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JACIL names executive director

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Peggy Davidsmeyer

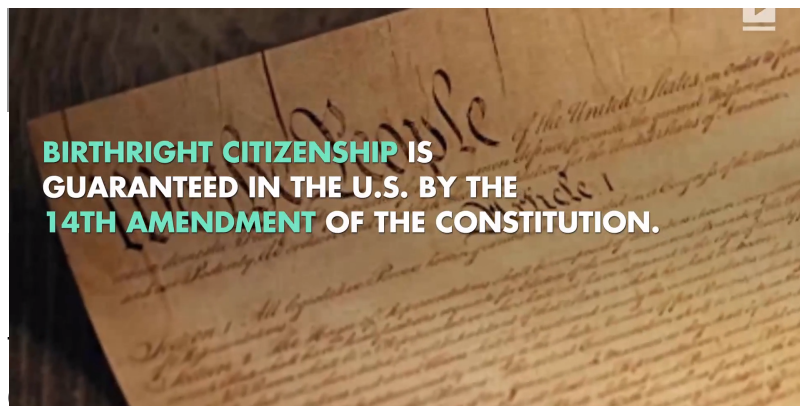
The Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living has a new executive director.

Peggy Davidsmeyer will fill a vacancy that will be left by the retirement of Becky McGinnis. She this summer announced her plan to leave the position Jan. 1.

Davidsmeyer grew up in Cass County and graduated

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from Beardstown High School. She has a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University. Davidsmeyer has disabilities in various roles, in Springfield, and activity administrator, management and assistant center director at the Jacksonville Developmental Center. She was promoted to center director in 2007 and served until her retirement in 2011.

Davidsmeyer then accepted the position of administrator at Knollwood Retirement Village, serving in that capacity from 2011 through 2016.

She is a certified dementia practitioner and licensed nursing home administrator. She served on the original committee that started the Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living and is a member of the Elm City board of directors, YMCA board of directors, member of the Illinois Nursing Home Administrator's Association, past director for Jacksonville Savings Bank, past president of the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce, immediate past chair of the West Central Mass Transit District and active in her church's music ministry.

Davidsmeyer is married with two grown sons.

She will begin her duties at the Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living on Dec. 3. There will be a meet-and-greet event 4-6 p.m. Dec. 11 at the facility at 15 Permac Road.

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