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October 2020 Update

Coalition News

Annual Meeting Highlights: A record crowd of 175 registered for our virtual Annual Meeting on September 25. The meeting provided a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the Coalition, hear presentations, and connect with others. The event experienced one technical glitch. Michael Gonzales of UnitedHealthcare was unable to show a video on Dual-eligible Special Needs Plans. To watch the video featuring a North Carolina beneficiary go to: <https://vimeo.com/user32196867/review/331850696/52d23a7067> and use the password DSNP_NC.

Highlights of the meeting included the following:

- Board Chair, Tracy Colvard, provided an overview of the State of the Coalition.
- Tracy Colvard, Charmaine Fuller Cooper, Chad Walker, and Janice Tylor were re-elected to two year terms on the Coalition's Board of Directors.
- Dr. Sandy Gregory, Director of North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM), and Steve Freedman, of NCDHHS/Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), were honored as Pioneer Award recipients.
- Dr. Don Taylor, Director of the Social Science Research Institute, Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University, delivered a substantive informative keynote address



Steve Freedman



Dr. Sandy Gregory

The Coalition gives special thanks to the Sponsors for the annual meeting and for their support of our continuing work

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October Coalition Meeting: Mark your calendar for October 23, 2020 the date of the next Coalition Meeting and Olmstead Listening Session.

During the first segment of the meeting, we will welcome **Dr. Susan Kansagra, Section Chief, Chronic Disease and Injury Section from NC Division of Public Health**, to provide an overview of NC DHHS efforts in long-term care related to COVID-19 which will include information on the new visitation guidelines. The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 am.

Following our regular meeting we will be co-hosting a special Olmstead Listening Session from 11:30 am -1:00 pm. The Coalition is pleased to coordinate an [Olmstead Listening Session](#) in partnership with DHHS. This is an opportunity to share your perspective on our state's system of support for individuals with disabilities. To date the Technical Assistance Collaborative, TAC, has facilitated 13 Listening Sessions to gather input from stakeholders about the strengths, opportunities, gaps and challenges that exist. This final session is intended to complete the formal process for gathering stakeholder feedback for the Service Systems Assessment.

NCCOA October Membership Meeting

10:00 am- 11:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86354860412>

Meeting ID: 863 5486 0412

Passcode: 828518

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NC DHHS Olmstead Listening Session

11:30 am-1:00 pm

The Invite link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/98863272336?pwd=NUVNYitsRHdEWWZCZ0h3QVdjUjU5QT09>

Meeting ID: 988 6327 2336

Passcode: 579673L

Official Launch of Essential Jobs, Essential Care

NCCOA is thrilled to partner with [PHI](#) for a multi-year effort advocacy initiative aimed to improve jobs for direct care workers. "Essential Jobs, Essential Care" is focused on advancing policy solutions for direct care workers across three areas: increasing wages and reimbursement rates, promoting workforce innovations, and improving data collection. Other project sites include the states of Michigan and New Mexico. Check out our blog interview at <https://phinational.org/essential-jobs-essential-care-a-conversation-with-north-carolina/>. A kick-off event is being planned for January 2020. If your passion is direct care workforce issues and want to be included, please email me at executivedirector@nccoalitionaging.com. For more details check out our new project brochure which I have attached.

Joint statement urging North Carolinians to get influenza vaccinations.

NCCOA is one of 24 organizations that released a joint statement urging North Carolinians to get influenza vaccinations to protect their health. To read the full statement click [here](#).

Things to Know

SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification App

NCDHHS released the SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification app. The app allows citizens be notified if they have been in close contact with someone who has shared a positive COVID-19 test result in the app. Once you opt-in to the notification system, you can also anonymously share a positive COVID-19 test result in the app. SlowCOVIDNC protects your identity and privacy while empowering you to protect yourself, your family, and your community. More information is available [here](#).

