



## COMING TOGETHER TO ADVOCATE FOR OLDER ADULTS

NC Coalition on Aging  
October Update – October 20, 2017

**Annual Meeting Follow-Up:** Thanks again to everyone who attended our annual meeting and luncheon on September 22 at the NC State University Club. We had a good turn out and it was a great opportunity for Coalition members to come together as a group to socialize and make connections. Dr. Jim Johnson from the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School provided a most informative keynote presentation on at-risk older adults and the challenges of aging in place.



*Dr. Johnson is shown at the annual meeting sharing examples from his own personal experiences with aging relatives that highlight challenges and barriers that older adults face in staying in their own homes as they age.*

A copy of the of the research brief that Dr. Johnson and his colleagues at the Kenan-Flagler Business School have produced on “Vulnerable Older Adults and the Challenges of Aging in Place” can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

**Congratulations to Pioneer Award Winners:** The Coalition was honored at the annual meeting to recognize three long-time passionate aging advocates as the 2017 recipients of the Pioneer Award. The Award was established by the Coalition in 2016 to recognize individuals who have made long-time outstanding contributions to the field of aging in the state. This year’s honorees are Dee and Dick Hatch from Cary and Polly Williams from Raleigh.

To read about the accomplishments of the three Pioneer Award recipients, click [here](#). The picture on the next page was taken of the three honorees at the annual meeting. Pictured from left to right are Dee Hatch, Dick Hatch, and Polly Williams. All three of these individuals were instrumental to the success of the Coalition in its early years and continue to provide valuable insight and guidance as we move forward.



**Aging Subcommittee Named:** As was reported to Coalition members last week, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services has announced that it has established an Aging Subcommittee to examine the state's delivery of services for older adults in order to determine their needs and to make recommendations on how to address these needs. Establishing a joint legislative committee to examine the issues pertaining to the state's growing older adult population was a priority of the Coalition in the 2017 legislative session. A provision was included in Senate Bill 257 (the Budget Bill) which stipulated that the co-chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services "may consider" appointing a Subcommittee. We are grateful that the co-chairs decided to exercise the option to appoint the Subcommittee.

Members of the Aging Subcommittee are:

- Senator Joyce Krawiec (R - Forsyth and Yadkin) - Co-Chair
- Representative Josh Dobson (R - Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell) - Co-Chair
- Senator David L. Curtis (R - Gaston, Iredell, and Lincoln)
- Senator Valerie P. Foushee (D - Chatham and Orange)
- Representative Donna McDowell White (R - Johnston)
- Representative Beverly M. Earle (D - Mecklenburg)

An interim report of the Subcommittees findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, is due to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before March 1, 2018. A final report of its recommendations and findings, including any proposed legislation, is due on or before November 1, 2018. We anticipate that the Subcommittee will meet in the next several weeks, and we look forward to communicating with members of the Subcommittee as they undertake their work.

**State Legislative Action:** The NC General Assembly met this week for the fourth time since adjourning the traditional “long session” in June. Among other things, the legislature voted to override Gov. Roy Cooper's veto of a measure that would cancel all judicial primary elections in 2018. Legislative leaders say they are canceling the judicial primaries because the primary will likely be delayed as they intend to redraw the state's superior and district court districts by next spring.

Outside of special sessions, interim legislative committees are beginning to meet. On October 10, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services (HHS) met in the morning followed by a meeting of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice in the afternoon. NC Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, and her staff addressed both Committees. The agenda for the HHS Oversight Committee focused primarily on an update on child welfare issues and the interim investigative report on Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions, the largest LME/MCO in the state. Three interim subcommittees have been named by the Oversight Committee. They are Medical Education and Residency Programs Subcommittee, Behavioral Health Subcommittee, and the Aging Subcommittee (as previously reported). The next meeting of the HHS Joint Oversight Committee is November 14.

The afternoon meeting of the Medicaid and NC Health Choice Oversight Committee included a report about enrollment and a financial update on both programs as well as a discussion about the status of the 1115 waiver and work plan for Medicaid transformation. The Committee leadership also announced the formation of a Behavioral Health Subcommittee of the Joint Oversight Committee.

