

# ADvancing States Announces 2021-2022 Board of Directors



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**ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA** – ADvancing States, the association representing state long-term services and supports agencies, is proud to announce its of Board of Directors for 2021-2022. The Association's previous Vice-President, Kathleen Dougherty, Chief of Managed Care Operations for the Division of Medicaid & Medical Assistance in Delaware, will assume the Board Presidency. The prior President, Curtis Cunningham, Assistant Administrator, Long-Term Care Benefits & Programs, Division of Medicaid Services, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, will become the Board's Immediate Past President.

**Kathleen Dougherty** is the Chief of Managed Care Operations for Delaware's Medicaid Program, Diamond State Health Plan. In this role, she has oversight responsibilities for the State's Managed Medicaid/CHIP and Long Term Care contractors, the External Quality Review vendor, the Transportation vendor, and the State's Health Benefit Manager. Kathleen began her career with the State of Delaware in 2000 working for Medicaid Long-Term Care Eligibility and has held increasing positions of responsibility, moving from Social Worker to Chief of Managed Care Operations.

In addition to Ms. Dougherty, the executive officers on the **ADvancing States** Board are now: Vice President **Nels Holmgren**, Director of the Division of Aging & Adult Services in Utah; Secretary **Kari Benson**, Director of the Aging & Adult Services Division of the Department of Human Services in Minnesota, as well as the Executive Director of Minnesota's Board on Aging; and Treasurer **Bea Rector**, Director of the Home & Community Services Division of the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration in the Department of Social and Health Services in Washington state.

**ADvancing States** is also pleased to announce a new member on the Board of Directors: **Ursel J. McElroy**, Director of the Ohio Department of Aging. She will be Joining **Jessica Bax**, Director, Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities, as the board's At-Large members.

These distinguished state staff will form the ADvancing States 2021-2022 Board of Directors and will provide strong leadership and assistance to their fellow state leaders across the country and to **ADvancing States**.

## About ADvancing States

ADvancing States was founded in 1964 under the name National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA). In 2019, the association changed its name to ADvancing States. Today, ADvancing States represents the nation's 56 state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities and long-term services and supports directors.