PCP's Eligible to Get Reimbursed COVID-Related Services for Uninsured

NCDHHS developed a program to reimburse primary care providers (PCPs) for providing medical care for COVID-19 related services (e.g. follow-up care) to uninsured North Carolina residents with federal funds. While the portal to submit claims will not be live until late October, claims will be reimbursed retroactively to Sept. 1, 2020. Individuals are eligible for the program if they are North Carolina residents and have no health care coverage (e.g. Medicaid, Medicare, or other health insurance). Eligible providers are PCPs that operate in the state of North Carolina and are registered in NCTracks, North Carolina's Medicaid payment platform. This new program follows the launch of the Medicaid [Optional COVID-19 Testing Program](#), which provides reimbursement for testing costs for uninsured and qualified NC residents.

Census Deadline Extended until October 31, 2020

The deadline for the 2020 U.S. census survey has been extended to Oct. 31, according to [a news release from the Census Bureau](#). As of September 24, 2020, NC's self-response rate was 62.6%. Attached is the county by county self-response Rate.

Electronic Visit Verification contract awarded to Sandata

NC DHHS awarded a contract to Sandata Technologies, LLC on Sept. 24, 2020, and will implement services for Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) statewide on Jan. 1, 2021. EVV is a method used to verify visit activity for services delivered as part of home- and community-based service programs EVV offers a measure of accountability to help ensure that individuals who are authorized to receive services, in fact, receive them. Information about EVV is available on the [Medicaid EVV webpage](#). Programs subject to the EVV requirement are State Plan Personal Care (PCS) [In-Home], CAP/DA, CAP/C, self-directed personal attendant care services, Innovations Waiver, TBI Waiver and the 1115 Managed Care Demonstration Waiver. NC

Medicaid will provide additional information in the coming weeks regarding the onboarding of Sandata, including dates and times of provider and beneficiary training. Medicaid will host stakeholder engagement discussions during the month of October to provide the details of the implementation plan for each of the affected program groups.

Updated Guidelines for Nursing Homes

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services issued a [Secretarial Order](#) updating visitation guidelines for nursing homes to allow indoor visitation. Indoor visitation will only be permitted in nursing homes with no COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days and in counties with a percent positive testing rate of less than 10%, reflecting [guidance](#) from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. More information can be found at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/information/health-care/long-term-care-facilities>.

North Carolina Nonprofits and the Impacts of COVID-19 Survey Results Released

Insights from a statewide survey and creation of a publicly available dataset prepared by the North Carolina Office of Strategic Partnerships and The Policy Lab were released last week. [Click here](#) for an analysis of the results. This document also includes a link to the publicly available database of nearly 1,800 responses from nonprofits across the state.

How to Vote Healthy during this Election

National Council on Aging (NCOA) is partnering with We Can Vote to provide this important information to older adults across the country. The website HealthyVoting.org/ncoa includes state-by-state guides created by public health and elections experts. The information will keep you updated through Election Day as deadlines come and go for mail, early, and Election Day voting. The site also is available in Spanish.

DAAS Receives Alzheimer's Disease-Related Grant to Promote Brain Health

NCDHHS' Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) was recently awarded a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help promote a public health approach to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. DAAS will receive \$200,000 per year for three years, which will assist the divisions of Aging and Adult Services and Public Health in increasing the focus on brain health and cognitive decline risk factors, as well as help to meet the needs of people with dementia and their care partners. For more information about this program, see the [CDC's full announcement](#).

New Website for NC Elder Protection Network

The UNC School of Government recently launched a new website which home to the [North Carolina Elder Protection Network](#). This online hub is intended to support and connect the many professionals who are involved in protecting older adult from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The website provides, library of tools, forums and linkages to professional across the state.

New Book on NC Elder Protection System

The [Legal Framework for North Carolina's Elder Protection System](#) is intended to serve as the foundation for the online North Carolina Elder Protection Network. Each chapter provides a relatively high-level overview of one component. For example, Chapter 2 describes the work of adult protective services (APS). The first part of each chapter provides an overview of the work of the component and will primarily be helpful for those who work outside the component (e.g., those who are not social workers involved with APS work). The latter part of each chapter includes a "call and response" section that explores challenges faced by the component and possible options for overcoming those challenges.

ncIMPACT Season Premiere Focused on Elder Abuse Prevention- [Watch Episode](#)

Each year, around 10% of North Carolina's senior citizens fall victim to abuse. Financial exploitation is particularly common. Host Anita Brown-Graham looks at what is being done to protect this vulnerable population.

