

January 18, 2012

Mark your calendars for 2012 conferences!

Annual Conference

May 20-23, 2012
Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond

Fall Leadership Conference

October 10-12, 2012
Hood River Inn, Hood River

OF SPECIAL NOTE

Legislative Advocacy Day to be held February 2 at the Capitol

For several years, LeadingAge Oregon has been a member of the Campaign for Seniors and People with Disabilities (COSPD), a broad based coalition of organizations that advocates in support of Oregon's system of long term care services and supports for Oregon's seniors. As mentioned in the last News in Brief, COSPD is holding a legislative advocacy day **February 2nd from 10 am to 2:30 at the Capitol**. AARP, a COSPD member, is handling registration for the event. Members interested in attending can register [online](#). Other COSPD members are handling logistics and will be scheduling meetings with legislators for those registering.

STATE NEWS

Legislative Fiscal Office Requested 10.5% Budget Reduction Options updated

The DHS 10.5% budget reduction options for Adults and Persons with Disabilities (APD, formerly SPD) submitted to the legislative fiscal office was updated to reflect the Fall 2010 caseload forecast and cost per case. The update modified some of the budget numbers but did not change the overall items included for reduction or elimination. See the updated [LeadingAge Oregon summary of the budget reduction options](#) for more detail.

Second Draft of CCO Implementation Proposal completed

The second draft of the [Coordinated Care Organization \(CCO\) Implementation Proposal](#) was presented to the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) on January 10. The Oregon House Committee on Health Care was provided an update of the plan and draft legislative concept today. The report will be finalized on January 24 following the public comment period ending January 18. Tension continues between the need for both specificity and flexibility in developing the criteria that entities will need to demonstrate to become a CCO. All materials presented to the OHPB may be found on the board's [website](#).

DHS Budget Note Report completed

As previously reported HB 5030 (2011) directed the Governor to convene key stakeholders and DHS staff to make recommendations preserving and enhancing Oregon's long term care system for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Those recommendations are contained in the recently completed [Final Report](#) that has been submitted to the Legislature. One group focused on the best mix of services and supports to prevent or delay Medicaid eligibility. Much of the work of the second group, on which Ruth Gulyas sat, focused on the relationship between the long term care system and the changes to health care delivery through the development of Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs).

Nursing home administrator rules revised as of January 1

Oregon's Nursing Home Administrators Board has adopted new rules as of January 1. Among the highlights:

- License renewals will be for a period of one year; the renewal fee is \$130. The Oregon Health Licensing Agency has indicated that it plans to stagger renewal dates so that administrator renewals will come up throughout the year, instead of all at the same time.
- The required CEUs per year will drop from 30 to 20; the reporting period will be one year. The change was made because OHLA anticipates they will be pickier about what programs qualify for CEUs.
- AIT program requirements are being revised, with new materials available this spring. Current AITs can complete their program under the old requirements.
- Any Preceptor registered before Dec. 31, 2011 must take a Preceptor Training by Dec. 31, 2012 due to the AIT program changes.

OHLA is planning to hold an educational event on March 1 to review the rule changes. In addition, LeadingAge Oregon will plan to schedule at least one Preceptor Training and perhaps more before Dec. 31 to assist current Preceptors to meet the new requirements. [Read the new rules.](#)

Last In-Home Care Agency Rule Advisory Committee to be held next week

The last meeting of the rules advisory committee (RAC) working on revisions to the In-Home Care Agency licensing rules is being held next week. LeadingAge Oregon will let members know the results of the meeting.

Nursing facilities: Have you checked to see how your staff flu vaccination rates compare?

The health care worker vaccination rate in Oregon's nursing homes runs just over 50 percent, far below the goal of 90 percent that the state hopes to achieve by 2020. A Legislative Workgroup has been convened to examine strategies to increase vaccination rates in hospitals, nursing homes and other health care settings. One legislative concept under review would require health care workers to provide employers with evidence that they received a seasonal flu vaccine or a written declaration that the worker declines the vaccination. Some health care advocates would like to repeal the Oregon law that prevents employers from requiring the vaccine as a condition of employment. Currently hospitals and nursing homes are required to report their vaccination rates for workers, credentialed non-employees (physicians, etc.), and other non-employees (students, volunteers) in an annual survey to Oregon Health Policy and Research. Nursing homes can view their reported vaccination rates and compare them to others in the recently released [2010-2011 Healthcare Worker Influenza Vaccination Rates report](#).

Feb. 7 MOVE program features popular author Wendy Lustbader

Making Oregon Vital for Elders (MOVE), Oregon's culture change coalition, is sponsoring a special program next month featuring **Wendy Lustbader**, MSW, the author of several books that have earned her a national reputation in the field of aging. Lustbader will lead a program on "Busting the Bias: Elders as Individuals" on **Feb. 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the Monarch Hotel & Conference Center in Clackamas. [Register for the event.](#)

AARP volunteers available to man voter registration tables

AARP Oregon has volunteers in several areas who are willing to set up voter registration tables in senior communities to ensure that your residents are registered to vote in upcoming elections. Volunteers are available in the Portland metropolitan area, Bend, Rogue Valley, Salem, Eugene and Lincoln City. If you would like to request volunteers to set up a voter registration table, e-mail AARP oraarp@aarp.org.

Background check provider crime list updated

The Department of Human Services' Background Check Unit has added one new permanent crime to its provider crime list, identified by the word "new" in the Previous Designation column. View the provider crime list on the [Background Check Unit website](#) by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page.

