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LeadingAge Joins Lawsuit Against HHS and CMS

LeadingAge has made a **commitment** to use every tool available –legislative, legal, and regulatory—to both address the fundamental issue of building the long-term care workforce and halt implementation of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) final staffing rule. LeadingAge intends to file to join **the American Health Care Association lawsuit** against the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and CMS. We are in full agreement with the arguments made in the lawsuit.

Mandates, as we’ve said repeatedly to Congress, to the Biden Administration, and to HHS, are not the right approach to achieving the shared goal of ensuring older adults’ and families’ access to quality long-term care. They will without question impact our nonprofit, mission-driven nursing homes’ ability to provide care and services.

Eric Boley, LeadingAge Wyoming President, along with other state associations strongly encouraged LeadingAge to join the lawsuit. The national LeadingAge board reconsidered their stance and ultimately decided to join AHCA in their lawsuit.

Spring Meeting Recap

LeadingAge Wyoming held their spring meeting May 7-8 in Cody, Wyoming. There were many great speakers and topics at the meeting. Everyone in attendance agreed the meeting was educational and time well spent with others. Below is a link for the handouts from the meeting.

- The Fine Art of People Power - Jonathan Bowman
- Licensing & Surveys - Laura Hudspeth and Tim Cozad
- State Long Term Care Ombudsman - Patricia Hall
- LeadingAge - Jody Eyigor
- Mountain Pacific - Jill Hult
- Alzheimer's Association - Debra Antista-Bianchi
- Kevin Franke - UW Center on Aging



**Jonathan
Bowman**



Jodi Eyigor



Patricia Hall

LeadingAge Wyoming Spring
Meeting Handouts

What You Need to Know



Fall Shared Learning Series: Committing to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Back by popular demand is the **LeadingAge DEI Shared Learning Series**. Facilitated by LeadingAge's Kirsten Jacobs, this virtual learning series is back for a third cohort of participants from LeadingAge provider member organizations who are ready to commit to diversity, equity, and inclusion. **Learn more about the series and register soon**—the series is first-come, first-served and fills up quickly!

CAST Updates Social Connectedness Technology Tool

The LeadingAge Center for Aging Services Technologies (CAST) Social Connectedness and Engagement Technology Tool has been **updated with new products, product updates, and four new case studies** to help providers choose the right engagement technologies.

New Insights and Tools From LeadingAge

LeadingAge experts are developing essential advocacy, guidance, and tools—and the most relevant resources for members. Here is what's new:

- **Building the Power of Connections Online for Isolated Older Adults**
- **Enhanced Barrier Precautions: Updates, FAQs from CDC Town Hall**
- **GAO Releases LTC Ombudsman Program Report**
- **Hospice NP and PA Attending Physician Issues Explained**
- **Overpayment Reruns FAQs for PACE and MAOs Released: CMS**
- **Protect Food Stamp Benefits: LeadingAge Signs on to Coalition Letter**



August 26, 2024

Golf Tournament
Three Crowns Golf Club
Casper, Wyoming

August 27-28, 2024

Annual Meeting
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Casper, Wyoming





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