Hill, Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Health, House Ways and Means Committee** led by Chairman Neal, along with a **speaker from CMS** specializing in nursing home issues.

### Webinar on Caregivers

#### **Supporting Family Caregivers of Older Adults through Times of Stress and Isolation**

The Center for Consumer Engagement in Health Innovation at Community Catalyst's next webinar in the Geriatric-Competent Care (GCC) series, presented in collaboration with the [Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office](#) and the Lewin Group will be "**Supporting Family Caregivers of Older Adults through Times of Stress and Isolation**," offering strategies for supporting caregivers and their loved ones, up-to-date information on facilitating access to health and social supports from which caregivers might benefit, and practical tips for addressing the specific needs of caregivers experiencing social isolation and stress-related conditions

The webinar is scheduled for **Thursday April 30** from 12:00-1:30 p.m. EST. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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## ACL- IRS Updated Guidance for Supplemental Security Income Recipients

**Updated IRS Guidance for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipients with Qualifying Dependents [Use the IRS Non-filer Tool](#) by Tuesday, May 5, for full payment as soon as possible**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued [updated guidance for SSI](#) recipients with qualifying dependents eligible for COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments. SSI recipients who did **not** file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and who have qualifying dependents **must submit additional information** using the IRS's Non-Filer tool by **Tuesday, May 5, 2020** to receive the full amount of their Economic Impact Payments as soon as possible. Eligible SSI recipients will start receiving their automatic payments directly from the Treasury Department in early May.

Please note that Direct Express account holders may use the IRS's Non-Filer tool, but they **cannot** receive their and their children's payment on their Direct Express card. They may only enter non-Direct Express bank account information for direct deposit, or leave bank information empty to receive a paper check by mail.

## Alzheimer Foundation Webinars

**Webinar: Elder Care in Our New World: How a Team Approach Can Bring You Peace of Mind  
May 5 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EDT**

Caring for an aging parent, elderly spouse, loved one or close friend presents very difficult challenges. Often times a crisis occurs and you're suddenly faced with the responsibilities of elder care. And, we now find ourselves in unprecedented times with the COVID-19 pandemic where families are struggling to access care and even spend time with their elderly loved ones. Being a caregiver is difficult enough with everyday trials but the new world of eldercare that we find ourselves in requires a more comprehensive and assertive approach to best help our loved ones with their legal, financial and personal care needs. How do I get my loved one the best care possible? How do I protect their assets and income? How do I get Medicaid to help pay for all the care that's needed? These are very common concerns and there are answers and help.

*Guest speaker: Brian Andrew Tully, Esq., CELA  
Founder of Tully Law, PC and a Certified Elder Law Attorney*

[Click here to register](#)

**Care Connection Webinar: Genetic Testing for Dementia in the Era of Precision Medicine**  
**May 14 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EDT**

This webinar will focus on how to identify who is most at risk for having a hereditary dementia, and discuss genetic counseling and genetic testing protocols. Discussion will include:

- Explaining the difference between sporadic and familial disease history.
- Describing the benefits and limitations related to diagnostic and predictive genetic testing.
- Detailing what is involved when participating in a Heredity Dementia Risk Assessment

*Guest speaker: Jill S. Goldman, MS, MPhil, CGC, Professor of Genetic Counseling in Neurology, Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Scientists, and Genetic Counselor at Columbia University's Taub Institute.*

[Click here to register](#)

**National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day 2020**

*COMBATING SOCIAL ISOLATION FOR SENIORS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC*

**Thursday, May 7, 2020, 1:00-2:30 PM ET**

[Register for this event](#)

Join the Administration for Community Living (ACL), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), and the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging (NCMHA) for a thoughtful discussion on ways to prevent social isolation and promote mental health during this unprecedented time in our history.

Suicide, depression, anxiety, and problems with alcohol and medications are issues that older adults face. The U.S. Census Bureau indicates that by 2030, there will be nearly 75 million Americans over age 65. A 2012 study from the Institute of Medicine found that nearly 1 in 5 older Americans has one or more mental health/substance use conditions. According to 2018 data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and reported by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, adults in the 75-84 and 85+ age groups are among those with the highest rates of suicide.

Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day 2020 will feature remarks from Lance Robertson, ACL Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, and Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use. It will also share the latest information on social isolation and loneliness from Dr. Dilip Jeste, University of California San Diego Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry.

**More Information on COVID-19 Responses:**

- [ACL Resources](#) for older adults, providers, communities, and states

- [SAMHSA Resources](#) to assist individuals, providers, communities, and states

[VA Resources](#), including [What Veterans Need to Know](#) and [Maintaining Your Mental Health and Well-Being](#)

## National Adult Protective Services Association Press Release

“The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) is disseminating a press release ([attached](#)) highlighting that older adults and younger adults with disabilities may be even more vulnerable to abuse during the pandemic and isolation but APS and other supports are still operational. Please pass this on to your own partners and members, particularly those in the field working with older adults. This and other APS specific COVID-19 materials are on NAPSA’s main page ([www.napsa-now.org](http://www.napsa-now.org))”. Contact: Kendra Kuehn, [kendra.kuehn@napsa-now.org](mailto:kendra.kuehn@napsa-now.org).

## House Democratic Caucus Task Force on Aging & Families

### House Democratic Caucus Task Force On Aging & Families Outlines Blueprint For Protecting Older Americans Amid Covid-19

**April 27, 2020**  
**Press Release**

**WASHINGTON** – Today, following last week’s House vote to provide additional support for small businesses, hospitals, health care workers and all Americans, House Democrats’ Task Force on Aging and Families announced a set of principles guiding its efforts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The blueprint builds on the Task Force’s previously announced [Older Americans Bill of Rights](#), a comprehensive framework to keep Older Americans and their families healthy, safe and financially secure.

Follow the link to read the full release. [House Democratic Caucus Task Force on Aging and Families Press Release](#)

## Job Opportunities

### **AARP - Director of State and Federal Health Programs**

Reporting to the VP, Health Security in the Public Policy Institute (PPI), the Director of State and Federal Health Programs is a senior level professional with extensive health policy development and research experience who oversees PPI activities related to state and federal health care coverage and programs, focusing on areas such as Medicaid, Medicare, and delivery reform.

<https://careers.aarp.org/ShowJob/JobId/2480423/Director-State-and-Federal-Health-Programs>

### **AARP - Director, LTSS and Senior Policy Advisor, LTSS**

These two positions are part of the Institute's *Family, Home and Community* team, which is dedicated to researching issues and providing innovative solutions to ensure that older adults and those who care for them have the highest quality of life in their homes and communities. The team covers the range of LTSS issues, including Home and Community-Based Services, Older Americans Act Services, Nursing Home Care, Managed LTSS, and LTSS Financing (including Medicaid LTSS). This team is behind the [LTSS State Scorecard](#) amongst other PPI research.

The Senior Policy Advisor will join the team of senior-level professionals with expertise in this issue area and will have extensive policy development and research experience in LTSS. The Director will also have subject matter expertise, lead that group and set the strategic agenda for PPI's work in that area.

For more information, please see the listings here: [Director, LTSS](#) and [Senior Policy Advisor, LTSS](#)

### **Thank You**

*Weekly announcements will normally be distributed every Wednesday. If you or your organization has content, announcements, or attachments you'd like to include, please send them to [esheppard@aarpp.org](mailto:esheppard@aarpp.org) by noon on Tuesday.*