

Oral Health of Our Aging Population: Stakeholders and Partners

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**“The more sand has
escaped from the
hourglass of our life, the
clearer we should see
through it.”**

Jean-Paul Sartre



Defining Aging Services

- **Blurred boundaries between acute, primary, chronic LTC and preventive services**
- **Focus on function, well-being, health status**
- **Broad range of services and supports**
- **Housing and services equally important**
- **Formal and informal care**

Emerging Issues/Trends in Aging Services

- **State rebalancing of Medicaid dollars toward home and community-based services**
- **Consumer direction in home and community based services**
- **Culture change in nursing homes**
- **Expansion of residential alternatives – how affordable?**

Emerging Issues/Trends in Aging Services Cont'd

- **Managed LTC**
- **Integration of acute, primary and LTC**
- **CCRCs without walls**
- **Workforce/Talent Development**
- **The CLASS Act**

Finding the “Well” Elderly

- **Physicians’ offices**
- **Clinics**
- **Pharmacies**
- **Senior centers**
- **Places of worship**
- **Retirement communities/CCRCs**
- **Fitness clubs/golf courses**
- **NORCs**
- **ElderHostel**
- **SeniorNet**

Finding the “Disabled” Elderly

- **Hospitals/ER**
- **Hospice**
- **Nursing homes**
- **Assisted living/board and care**
- **Low income senior housing**
- **Adult day care**
- **NORCs**
- **Life care without walls**
- **PACE**

Public Sector Partners

- **Area Agencies on Aging**
- **Medicaid agencies**
- **Ombudsmen programs**
- **Local HUD agencies**
- **Public health departments**
- **Adult protective services**
- **Health insurance counseling programs**

Private Sector Partners

- **Hospital/health care systems/ managed care**
- **Medical/long-term care providers**
- **Housing providers**
- **Geriatric care managers**
- **Financial planners**
- **Grocery stores**
- **Banks**
- **Community advocates (e.g., Alzheimer's chapters, AARP)**
- **Silver-haired legislatures**

Funding Mechanisms

- **Medicare-FFS and managed care**
- **Medicare SNF/home health**
- **Medicaid NF/HCBS/Medicare Sup**
- **SSI/SSP**
- **OAA**
- **SSBG**
- **State funds**
- **VA**
- **Private long-term care insurance**
- **Private foundations(GIA)**
- **Title VII**