eadingAge® Connecticut

Expanding the world of possibilities for aging through advocacy, education, and collaboration

# 2017 Annual Highlights

- Fought passage of potentially devastating federal Medicaid block grants
- Safeguarded Medicaid funding for long term services and supports during a state budget crisis
- Restored the nursing home fair rent rate cut
- Defended against threats to Medicaid provider rate appeal rights and non-profit tax exemption
- Defended against proposed costly physical plant mandates on elderly housing providers as well as a proposed mandate on assisted living providers
  - Represented the membership within state agencies, providing a voice from the aging services provider sector
  - Provided a comprehensive summary and presentation of the key state legislation passed in 2017



Tools

- Provided a comprehensive suite of tools, templates and presentations to support members' implementation of Phase 2 of the LTC RoPs which augmented the previous Phase 1 policy templates that we tailored to include Connecticut specific provisions
- Provided Quality Metrics data tools to both nursing homes and home health care agencies and expanded to launch Quality Apex, a new web-based MDS 3.0 analytics software that translates real-time, facility MDS data into knowledge-based information
- Expanded the LTC Mutual Aid Plan to managed residential communities
- Partnered in the Care Decisions Connecticut initiative to provide members with tools and resources
- Launched a Guiding Governance newsletter
- Delivered our weekly e-newsletter to ensure members received critical information in a timely fashion



### Collaborate

- Continued to partner within the Connecticut Healthcare Association Collaborative to work on both state and federal legislative issues related to healthcare and aging services across the continuum. LeadingAge Connecticut joined forces with leaders from the Connecticut Hospital Association, the Connecticut State Medical Society, the Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home, and the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities to work on a shared goal of enhancing the quality of healthcare provided to every Connecticut resident.
- Continued to work with the Connecticut Association of Adult Day Services and Connecticut Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Providers toward furthering the goals of home and community based service delivery.

# Education

## **Supporting Through Adversity**

• Delivered 33 programs to members on a range of topics including compliance with federal and state regulatory changes, developing managerial skills, memory care enhancements, and many other topics.

Leadership Development

• Successfully engaged 12 fellows on a leadership journey through our yearlong Connecticut Leadership Academy program which included site visits at 4 member communities. This now marks over 75 graduates from the Connecticut Leadership Academy.



## **Membership Engagement**

Served 1,266 attendees through events, education programs, and membership meetings in addition to numerous webinars, council meetings, and membership conference calls.