**Federal Developments:** There has been so much going on, both at the Congressional level and with Presidential actions, that the entirety of this *Update* could be spent reporting on happenings that have taken place during the last month. For the sake of brevity, this summary of key actions is offered. The Senate failed in its effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) which has been followed by a series of executive orders by the President to undo current provisions of the Act including cancelling cost-sharing reduction payments for more than 7.5 million people who purchase insurance through the ACA. More on this is reported below. The President has undertaken an extensive effort in the last several weeks to push for reform of the federal tax system. Key provisions of the tax reform proposal are summarized below too. Congress has also focused on the fiscal year 2018 budget resolution which provides a broad framework and process for moving forward on tax and spending cuts this year. Yesterday (Thursday) it was announced that House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell put the finishing touches on a bicameral budget deal allowing Congress to swiftly move to tax reform. The Senate approved the budget by a vote of 51-49 Thursday night, clearing the way to cut as much as three weeks out of the process. To learn more about this, click [here](#). The National Council on Aging (NCOA) has a good [summary](#) about the agenda for Congress this fall.

**President's Actions to Scale Back the ACA:** New York Times reporter Haeyoun Park did a interesting [article](#) on October 12 which summaries 12 ways President Trump has acted to weaken the ACA and curtail enrollment in coverage under the law. The 12 things listed are:

- Announced the ending of subsidies to health insurance companies that help low-income customers pay out-of-pocket medical costs.
- Opened the door for sales of less expensive plans with fewer benefits and fewer protections for consumers.
- Decided not to send health department officials to local enrollment events in states.
- Decided to shut down the ACA website for 12 hours nearly every Sunday during open enrollment.
- Said it would cut by 40% funding to groups that help people enroll.
- Said it would slash spending on advertising and promotion for enrollment to \$10 million from \$100 million.
- Made videos criticizing the health law and posted them on YouTube.
- Posted infographics criticizing the health law on Twitter.
- Made tax credits for premiums less generous.
- Used news releases to spread negative information about the law.
- Weakened enforcement of the individual mandate.
- Removed useful guidance for consumers about the law from its website.

**Federal Tax Reform Proposal:** Key features of the tax reform proposal include the following (sources [New York Times](#), [CNN](#), and [the NC Housing Coalition](#)):

Individual Tax Reforms:

- Proposes unspecified reforms to the Earned Income Tax Credit
- Increases the Child Tax Credit from \$1,000 to an unspecified amount
- Creates a new \$500 tax credit for non-child dependents, such as the elderly
- Doubles the standard deduction to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly and eliminates most itemized deductions (deductions for mortgage interest expenses and charitable giving are preserved but fewer people are likely to itemize and be eligible to claim deductions)
- Keeps incentives for education and retirement savings plans
- Compresses the current seven individual tax brackets into three with tax rates of 12%, 25%, and 35% (current top rate is 39.6%)
- Repeals the Estate Tax
- Eliminates the individual Alternative Minimum Tax

Corporate Tax Reforms:

- Reduces the tax rate to 20% from 35%
- Reduces the top tax rate for certain pass-through businesses to 25%
- Allows immediate expensing of new investments for at least five years
- Limits the deductibility for corporate interest expenses
- Partially limits interest deductibility
- Preserves credits for research and development and low-income housing

International Tax Reforms:

- Moves from a worldwide to a territorial system to allow companies to repatriate profits without incurring additional taxes
- Subjects all overseas profits to a one-time tax
- Establishes base erosion rules

**Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA) Listening Sessions:** The NC Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) is hosting five listening sessions for CAP/DA. The currently approved 5-year waiver cycle for CAP/DA will expire on September 30, 2018. DMA will submit a renewal waiver request to the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for another 5-year waiver cycle in May of 2018. The purpose of the listening sessions is to gather the following information from attendees:

- Insight, interest in, and need for CAP/DA to show need for additional waiver slots.
- Innovative ways of meeting the needs of the CAP/DA population.
- Strategies to better assist caregivers and to decrease burnout.

All stakeholders, including caregivers of CAP/DA enrollees, are invited to participate in the listening sessions. The listening sessions are scheduled as follows:

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
October 24, 2017; 10:00 am - noon	Henderson County Library	<a href="#"><u>301 N. Washington St., Hendersonville, NC</u></a>
October 25, 2017; 9:00 am – 11:00 am	Guilford County Department of Social Services	<a href="#"><u>1203 Maple St., Greensboro, NC</u></a>

October 31, 2017; 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Dorothea Dix Campus, Brown Building	Room 104, 801 Biggs Dr., Raleigh, NC
November 1, 2017; 10:00 am - noon	Beaufort County Department of Social Services	<a href="#">632 W. 5th St., Washington, NC</a>
November 8, 2017; 10:00 am - noon	Mecklenburg County Health Department	<a href="#">2845 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC</a>