2020 AARP Long-Term Care Scorecard Released

Since 2011, the AARP Public Policy Institute, with funding and support from The Commonwealth Fund and The SCAN Foundation, has been publishing the Long-Term Services and Supports State Scorecard. The Scorecard examines state performance, both overall and along five key dimensions including a total of 26 indicators. The Scorecard places North Carolina's overall ranking at 38. The full report is available [here](#). The North Carolina Fact Sheet is available [here](#).

COVID-19 Cross Program Survey

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is seeking information from organizations within their network about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on your organization and your older adult clients/participants. Responses will inform their discussions with policy makers and the public and help improve resources. Please complete this 10-to 15-minute survey by October 12th, 2020. The survey tool is available [here](#).

"Making Care Work Pay: How Paying at Least a Living Wage to Direct Care Workers Could Benefit Care Recipients, Workers and Communities"

The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the role of the country's 3.5 million direct care workers on the front lines of the public health crisis, but those workers are undervalued and face barriers to economic security, according to a new report from LeadingAge. The report finds that higher wages for direct care workers can positively affect their financial well-being, reduce turnover and staffing shortages, boost worker productivity, enhance quality of care, and spur economic growth in communities. The full report is available [here](#)

Medicare Open Enrollment starts October 15th

The Open Enrollment Period begins Oct. 15 and runs for eight weeks to give consumers enough time to review and make changes to their Medicare coverage. Changes must be made by Dec. 7, 2020 to guarantee coverage will begin without interruption Jan. 1, 2021.

Here are some of the ways to review and compare plans available for 2021:

- Get one-on-one help from beneficiaries' local SHIIP office
- Get one-on-one help from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program at NCDOL, by calling 1-855-408-1212, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare current coverage with all of the options available, and enroll in a new plan if it is advantageous to do so.
- Review the Medicare & You handbook. It was mailed to Medicare recipients in September.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to find out more about coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

The Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force

Established under [Executive Order No. 143](#), the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force addresses the social, environmental, economic, and health disparities in communities of color disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Members of the Task Force Subcommittees announced initial proposals to improve disparities in communities of color disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. View proposed recommendations [here](#). Additional public comment sessions will be announced in the future and North Carolinians can also make their voices heard by submitting written comments through the [Task Force Public Feedback Form](#)

AARP North Carolina Spotlights 50-Plus Voters in New Presidential Poll

On September 15, 2020, AARP North Carolina released a survey results of likely North Carolina voters which found that President Trump (48 %) is tied with former Vice President Joe Biden (48%). The survey, conducted by the bipartisan team of Benenson Strategy Group and GS Strategy Group, found that voters 50-plus somewhat support (48%) how President Trump is managing the coronavirus pandemic. The full survey results are available [here](#).

It Takes a Hospital

The N.C. Healthcare Association has launched a multi-year initiative to create conversations about how the state's hospitals and health systems can improve healthcare and illustrate how healthcare providers are building the future of healthcare in our state. The effort, titled "It Takes a Hospital," will bring together hospitals and health systems with the communities they serve through regional virtual town hall events during 2020 and 2021, according to a news release. The virtual events, which are free to the public, will spark conversations and create connections between residents and hospital leaders on a range of healthcare topics. Town halls are currently scheduled for the Triangle (Oct. 27) and Charlotte regions (Dec. 1), with the intent to continue these important conversations every two months in 2021. Planning is underway for more virtual events statewide. Event information and registration is available at www.NCHealthcare.org.

COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee

The N.C. Institute of Medicine is convening a COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee to provide feedback to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services on its COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. The Advisory Committee is composed of stakeholders including public health experts, health care providers, advocacy organization leaders and representatives of essential workers and at-risk populations. North Carolina is required to develop and submit a COVID-19 Vaccination Plan to the federal government in mid-October in anticipation of vaccine doses becoming available. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide expert guidance on the development of the plan, support its successful operationalizing, and increase public awareness about vaccination activities, especially prioritized and historically marginalized populations. Committee members are reviewing the plan with a focus on ensuring a sound base of science, equity, and operational feasibility. The initial focus of the committee's work is to inform the development of an allocation framework for vaccine distribution, based on federal guidance, as states will receive limited supplies at the start. The committee has met three times and will continue to meet, as needed. NEWS RELEASE, 10/05/20

Insulin Coverage

State Treasurer Dale Folwell and the State Health Plan announced beginning Jan. 1, 2021, members of the plan who take insulin will not be responsible for any costs for their preferred or non-preferred prescriptions. The new policy will save members \$5 million and is designed to increase adherence to the drug most commonly prescribed to treat diabetes. "Over the past 20 years, diabetes has become one of the most serious and expensive diseases that our members are facing," Folwell said in a news release. "Because of the rapid rise in the cost of diabetes drugs, especially insulin, we wanted to take an action that will help our members afford this critical medicine. Not only will the zero cost of insulin help our members financially, it will also help them stay healthy and decrease overall health care costs for the plan." News Release, 9/16/20

News

A Pandemic Upshot: Seniors Are Having Second Thoughts About Where to Live

More than 70,000 residents and staff members at nursing homes and assisted living facilities have died of COVID-19, and others are under strict rules designed to keep the disease from spreading. That has evoked concern that living in a communal facility could be dangerous. (Graham, Kaiser Health News)

New Dental Treatment Helps Fill Cavities and Insurance Gaps for Seniors

A new treatment for tooth decay is cheaper, quicker and less painful than getting a filling. Originally touted as a solution for kids, silver diamine fluoride is poised to become a game changer for treating cavities in older adults or those with disabilities that make oral care difficult. (Crouch, Kaiser Health News)

Why Black Aging Matters, Too

Old. Chronically ill. Black. People who fit this description are more likely to die from COVID-19 than any other group in the country. They are perishing quietly, out of sight, in homes and apartment buildings, senior housing complexes, nursing homes and hospitals, disproportionately poor, frail and ill, after enduring a lifetime of racism and its attendant adverse health effects. (Graham, Kaiser Health News)

Report: Residents in 90 percent of NC nursing homes face increased risk of injury or death in emergencies, September 24, 2020 by Thomas Goldsmith

As \$35M in nursing-home fines sits mostly idle, COVID-ridden NC ranks 3rd among states with unused funds, September 17, 2020 by Thomas Goldsmith

How do you vote if you live in a nursing home? It can be complicated., October 5, 2020 by Rose Hoben

Events/Observances

October is....

- **Resident's Rights Month** dedicated to honoring residents living in all long-term care facilities and consumers receiving services in their home or community. This year's theme is "Connection Matters." Promotional materials are available at <https://theconsumervoice.org/events/2020-residents-rights-month>
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. The Governor's proclamation can be found [here](#).
- **National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)**. The theme of the 2020 is "Increasing Access and Opportunity." Promotional materials are available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam>. The Governor's proclamation can be found [here](#).
- **LGBTQ+ History Month**. Every day in October, LGBT History Month recognizes the achievements of men and women in the LGBT community. LGBT History Month encourages informative discussions to learn more about the leaders in the movement who drove equality forward. Biographies, resources and downloads are available [here](#).

October 6, 2020 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Central Piedmont Virtual Forum: COVID-19 and the Health Insurance Coverage Gap

Care4Carolina and Iredell Health System will co-host a virtual forum for central piedmont North Carolina. To learn more information and register, click [here](#).

October 6, 2020 at 11:00 am

North Carolina Retired Governmental Employees' Association 2020 Candidates' Forum

NCRGEA is hosting a Lieutenant Governor candidate forum. Click on this [here](#) to register.