CNA quarterly reporting e-mail changed

Nursing facilities should send all future CNA Quarterly Reports to the following e-mail address: DHS.NASTAFFING@STATE.OR.US. If you encounter any problems, please contact Sean Scott, 503.945.5975 or email SPScott@dhs.state.or.us.

Pacific Northwest Therapeutic Recreation Association plans event Jan. 20

The Pacific Northwest Therapeutic Recreation Association is holding its 2012 Annual Workshop on Friday, Jan. 20 at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital. [View the flier.](#)

New background check training modules, permanent rules posted

The Department of Human Services (DHS) Background Check Unit (BCU) has posted two additional training models for CRIMS, the online background check system, as well as permanent background check rules (recently revised to add requirements related to abuse checks). Access the [rules](#) and the [training modules](#).

Reminder: ALFs/RCFs must submit renewal documents 45 days ahead

Seniors and People with Disabilities is reminding ALF and RCFs that they must obtain and complete renewal applications and submit them to SPD at least 45 days before their license expires. In addition, providers must obtain their own Fire Marshal Inspection form by contacting Carolyn Ramus, carolyn.ramus@state.or.us, 503.945.5853. SPD will invoice renewal fees 60 days prior to license expiration. [Read the reminder](#).

NATIONAL NEWS

Nursing home staff reminded about obligation to report suspicion of a crime

CMS has issued a reminder to nursing home staff about their duty to report suspicion of a crime in a long-term care facility to at least one law enforcement agency and the state survey agency. The requirement was mandated by the Elder Justice Act. LeadingAge has provided an [overview](#) of nursing facility obligations as well as a [sample poster](#) that can be posted to make sure staff knows about the requirement.

HUD clarifies documentation needed for rejected applicant households

HUD has issued clarification on what kind of documentation housing providers must keep for households that don't meet eligibility requirements. Apparently this has been an issue in some areas and has resulted in citations during Management and Occupancy Reviews (MORs). [Read the clarification](#).

Social accountability webinars and materials available online

If you missed the three webinars on social accountability presented by Holleran and LeadingAge, you can view the webinars and download the materials on the [LeadingAge website](#). The webinars discuss how not-for-profit aging services providers can foster a culture of social accountability and track their community benefit, critical practices in a time when challenges to not-for-profit status are increasing.

ALLIANCE NEWS

Teepa Snow program in Woodburn is filling up fast

After a little more than a week, registrations are coming in very fast for the Teepa Snow program planned **Feb. 23** at the **Woodburn Health Center** (Wellspring) in Woodburn, so please register as soon as possible if you have not already done so! Registration is also open for the **Feb. 24** program at **Rogue Valley Manor in Medford**. Teepa Snow is a nationally-known dementia trainer who is in high demand across the country for her interactive and engaging programs. To learn more about her, visit her website at www.teepasnow.com.

[View the Feb. 23 Teepa Snow Woodburn flier.](#)
[Register for Woodburn online.](#)

[View the Feb. 24 Teepa Snow Medford flier.](#)
[Register for Medford online.](#)

Feb. 8 webinar will probe CCRC applicant screening and Fair Housing

According to a presenter at the LeadingAge Annual Meeting in October, CCRC applicant screening is a "growing area of litigation and claims." We have scheduled a webinar from **2:00 to 3:00 p.m on Feb. 8** exclusively for LeadingAge Oregon members to discuss the latest thoughts and practices related to applicant screening in CCRCs. Presenters include Cory Kallheim, LeadingAge Director of Legal Affairs, and Dee Sellner, President & CEO of Terwilliger Plaza. [View the flier.](#) [Register online.](#)

LeadingAge Oregon partners with Eden Alternative for Bill Thomas webinars

LeadingAge Oregon and other LeadingAge state associations have partnered with the Eden Alternative on a three-part webinar series featuring Dr. Bill and Jude Thomas, co-founders of The Eden Alternative. This is an affordable way to bring high quality culture change programming to your staff!

The webinars are \$99 apiece, or you can register for all three for a package price of \$240. The webinars and dates are (all webinars are noon to 1 p.m. Pacific time):

- Feb. 13 - Enging Ageism
- April 2 - Reclaiming Elderhood
- June 18 - Creating Convivium

[Access the flier and registration links.](#)

Last chance to register for Jan. 25 marketing seminar!

There's still time to register for our special Jan. 25 marketing seminar, "**Denial, Less Demand and Dull Selling = Falling Occupancies in Senior Care and Housing**," featuring new Business Associate member Stephen Wright of Wright Mature Market Services. Steve last joined us for a very popular marketing program almost three years ago, so be sure to take the opportunity to learn from an expert in the field! [View the flier.](#) [Register online.](#)

There also is still room in the following educational program!

(Register online for any of LeadingAge Oregon program on the [LeadingAge Oregon website](#))

- **Feb. 2-3:** [Navigating the MDS 3.0: RAI Training for Nursing Facility Staff.](#) Holgate Center, Portland

Welcome to Wright Mature Market Services

A warm LeadingAge Oregon welcome to new Business Associate member **Stephen Wright** and his consulting firm, [Wright Mature Market Services](#). With more than 25 years experience in senior care and housing, Wright Mature Market Services has worked with more than 200 communities in the United States and Canada. The Tacoma, Washington-based company provides services in all aspects of mature market sales, senior housing sales and marketing, market analysis and market audits. Steve is bringing his expertise to Oregon for our Jan. 25 marketing seminar (see separate item above). Contact Steve at 253.383.4543, or steve@wrightmaturemarket.com.