Questions about the listening sessions can be directed to Wrenia Bratts-Brown, Waiver Operations Manager, NC Division of Medical Assistance at [wrenia.bratts-brown@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:wrenia.bratts-brown@dhhs.nc.gov)

**Arguments Conclude in Gerrymandering Case:** On Thursday (October 19) arguments concluded in Greensboro in a lawsuit that targets partisan gerrymandering in general and North Carolina’s current Congressional map in particular. Attorneys for good-government groups argued that Republican legislators in the state drew intensely partisan maps guaranteed to elect 10 Republicans and three Democrats to Congress and violated the constitutional rights of voters. The three-judge panel hearing the case gave no timeline for their decision in the case but gave the various sides two weeks to file post-argument briefs. The case could take months, and maybe much longer, to run its course. WRAL @NCCapitol has a good [summary](#) article on the case and its background.

**Income Gains:** The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities [reports](#) Census data brings good news on income, poverty, and health coverage. The typical household’s income rose more from 2014 to 2016 than in any other two-year period on record (with data back to the 1960s), poverty declined, and the share of Americans without health insurance fell to a record low. This marks the first time on record, with data back to 1988, that all three measures of well-being improved for two years in a row. The typical household’s income rose by 3.2 percent or \$1,800 from 2015 to 2016, after adjusting for inflation, while the official poverty rate fell from 13.5% to 12.7%. Coming on top of 2015’s progress, this means that over the two-year period from 2014 to 2016, household median income rose by 8.5 percent or \$4,600 — while the poverty rate fell by 2.1 percentage points or 6 million people. Even so, median income returned only to roughly its pre-recession — i.e., 2007 — level and poverty, which also returned to its 2007 level, remains well above levels in most other wealthy nations.

## **Other Notes and Updates:**

**Protesters demonstrated at the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville** on October 12 to express concern about the 49,000 vacant staff positions nationwide. They also noted that they were upset with the Trump administration recent decisions in regards to veteran care. In August, the President signed a \$3.9 billion funding bill to save the nearly bankrupt Choice Program which is a temporary benefit that allows eligible veterans to receive health care in their communities rather than waiting for a VA appointment or traveling to a VA facility.

Health officials are bracing for a **potentially bad flu season** this year as they are encouraging North Carolinians to get the flu shot. According to CDC officials, the Southern Hemisphere, especially Australia, was hard hit over the past few months with a flu strain that causes severe illness, especially in seniors, and there is concern that the United States could have a season similar to Australia. Small clusters of the H3N2 flu are already showing up in North Carolina and other states. There were 219 flu-related deaths reported in the state during the 2016-17 flu-season.

Gov. Roy Cooper has signed an executive order establishing the **Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic/Latino Affairs** to help advise him on issues important to Hispanic/Latino North Carolinians.

The **NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature elected officers** this month for the next two years. They are:

- Dwight Cartner, Speaker (Davidson County)
- Norma Duncan, Speaker Pro Tempore (Mitchell County)
- David Boone, Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore (Pasquotank County)
- Annette Meyers, Secretary (Granville County)

Over 500,000 **people in the state who buy individual health insurance under the Affordable Care Act from Blue Cross and Blue Shield** will pay an average rate increase of 14.1% starting in January. The new rate was approved last month by the NC Department of Insurance.

Coalition member, the **NC Continuing Care Residents Association, is concerned about the elimination of the medical deduction** in the President's tax reform proposal and is leading an effort to oppose the elimination of this deduction. They ask that anyone interested in joining the Association in this opposition contact Cindy Barker at [sindydevoebarker@gmail.com](mailto:sindydevoebarker@gmail.com) for more information.

Since 2010 there have been 82 **rural hospital closures** in the United States, including four in North Carolina. Pungo District Hospital and Yadkin Valley Community Hospital closed and the hospital in Blowing Rock was converted to a nursing home. In 2015, Franklin Medical Center in

Louisburg closed, but that hospital is scheduled to reopen in 2018 due to a lease agreement with Maria Parham Health, which is part of Duke LifePoint Healthcare.

With the recent deaths in a Florida nursing home from the sweltering heat when the facility lost power in the wake of Hurricane Irma, there has been increased attention to **whether states require homes to have generators**. North Carolina law requires nursing homes to have generators and a 72-hour supply of fuel, and they are required to test generators 30 minutes a week. According to the NC Department of Health and Human Services, there are 426 licensed nursing facilities in the state.