October 6, 2020 and Tuesday October 20, 2020 12:00 pm-1:00 pm

The NCSI Coalition in collaboration with Wake AHEC, Novant and The Carolinas Center presents: ***Honoring + Documenting: Methods of Communication Tools to Capture Patient's End-of-Life Wishes Through the Use of the NC Medical Orders For Scope of Treatment (MOST)***. Featuring guest speakers: Dr. Elizabeth Golding and Dr. Anthony J. Caprio. CME Credit offered. Click [here](#) to register.

October 7, 2020 at 10:00 am

The **N.C. Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators** holds public hearing to discuss proposed rule changes, 3733 National Drive, Suite 110, Raleigh.

October 8, 2020

October 8th has been proclaimed by Governor Cooper as **Ombuds Day**. The proclamation can be found [here](#).

October 8, 2020 from 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm

Trust, Skepticism, or Rejection: Communities of Color & the COVID-19 Vaccine

Juanita C. Grant Foundation, in partnership with the **National Council on Aging**, is convening for a virtual Town Hall Meeting to develop strategies and initiate a Call to Action for communities of color to connect at the local level through trusted sources, in preparation for a COVID-19 vaccine prioritizing older adults. [Click here](#) to register for the Town Hall. [View this flyer](#) for helpful resources and action steps.

October 8 at 9 am

The **Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee**, 643 LOB.

October 8, 2020 from 11:00 am- 12 pm

Coronavirus Scams, Older Adults, & Financial Protection

Join experts from the **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)**, the **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**, and the **Administration for Community Living** at Health and Human Services (HHS) for a free webinar. The FTC will begin the program with an overview of coronavirus-related scams targeting older adults. The CFPB will share resources to help older adults avoid

financial distress due to the pandemic. HHS will conclude the webinar with a discussion of the role of the aging network, including Adult Protective Services, legal services attorneys and Long-term Care Ombudsman program experts. [Register here for the webinar.](#)

October 9, 2020 at 10 am

The **N.C. Commission for Public Health** holds public hearing to discuss proposed rule changes via teleconference. Call: 919-715-0769 (no access code).

October 9, 2020 at 12 pm

The NCSI Coalition and AARP NC presents: ***Candidate Conversations: US Congressional District 6***: Free virtual event, listen to candidates for the upcoming election representing District Six share how they will address the many healthcare concerns RSVP [here](#).

October 12, 2020 at 1 pm

The **Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee**, 544 LOB.

October 13, 2020 at 3:00 pm

NC Housing Coalition, Raleigh Affordable Housing Bond Live Panel. Residents of the City of Raleigh will be deciding whether or not to pass an \$80 million bond measure for affordable housing. Please join us for a special discussion featuring Raleigh Mayor Mary-Ann Baldwin and members of the Affordable Housing Bond Advisory Committee. To register click [here](#).

October 14, 2020 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Northeast Virtual Forum: COVID-19 and the Health Insurance Coverage Gap. Care4Carolina will co-host a virtual forum for Northeast North Carolina with the Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center and Eastern AHEC. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

October 14, 2020 at 2 pm

National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging Webinar Series- Older Adult Peer Support in a Time of COVID-19 Get an overview of telehealth in behavioral health care, learn how training for Certified Older Adult Peer Specialists (COAPS) has been adapted to use virtual approaches, and see how training on the use of digital technology has changed service delivery. To register click [here](#).

October 14, 2020 at 10 am

The **N.C. Board of Funeral Service** holds public hearing to discuss proposed rule changes, 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 108, Raleigh.

October 16, 2020 at 10:00 am

The state **Medical Board** hold public hearing to discuss proposed rule changes via teleconference. Call: 919-518-9840; Conference ID: 208-299-494#

October 19, 2020 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Forsyth County Virtual Forum: COVID-19 and the Health Insurance Coverage Gap.

Care4Carolina will co-host a virtual forum for Forsyth County with the Partnership for Prosperity and the American Heart Association. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

October 20, 2020 at 10:00 am

The state **Medical Care Commission** holds public hearing to discuss proposed rule changes, Dorothea Dix Park, Brown Building, Room 104, 801 Biggs Dr., Raleigh.

