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### ACHCA Announces Board Appointments

The American College of Health Care Administrators is expanding its board with six geographical districts. The college announces the following appointments:

- Joseph Baird Jr. as director of district four, which includes Alabama, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia. Baird, of Winder, Ga., is the administrator of Madison Health & Rehabilitation Center, PineLeaf Investments, in Madison, Ga.
- Barbara N. Fels as director of district two, which includes New Jersey and New York. Fels, of Clarksburg, N.J., was employed with the Masonic Home of New Jersey, a 527-bed long-term care facility for 27 years. She was the administrator for four years, associate administrator for 16 years, director of professional services for four years and the director of nursing services for three years.
- Brenda L. Lawrence as director of district three, which includes Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. With more than 20 years of long-term care experience at Lutheran Home-Monroe, Lawrence, of Lambertville, Mich., has been the administrator for the past nine years.
- Hugh J. Hall as director of district one, which includes Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Ontario (Canada). Hall, of West Warwick, R.I. is the administrator of West View Health Care Center, a 120-bed skilled and rehabilitation center in West Warwick.
- John R. Pratt, of Standish, Maine, was inducted as the academic representative to bring educational and leadership perspective to program discussions and initiatives. Pratt is a tenured professor and director of the health administration programs at Saint Joseph's College of Maine.

### AHCA/NCAL Applauds Long-Term Care Act

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The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living praises the efforts of Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., and Rep. Lee Terry, R-Neb., for introducing The Long-Term Care Act of 2007 in the Senate and House of Representatives.

The legislation would allow people to use, without penalty, pre-tax dollars from individual retirement accounts as well as other retirement savings plans to purchase qualified long-term care insurance.

*Genworth Financial's 2007 Cost of Care Survey*, which was released in April, found that the average national cost of long-term care had increased 15 percent since 2004 and that 75 percent of Americans have made no long-term care plans, while 59 percent expressed concern about being able to pay for long-term care.

"The staggering costs of retirement can quickly overwhelm one's savings, so it is important for the 77 million baby boomers who are rapidly approaching retirement age to prepare themselves now for their health care needs when they do retire," AHCA/NCAL President and CEO Bruce Yarwood says in a press release.

#### Dalpiazz Leads AAHSA's Long-Term Care Solution Project

Elaine Dalpiazz will now lead American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging's campaign to advance reforms for financing long-term care in the U.S.

In her new role, Dalpiazz will be responsible for leading the organization's effort to develop a three- to five- year plan for policy makers, opinion leaders, providers and consumers to educate and influence their thinking about the need for policy changes to meet the critical needs of America's rapidly aging population.

Dalpiaz brings to the project more than 20 years of experience addressing issues and policies critical to American seniors. Since 2005, she has worked as an independent policy and legislative consultant. She also served as professional staff for Sen. John Breaux, D-La., on the Senate Special Committee on Aging where she was primarily responsible for the issues of long-term care, healthy aging, family caregiving and the Older Americans Act. Prior to joining the committee, Dalpiazz worked for Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., as a legislative assistant. There, she handled a variety of domestic policy affecting older adults, including Social Security, Medicare reform and prescription drug coverage.

Dalpiaz has also served as deputy director of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, communications director for the National Senior Service Corps and as a program officer in the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Walsh College in Canton, Ohio and her master's degree in social policy from the London School of Economics.

## ALFA Releases Toolkit on Hospice and Assisted Living

The Assisted Living Federation of America now offers a toolkit with information on hospice services for residents of assisted living communities.

ALFA worked with the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) to develop this three-part toolkit for assisted living providers, hospice providers and consumers.

The consumer portion of the toolkit provides an overview of assisted living and hospice care, a checklist to help select an assisted living community with hospice services and a step-by-step guide to advance planning and helping a family member no longer able to make decisions. The hospice portion provides an understanding of assisted living for hospice providers and the assisted living portion provides information about hospice for assisted living providers.

For more information, visit [www.alfa.org](http://www.alfa.org).

## NCCDP Announces Alzheimer's and Dementia Training

The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners announces its Alzheimer's and dementia "train the trainer" seminars are available throughout the United States.

The seminars—recommended for corporate trainers, inservice directors, geriatric care managers, nurses, administrators, activity professionals, social workers and consultants—provide the tools to implement a comprehensive training program, including Power Point disk, overhead copies, five text books, a video and handouts.

To qualify to become a certified dementia practitioner, the applicant must:

- be certified or licensed in a health care profession
- have three years experience in health care
- have completed a minimum of seven hours of a comprehensive Alzheimer's and dementia course.

The NCCDP has over 75 trainers nationwide who can also bring the dementia curriculum to a facility. The NCCDP also offers free CEUS through the *Alzheimer's Care Guide Magazine*.

