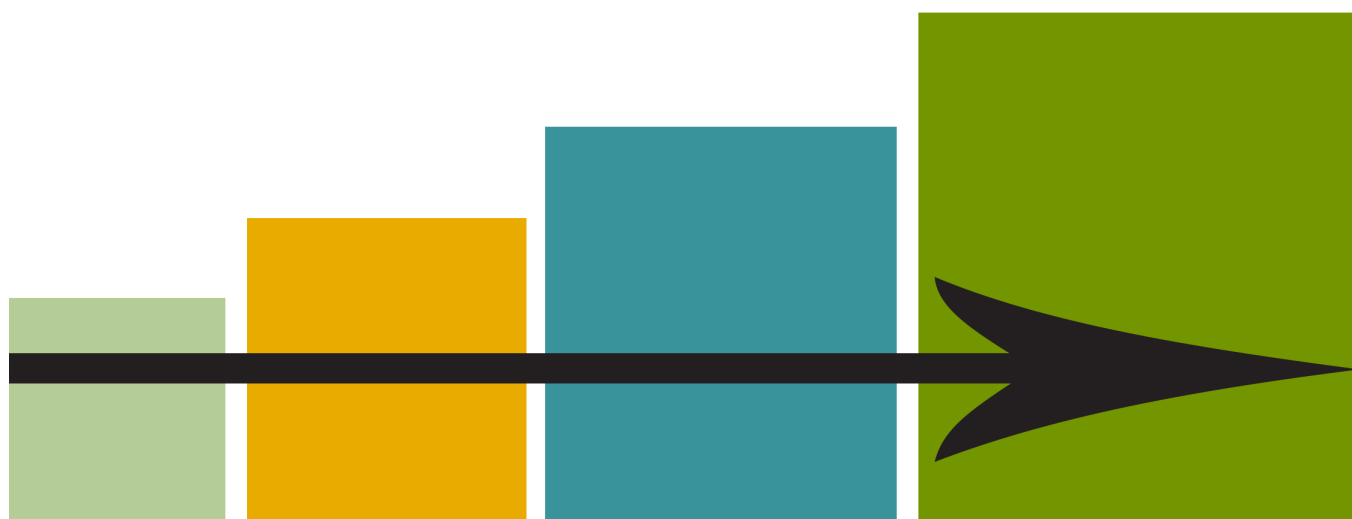




2022 COMMITTEES

Call
For
Participation



BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE



As we approach the new year, we invite you to get involved in LeadingAge Minnesota committees in 2022. On numerous fronts we are tackling the challenges you face, and we need you to help shape the important work ahead. Pushing for adequate, timely and sustainable funding; reforming the regulatory system to be fair, consistent, and collaborative; guiding ongoing COVID-19 response and recovery; addressing issues in the new Assisted Living Licensure requirements—just a few of the impactful issues facing senior care in the coming year. Through it all we have a tremendous opportunity to improve the aging experience for those we serve.

In addition to contributing to the collective work of the Association, don't miss out on these valuable benefits of committee service:



Knowledge: Want to stay on top of the changes that are a constant in our field? Gain in-depth knowledge and get questions answered by content experts and staff.



Networking: Want to meet people who are passionate about your interests? Expand your network of peers and share strategies for addressing challenges and creating solutions.



Influence: Want to make a difference? Share your thoughts, opinions and experience while shaping the strategies, priorities and public policy agenda of your Association.

Ready to get involved?

Simply sign up online by clicking [here](#). Our committee rosters are being completely refreshed, so whether you have been involved in committees this year or not, you will need to sign up to participate in 2022.

Making your selections by **Monday, November 22, 2021** will ensure you receive timely committee information and meeting schedules for the coming year. If you have any questions, please contact Cari Kronschnable at cak@leadingagemn.org or 651.659.1472 or toll free at 1.800.462.5368.

To learn more about the work of our 2022 committees, read on!

(Please note: In addition to the committees described here, LeadingAge Minnesota convenes two chair-appointed committees—the Public Policy Steering Committee and Workforce Action Committee. For further information contact Lori Meyer at lmeyer@leadingagemn.org.)

Thank you for being part of our collective efforts--we are excited to work alongside you in the coming year!



