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Legislators, policy experts, advocates to discuss solutions to Indiana's long term care and funding crisis at November 18th Summit

Leading experts and state lawmakers will gather in Indianapolis on November 18 to discuss how Indiana can make the change from a long-term care system that is too expensive and does not provide the care people want. The 4th annual Indiana Legislative Summit on REAL Long Term Care Solutions will take place at the Marriott Hotel on 350 West Maryland Street in Indianapolis. The Summit will run from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

These issues and solutions will be featured at the Indiana Legislative Summit on REAL Long Term Care Solutions. A panel of national experts will discuss practical and far-reaching home and community based long term care programs that other states are implementing. A panel of Indiana legislators will present legislation that will be introduced in the 2003 Indiana General Assembly to implement a comprehensive system of home and community based services in Indiana.

Policy experts, advocate, and lawmakers will be available throughout the day for comment. These panelists will be available for interviews fifteen minutes prior to and immediately following their panel discussions. In addition to these opportunities there will be a press conference directly after the Summit featuring key Summit participants and members of the Indiana General Assembly including Senator Greg Server (R—Evansville).

A detailed Summit agenda and biographical sketches of Summit presenters and policy experts can be found in this release. For more information about the event, contact John Cardwell, Director of The Generations Project and Legislative Director of the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana at 317-423-7102 or 317-205-3535.

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Strategic Statement on the Long Term Care Services and Fiscal Crisis in Indiana

by John Cardwell, Chairperson, Indiana Home Care Task Force

The Indiana Legislative Summit on Real Long Term Care Solutions is occurring at a critical juncture for lawmakers, taxpayers, and persons who need long term care services. Today, Indiana's deep seated manufacturing and agriculture recession continues to grow the state budget deficit. The impact of the latter is dramatically straining the capacity of the state to properly fund essential health and human services.

A closer examination of the state's emerging human services delivery crisis indicates Indiana is grossly inefficient in using public dollars to supplement and to provide long term care services for its citizens who are in need. Unlike most states, Indiana has been slow to take advantage of the care and cost efficiencies found in publicly supported home and community based long term care. For example, the state's nationally recognized CHOICE program remains underfunded and Medicaid waivers for home care services remain under utilized. Or, as The Generations Project noted in May, 2002, Indiana continues to use "an outdated state funding formula," that over invests public dollars in nursing homes and like institutions while under investing in home and community based care. As a result, "Indiana's imbalanced long term care investments force many Hoosiers to live in nursing homes when they could receive the care they need in their own homes," notes the project.

Fortunately, workable and affordable solutions are at hand....solutions that have been employed for years in states throughout the nation. These solutions will be addressed at the Legislative Summit by three of America's foremost experts on state long term care policy: John Luehrs from AARP in Washington, D.C., Dr. Susan Reinhard of Rutgers University, and Dick Ladd, who has directed state Medicaid programs in Oregon and Texas.

As Luehrs, Reinhard and Ladd will discuss at the Summit, Indiana can address and solve the critical long term care problems facing the state and its citizens. Indiana can put in place a comprehensive system of home and community based care. Indiana can provide the long term care that is most appropriate and when that care is needed without having to place people on waiting lists. Indiana can improve the quality of life for its citizens, and strengthen its economy, by implementing comprehensive consumer driven long term care reform. Very importantly, during these stressful economic times, Indiana can do these things and save taxpayers and the state of Indiana money.

The question is, when will the state act, and when it does what will that action be? The O'Bannon administration is taking small but important steps to shift more resources into home and community based care. But small steps are not enough when over 27,000 Hoosiers are on waiting lists for home and community based care. That sets the stage for the General Assembly to take dramatic action. That is why the Legislative Summit will feature a panel presentation regarding legislation that will be introduced into the 2003 General Assembly by Senator Greg Server. The Server legislation, the consensus product of the Indiana Home Care Task Force, would put into statute the actions that Indiana can take now to end the waiting lists, to provide the comprehensive array of services that citizens need, and to bring fiscal balance and cost efficiency to Indiana's long term care system. If the Server legislation is passed by the General Assembly, the crisis in long term care costs and services can finally be resolved in this state.



