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## Utah ADRC Quarterly Newsletter

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### Utah ADRC Annual Conference August 29th

*Space Still Available!*



We are pleased to announce the Utah ADRC 2013 Day Conference on Veteran Health Administration Services and Benefits. The **free** full-day conference will be sponsored by the VA Office of Rural Health, and held at the University of Utah Officer's Club on Thursday, August 29th from 8:30am-5:00pm. Please contact Rhonda @ [Rhonda.hypio@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Rhonda.hypio@hsc.utah.edu) or 801-587-9620 for more details or to RSVP.

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### ADRC/VA Project Updates

In February 2013, the Utah ADRC was awarded one year of funding through the VA Office of Rural Health for the ADRC/VA Project: *"Connecting Rural Veterans to the Utah Aging and Disability Resource Connection for Information and Referral and Options Counseling Services."*

In May, the proposal was submitted for FY 2014 funding to sustain and expand the project, and we are thrilled to announce the funding was awarded! In the initial months of the project, three of our ADRC sites have already realized success in working with Veteran clients. In the next year we plan to expand the project to Active Re-Entry in Moab and in Southern Utah – Five County Association of Governments.

### National Home and Community Based Services

## **Conference (HCBS) Arlington, Virginia September 9-12th**

Jennifer Morgan with the Utah ADRC, and Bret Hicken with the VA Office of Rural Health, were accepted as presenters at the National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference, September 9-12, 2013 in Arlington, VA. Their session is titled, "*A Partnership Model to Connect Rural Veterans with Aging and Disability Resource Centers for Options Counseling.*" Their pilot project is aimed at improving VA benefit access for rural Veterans. In addition, three of our ADRC Options Counselors from around the state will be attending the conference.

### **Other Upcoming Conferences of Interest:**

**Community Action Partnership of Utah** presents  
the 3rd Annual Conference on Poverty  
Sept. 17th & 18th, 2013 at the  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center  
Registration is Open!

Visit: [www.capconference2013.eventbrite.com](http://www.capconference2013.eventbrite.com)

**Rocky Mountain Geriatrics Conference**- September 9th & 10th  
**Utah Aging Alliance 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting**- October 10th & 11th

## **Affordable Care Act 'Navigator' Announcement**

The Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP), along with its partners, the Association for Utah Community Health (AUCH) and United Way of Salt Lake 2-1-1, were awarded a competitive grant from HHS to be the non-profit, community-based navigator in the state of Utah. The three Utah nonprofits will receive around \$406,000, part of Utah's share of the \$54 million made available to fund navigator programs around the country.

The three lead partners will team up with many other organizations around the state to organize and operate a navigator program to enroll Utah's more than 360,000 uninsured residents in new coverage. Navigators are people trained to help others apply for health insurance and to understand the new options that will be made available through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Because health insurance will soon become more accessible and affordable for Utah residents, the navigator program was developed at the community level to help people fill out applications, apply for tax credits, and understand their new benefits.

## **NWD/ADRC Sustainability Competitive Continuation Funding Opportunity Announcement**

In June, the U.S. Administration for Community



Living (ACL) announced the funding opportunity for ADRC grantees to continue their No Wrong Door/Aging and Disability Resource Center programs to help people learn about and access long term services and supports. This would provide an additional 12 months of funding for existing ADRC grantees to carry out their current activities under the Part B Sustainability Program Expansion funded in FY 2012. The Utah ADRC submitted our application on July 24, 2013 and are very confident that we will receive the funding to support our sites in continuing to provide a 'one stop shop' to our aging and disabled community. The award announcement should be made sometime in September.

## **Utah ADRC Expansion Update**

In May, Program Manager Jennifer Morgan spent a few days with the staff of Five County Association of Governments (AOG) in St. George, providing training on Options Counseling, Person Centered Planning, and Motivational Interviewing in anticipation for their site to become the 7th Utah ADRC. The Five County Steering Committee voted unanimously on August 14th to join the Utah ADRC! Five County covering Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, and Washington counties, will become an official site October 1, 2013.

## **Note from the Program Manager**

Hello! The Utah ADRC Program office has been busy this summer with two grant submissions for the ADRC program continuation and additional funding for FY14 through the VHA Office of Rural Health. We are excited about these great opportunities that are unfolding. On August 14, the Utah Commission on Aging honored Maureen Henry for her work as the Executive Director spotlighting her extensive legislation work on the Advance Health Care Directive, end-of-life care initiatives and the ADRC. Maureen took a leave of absence this past year while on a Health and Policy Fellowship in Washington D.C. She will return to Utah to finish her dissertation and pursue the next steps in her career! We will miss her here at the ADRC Program Office. - Jen Morgan

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