2022 Committee Descriptions

Adult Day Services Committee

Participation: All staff working in Adult Day Services

Purpose: Advance adult day services as an essential component in the aging services continuum.

Committee Description:

- Develop and advance key legislative priorities relating to payment, regulation, service delivery and accessibility of adult day services.
- Analyze the impact of COVID-19 on Adult Day Services and shape continued critical response and recovery efforts.
- Identify opportunities for resource development in the areas of operations, programming, service diversification and marketing.

Assisted Living Committee

Participation: Directors of assisted living, AL clinical nurse supervisors, housing managers, corporate staff, etc.

Purpose: Shape the legal, regulatory and professional practice environment for assisted living settings and in serving assisted living residents.

Committee Description:

- Identify provider concerns and challenges related to Assisted Living Licensure statute, rules and guidance to inform legislative, regulatory and advocacy activities.
- Identify areas of inconsistent or unclear interpretations in the survey process to guide advocacy efforts.
- Guide the association's continued work around COVID-19 response and recovery for assisted living settings.
- Provide input on resources, support, training, advocacy, and survey analysis needed to support members with Assisted Living Licensure and Licensed Assisted Living Director requirements.

Awards & Recognition Committee

Participation: Leadership and staff from all member settings

Purpose: Direct the association's awards program to ensure meaning and relevance.

Committee Description:

- Evaluate and select annual award recipients at state and district levels.
- Recommend changes to annual Stars Among Us Awards program to ensure recognition is timely and relevant to members.
- Guide the association's recognition of award recipients via events, media coverage, website presence, social media, etc.

Care Center Regulatory Committee

Participation: Individuals serving in a leadership, clinical, or compliance role in a care center setting.

Purpose: Address issues and challenges arising from state and federal regulations and the evolving care center survey process.

Committee Description:

- Analyze current trends in care center survey data and outcomes; and engage in collaborative learning to advance best practices for maintaining regulatory compliance.
- Evaluate new or proposed regulatory requirements and guidance from state and federal agencies; identify and develop resources to support providers with implementation of these requirements.
- Inform a platform of advocacy for reform of the care center survey system; identify challenges with the current system and changes that would support quality improvement and patient safety.

Education Committee

Participation: Leadership and staff from all member settings

Purpose: Identify timely and impactful training and educational programs for all member segments.

Committee Description:

- Provide input on the member experience participating in virtual training/education events.
- Generate ideas to improve our signature event experience.
- Shape and inform 2023 Institute educational sessions.

NEW! Infection Prevention & Control Committee

Participation: Clinical and operations staff from care centers and assisted living settings

Purpose: Address infection prevention and control issues within long-term care settings.

Committee Description:

- Participate in creating resources, tools, training and other supports to address infection prevention and control in long-term care settings.
- Analyze survey data, outcomes and trends emerging from focused infection control surveys and F-Tags associated with infection prevention and control; and provide guidance on strategies to reduce these deficiencies.
- Provide information to inform and guide the association's continued work around infection prevention and control.

Payment Committee

Participation: Leadership and financial staff from home care, assisted living and care centers

Purpose: Address critical public, private and managed care payment issues.

Committee Description:

- Pursue payment solutions that address the unprecedented workforce challenges faced by LTC providers, including upfront funding of wage investments for nursing facilities under VBR.
- Continue to address rate calculation issues related to state and federal COVID-19 response funds.
- Focus attention on audit issues under VBR that are causing problems for providers.
- Develop proposals for significant expansion and enhancement of HCBS services, including investments in improved rates (EW and disability waiver), grant programs, and quality improvement efforts to ensure an adequate supply of providers statewide.

Quality, Safety & Performance Excellence Committee

Participation: Leadership, clinical, and quality staff from all member settings

Purpose: Improve quality, service and clinical outcomes; and move us toward our goal of zero preventable instances of harm.

Committee Description:

- Guide our *Safe Care* initiative to keep those we serve safe from harm and provide care with respect and dignity – always.
- Identify and disseminate effective strategies and resources to address top quality & safety opportunities for improvement.
- Assess and disseminate strategies to support members in collecting, reporting, analyzing, and using quality and performance data to drive improvement.
- Explore ways to engage and support members in moving from a culture of compliance to a culture of performance excellence.