Indiana Legislative Summit on REAL
Long Term Care Solutions

SUMMIT AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 Welcome, John Cardwell
9:35 Welcome and Thank You, Duane Ettiene
9:38 Vision Statement – Paul Severance
9:40 Introduction of John Dickerson by John Cardwell
9:41 **The Good and the Bad of Indiana’s Long Term Care System**
Facilitator: John Dickerson
Panel: Steve Cook, Doug Beebe, Melissa Durr, Nancy Griffin, and Melanie Bella
- 10:45 Vision Statement – Cliff Willis, AARP
10:47 Introduction of Nancy Griffin by John Cardwell
10:48 **The Great Things that Other States Are Doing**
Facilitator: Nancy Griffin
Panel: Dick Ladd, Jim Leuhrs, Susan Reinhard
- 11:55 Vision Statement – Cris Fulford
11:57 Kim Dodson to give lunch details
12:00 p.m. Lunch
12:40 Introduction of Brian Vargus by John Cardwell
12:43 **The Saliency of Home and Community Based Care Amongst the Indiana Electorate**, Brian Vargus
1:15 Vision Statement – Jean Macdonald
1:17 **A Model Bill to Implement Fundamental Long Term Care Reform in Indiana**
Facilitator: John Cardwell
Panel: Sen. Greg Server, Dick Ladd, John Cardwell
- 2:15 Questions and Answers
2:45 Adjourn
3:00 **Press Conference**

Biographical Information on Presenters

Richard C. (Dick) Ladd is currently President of Ladd and Associates, a health and social services consulting firm. This firm specializes in long-term care.

He is also co-director of the National Long-Term Care Balancing Project. The director is Robert Kane MD, and the other co-director is Rosalie Kane DSW.

He was also an adjunct assistant professor at the School of Internal Medicine, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston from 1994 to 1998.

He was adjunct faculty at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas, between 1994 and 1997.

Between June 1992 and September 1994, Dick Ladd was the Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. This Commission consisted of 11 Texas state agencies, and had over 62,000 employees and budgets in excess of 12 Billion dollars.

Between November 1981 and June 1982, Dick Ladd was the Administrator of the Oregon Senior and Disabled Service Division. This Division manages all long-term care programs for the elderly and physically disabled in Oregon, and during the period that he was the administrator, Oregon gained national recognition for its innovative long-term care programs. These included:

- Implementation of the first 1915 (c) Home and Community Based waiver in the nation (in 1981).
- Implementation of the only 1915 (d) Home and Community Based waiver ever granted by the federal government (in 1987).
- Implementation of the very first Assisted Living Facility program, funded through 1915 (c) and (d) Home and Community Based waivers in the United States (in 1987).

Dick Ladd holds BA and EdM degrees from Oregon State University.

John Luehrs is the National Coordinator for Health and Long-term Care issues in AARP's Department of State Affairs. In this position, he has responsibility for directing and coordinating AARP's advocacy efforts on these issues in the states.

His work entails developing and implementing advocacy strategies to change public policy. Over the past 5 years, efforts have included:

- Improving Nursing Home Quality by enacting strong resident protection legislation or by opposing efforts to reduce resident rights
- Expand Home and community-based care by increasing services, increasing numbers of people eligible and finding ways to finance care
- Provide coverage for prescription drugs and enact public policy that makes drugs affordable while maintaining access to necessary medications

- Reform long-term care systems to improve access, quality, and financing to ensure appropriate care is available and affordable when needed

Mr. Luehrs is also responsible for developing model legislation, analyzing public policy proposals, developing advocacy messages, and negotiating strategy and tactics with AARP state staff.

Prior to joining AARP, Mr. Luehrs was with the National Governors' Association (NGA). At NGA, he directed health programs which entailed research on health and long-term care issues, especially Medicaid. In that capacity, he also advised Governors and senior state officials on health and long-term care policy issues.

He is a frequent participant in CMS Workgroups, state Task Forces and Commissions, and has published and directed research on a wide range of health and long-term care issues.

Susan C. Reinhard, R.N., Ph.D., is the Co-Director of the Rutgers Center for State Health Policy and, serves as the Senior Policy advisor to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. She also directs two national initiatives to support and stimulate state health policy and program development. She serves as the Director of the Community Living Exchange Collaborative at Rutgers, assisting states funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to design long term care systems that help people with disabilities live in their homes and communities. She also serves as the National Program Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's "State Solutions" Program to improve enrollment in the Medicare Savings Program. Her research and policy interests include consumer choice and control in health and supportive care, family care giving, development of assisted living and other community-based care options, quality improvement in long-term care, health care work force development and regulation, state pharmaceutical policy, and medication safety.

Prior to these appointments, Dr. Reinhard was the Executive Director of the Center for Medicare Education at the Institute for the Future of Aging Services in Washington, DC. She is the former Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, where she spearheaded the consolidation of all senior services into one state department, supervised quality oversight of long term care facilities and services, secured significant funding to initiate more home care for older adults, and directed the statewide pharmaceutical assistance program for seniors and people with disabilities. She also served as the Senior Assistant Commissioner responsible for oversight of New Jersey's hospitals, cardiac services, managed care organizations, and emergency services.

Dr. Reinhard's background includes clinical care, nursing education, research, policy development, and state governmental relations. She is a former faculty member at the Rutgers College of Nursing and is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She holds a master's degree in nursing from the University of Cincinnati, and a Ph.D., in Sociology from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.