For more information, locations and dates, call (877) 729-5191 or visit [www.nccdp.org](http://www.nccdp.org).

## ICAA Announces Active Aging Week

The International Council on Active Aging announces Active Aging Week will take place Sept. 24-Oct. 1, and this year's theme is "Choose an active life."

The annual event, which culminates on the International Day of Older Persons, focuses on giving as many older adults as possible the means to experience activities and exercise in a safe, friendly and fun atmosphere. During the week, host organizations provide various free activities, such as classes, educational seminars and offer access to fitness facilities, health fairs and community walks.

Events are held at senior living organizations, senior centers, health clubs, parks, recreation centers and apartment/condominium complexes that are age-restricted or age-qualified.

This year's event is sponsored by Philips Medical Systems, Thorlo Inc. and The Theraband Academy. For more information, visit [www.icaa.cc](http://www.icaa.cc).

## Alzheimer's Association & SNAP for Seniors Announce Senior Housing Finder

The Alzheimer's Association, in collaboration with SNAP for Seniors<sup>®</sup> Inc., announces the upcoming launch of the Senior Housing Finder, the first national online dementia-specific senior housing database.

The Alzheimer's Association and SNAP for Seniors, a Seattle-based corporation which offers a free online resource with information and tools to help make informed decisions about senior housing, invite all senior housing and residential care providers to complete a free SNAP-Profile so that their detailed information will be included in search results when the search engine goes live in November 2007.

The Senior Housing Finder is an extension of the Alzheimer's Association CareFinder, which helps identify care options based on a person's needs and preferences. The addition of the Senior Housing Finder, powered by SNAP for Seniors, will provide search tools that allow users to locate professional and residential care options that match the level of care a person requires.

The housing finder functions much like a regular search engine, allowing users to search by various geographic criteria, name of residence, housing type, availability status and license type. An advanced search option will also be available, which allows users to screen for desired lifestyle amenities and care services, including the specific level of dementia care offered. In addition to the free listing, a photo gallery and availability posting

service are offered for a fee.

Consumers will be able to access Senior Housing Finder directly through the Alzheimer's Association's web site. The Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 national helpline will also direct callers to the Senior Housing Finder.

For more information or to complete a profile, call SnapforSeniors at (206) 575-0728 or (888) 651-SNAP(7627), or visit [www.SNAPforSeniors.com](http://www.SNAPforSeniors.com) or [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org), and click on "Professionals & Researchers" tab and then click on "Professional Care Providers."

#### CMSA Announces New President and Board

At its annual conference held June 19-23 in Denver, Colo., the Case Management Society of America installed a new president and board of directors.

CMSA appointed Peter Moran, RN,C, BSN, MS, CCM, of Newburyport, Mass., was appointed as its 17th president. A member of CMSA since 1995, Moran has served as president of the New England chapter, as a representative of the National Chapter Presidents' Council, National Industry Council Chair, and as CMSA's national vice president. The recipient of CMSA's 2004-2005 National Case Manager of the Year award, Moran has served as a nurse case manager in the emergency department at Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital with a special interest in the care of the homeless and frail elders.

At the meeting, CMSA also welcomed new members to its 2007-2008 board of directors. CMSA officers include the following:

- President: Peter Moran, RN,C, BSN, MS, CCM, Newburyport, Mass.
- President-Elect: Jeff Frater, RN, BSN, CCM, Colbert, Wash.
- Vice President: Margaret Chu, RN, BSN, MPA, RNC, CCM, CPHQ, East Williston, N.Y.
- Secretary: Carolyn Simon, MSN, RN, CPUR, CCM, Albuquerque, N.M.
- Treasurer: Patricia Agius, RN, BS, A-CCC, CCM, CPHQ, Danbury, Conn.
- Immediate Past President: Connie Commander, RN, BS, CCM, ABDA, CPUR, Pearland, Texas
- Executive Director: Cheri Lattimer, RN, BSN, Little Rock, Ark.

CMSA directors include the following:

- Cheryl Humphrey, RN, BS, MSN, CCM, Westfield, Mass. (Chapter Presidents' Council Chair)
- Terry Kelley, RN, CCM, Orangevale, Calif.
- Mary Beth Newman, RN, MSN, A-CCC, CMAC, CCP, Loveland, Ohio

- Rebecca Perez, RN, CCM, CPUR, CPUM, High Ridge, Mo. (member-at-large)
- Melanie Ann Prince, USAF, MSN, CCM, CMAC, CNA, PAHM, Upper Marlboro, Md.
- Teri Treiger, RN-C, MA, CCM, CPUR, CCP, Holbrook, Mass.

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