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To: PASC Board of Directors

From: Bill Pierce, NISC Representative

Re: NISC Leadership Collaborative Report

Dear PASC Colleagues,

The inaugural NISC Leadership Collaborative has been busy over the past several months. The NISC Leadership Collaborative was formally introduced at the 2020 NCOA Age+Action Conference. My report is presented in two-parts, the first providing an overview of the Leadership Collaborative, its intentions, goals, and working structure, and the latter part, highlighting the work of the first Leadership Collaborative meeting.

What is the NISC Leadership Collaborative?

The NISC Leadership Collaborative will provide a cohesive national senior center network organized to participate in a collaborative learning environment, sharing best practices, national initiatives, strategies, and resources. The Leadership Collaborative will spur innovation and will identify national senior center leaders.

Who will make-up the NISC Leadership Collaborative?

The NISC Leadership Collaborative will welcome appointed state association leaders, nominated by their state association, network leaders, and where appropriate (e.g., no state association exists), leaders of NISC accredited senior centers.

What does it mean to serve on the NISC Leadership Collaborative?

- Collaborative Members will be tasked with sharing promising practices from their state, learning from other states, and engaging in NCOA and NISC initiatives by utilizing tools and resources and communicating that information back to their state colleagues.
- NCOA and NISC envision a mutually beneficial relationship through the collaborative anticipating that NCOA and NISC can benefit from the information and resources made available by the experts in the field and believe that state associations, such as PASC, will benefit by their exposure to learning the initiatives of other states, keeping abreast of trends and innovations, and by assembling resources for their membership.

What will be the role of the PASC representative to the NISC Leadership Collaborative?

NISC Leadership Collaborative members will be appointed by their state association and will serve a two-year term. At a minimum, NISC Leadership Collaborative members will be expected to:

1. Attend all quarterly conference calls and/or meetings
2. Support participation in a NISC Team by serving on at least one NISC Team
3. Meet in-person at the NCOA national conference, paying their own way
4. Share NCOA/NISC programs, initiatives, and relevant information to their state/state network

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Organizational Meeting of the NISC Leadership Collaborative

On Thursday, December 3, 2020, the NISC Leadership Collaborative held their first official meeting since the formation of the Leadership Collaborative. As this meeting was largely organizational, much of the conversation was focused on introductions of new NISC staff, introductions of newly appointed Leadership Collaborative members, and testimonials from represented states allowing Leadership Collaborative members to get to know one another. After learning who the members were, NISC staff drove the conversation to collect anecdotal data for the National Council on Aging (NCOA). Specifically, the Collaborative discussed:

1. Thanksgiving and Christmas programming
2. Nutrition Services
3. End-of-year giving and fundraising
4. Anticipated new/discontinued services

For the second half of the meeting, NISC staff presented an overview of NISC Teams, introducing Collaborative members to Team Chairs and NCOA/NISC staff liaisons. It is the expectation of the NISC Leadership Collaborative that members will serve on at least one NISC Team.

Assigned Leadership Team

As the PASC representative to the NISC Leadership Collaborative, I have been asked to serve on the NCOA Public Policy and Advocacy Committee. I look forward to using this platform as an opportunity to share the exemplary work of PASC and Senator Afflerbach; of particular interest among the Leadership Collaborative was the success of PASC and Senator Afflerbach to secure the \$2-million grant line-item in the Commonwealth's budget. Similarly, I anticipate sharing national strategies that could provide additional strength to our state-wide initiatives.

What is next for the NISC Leadership Collaborative?

Leadership Collaborative meetings are quarterly and have been scheduled as follows:

- ✓ Thursday, March 4, 2021
- ✓ Thursday, June 3, 2021
- ✓ Thursday, September 2, 2021
- ✓ Thursday, December 2, 2021

The NCOA 2021 Age+Action Conference will be held virtually from June 7th through June 10th. Registration is \$250.00 per individual or \$500.00 for up to 3 registrants.

If there is information you would like to have, or information you would like to share, I am just an email away. My new email address is bill@bvactiveaging.org.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Pierce'.

Bill Pierce, NISC Leadership Collaborative Representative for PASC

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