October 20-30, 2020

2020 NC Senior Living Association Virtual Fall Conference. Registration end on October 16, 2020 <https://ncseniorliving.org/>.

October 22, 2020

Caregiver Summit. The virtual event will be hosted by **Transitions LifeCare, Transitions GuidingLights, Dementia Alliance of North Carolina, and Alzheimer's Association** for caregivers who seek resources, respite, and resolution. Registration is available [here](#).

October 23, 2020 from 10:00 am- 11:30 am

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Meeting ID: 988 6327 2336

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October 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Friends of Residents in Long Term Care (**FOR**) is celebrating with their **2020 Virtual Fall Gala**. Sponsorship, registration and event details are available [here](#)

October 27, 2020 at 1:00 pm

Join **North Carolina Healthcare Association** Virtual Town Hall: The Triangle Region

This town hall will be dedicated to conversations about health and healthcare in the Triangle Region amid the current and unprecedented public health crisis, as well as continuing the

ongoing conversation on health equity in our region and state. Information and registration is available [here](#).

November is....

- **National Family Caregiver Month.** This year's theme is #CaregivingInCrisis. Promotional tools are provided by Caregiver Action Network and can be found [here](#).
- **National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month**
www.alz.org/co/in_my_community_alzheimers_awareness_month.asp
- **National Hospice and Palliative Care Month** The theme that NHPCO is using for National Hospice and Palliative Care Month 2020 is "Hospice and Palliative Care Faces of Caring." Outreach and social media tools are available [here](#).

November 4, 5, 10, and 11, 2020

The **2020 NCHCFA Financial Summit** is designed to educate attendees on a wide array of topics, all related to the financial well-being of operating nursing facilities with the goal of preparing you for 2021 and beyond. For more information click [here](#).

November 16-17, 2020

2020 NASW-NC Fall Conference. The virtual conference offers 3 tracks: Social Justice, New and innovative ways of working during a pandemic, and Mental and emotional health of our clients and ourselves. For more information click [here](#).

November 18, 2020 at 12:00 pm

Meals on Wheels of Wake County is sponsoring #LetsDoLunch with Keynote speaker, Dr. Mandy K. Cohen, MD, MPH. Join the event free event at <https://event.gives/wakemow>.

December 1, 2020

World AIDS Day. This year's theme is "Rock the Ribbon". Promotional and social media tools are available [here](#).

December 1, 2020 at 1:00 pm

Join **North Carolina Healthcare Association** Virtual Town Hall: The Charlotte area. This town hall will be dedicated to conversations about health and healthcare in the Charlotte Region amid the current and unprecedented public health crisis, as well as continuing the ongoing conversation on health equity in our region and state. Information and registration is available [here](#).

Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 8-10, 2020

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference will be a virtual experience spaced over two weeks. Visit www.hcbsconference.org to learn more.

December 8-10, 2020

2020 NC Center of Nonprofits Conference - three days of engaging speakers, timely topics, and networking to rebuild and enhance our resiliency. Registration information is available [here](#).

Thank you to our 2020 partners!

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Become a Member of the Coalition on Aging

Coalition on Aging membership registration/renewal can be done in one of two ways:

Option 1: Go to <http://www.nccoalitiononaging.org/membership.aspx>. and print off a membership registration/renewal form which can be completed and returned along with dues payment (payable to the NC Coalition on Aging) to the address noted on the form.

Option 2: Complete the registration and payment process (PayPal) on-line. Contributions in addition to dues can also be paid in this way.

The membership dues are \$200 for agencies and organizations and \$20 for individual supporters. The Coalition has a hardship provision for those who wish to join the Coalition but are unable to pay the full dues amount. To apply for this hardship provision, please contact Heather Burkhardt, Coalition Executive Director, at executivedirector@nccoalitiononaging.org.

Submitting Information for Updates: If you have news or information on activities and events you would like to have included in an *Update* to Coalition members, please send details to executivedirector@nccoalitiononaging.org.

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