The state Department of Motor Vehicles has begun to issue a new version of the state's standard driver's license, known as the **Real ID**, which features a gold star in the top right corner which denotes a higher security clearance at the federal level. Beginning in 2020, federal agencies will enforce tougher security standards at airport check-in, federal facilities and military installations. Those without a Real ID will need to provide a driver's license or ID along with additional documentation, which would differ depending on the facility.

The percentage of North Carolina **adults who reported smoking cigarettes** in 2016 is 17.9%, the lowest ever recorded. The state's smoking rate still remains slightly higher, however, than the national rate of 17.1%. Smoking continues to be leading preventable cause of death in the state.

The **North Carolina Centrist Coalition** is a new political action committee that is looking to recruit candidates for the General Assembly who want to be an independent voice in Raleigh and put "leadership above partisanship. According to Nathan Click, one of the group's founders and unofficial chairman of the board, the objective with recruiting candidates is to bring a small group of people to the General Assembly that "are the voice in the center and deny a majority to either party." By so doing, the group believes there would be more room for conversation about the issues, instead of conflict. (From THE INSIDER, 9/26/17).

**Women** make up 51.4% of the population in North Carolina, but **only 25.3% of the membership in the NC General Assembly**. No woman has ever served in the top leadership position in either the House or the Senate.

POLITICO has a new special report, [The Agenda: Aging in America](#), which takes a **comprehensive deep dive into the biggest barriers to improving the care of older adults**, from transportation challenges to the stress experienced by family caregivers to regulatory red tape hindering hospice. Presented by The John A. Hartford Foundation, the series illustrates how older people in America continue to experience a health care system that does not always meet their needs or support vibrancy. It also explores innovations such as Medicare reforms to use tiered payments rather than one-size-fits-all daily payments, telemedicine to expand physician reach, and refining end-of-life quality markers.

The Carolinas Center, a nonprofit serving a network of hospices and palliative care organizations across North and South Carolina, and Vynca, a provider of advance care planning solutions, have established a partnership to offer an online platform where individuals can electronically record their healthcare wishes and securely share them with family and physicians. The unique platform, **My Health Peace of Mind**, will provide individuals with **tools for advance care planning and a place to record their healthcare choices**. The information can then be quickly and easily shared electronically with family and healthcare providers—at any time and from anywhere. To learn more, click [here](#).

Trends showing fewer hospital admissions and more treat-and-release observation stays or emergency department (ED) visits have occurred among patients across all insurance categories, according to a recent Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) funded study. **“The Shifting Landscape in Utilization of Inpatient, Observation, and Emergency Department Services Across Payers,”** published in the *Journal of Hospital Medicine*, showed hospital admissions decreased while observation and ED visits increased from 2009 to 2013 among patients who were uninsured or covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance. Among Medicare patients, for example, admissions fell by 17 percent while observation stays increased by 33 percent. The study analyzed data from AHRQ's Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project for 10 common conditions in four states. Access the [abstract](#).

The **Genworth Cost of Care Survey**, a tool that details the costs of different types of care (home health care, adult day health care, assisted living facility, and nursing home care) in various locations, has been updated with 2017 survey data that covers 440 regions in the United States. This is a tool that can assist with long term care planning, and help individuals and families plan for long term care expenses. To compare long term care costs across the United States, click [here](#).

On October 3, 2017, the U.S. House of Representatives passed S. 178, the **Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act**, on a voice vote. S. 178 passed the Senate in August under Unanimous Consent. The bill would work to prevent elder abuse and exploitation through a number of mechanisms, including: supporting federal prosecution of abuse cases, improving data collection and coordination, enhancing assistance to victims of elder abuse, among other new directives for the Department of Justice (DOJ). The bill must now be signed by the President in order to become law. To learn more about the bill, [see here](#).

On September 26, 2017, the U.S. Senate passed the **Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act of 2017** sponsored by Senator Susan Collins. The RAISE Act directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop and maintain a national caregiving strategy to support the more than 40 million family caregivers in United States. Specifically, the bill seeks to promote promising practices, expand services and training for family caregivers, and better leverage and coordinate resources across the federal government. The RAISE Act was referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce for consideration. [Click here](#) to view the bill.

The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging has released a **guide that provides an overview of caregiving in the LGBT community**. It includes specific ideas, lessons learned, and best practices for expanding programming to reach and include LGBT caregivers and those caring for

LGBT older adults. The guide also includes a list of resources, for both service providers and caregivers. [Click here](#) to read the guide.

The National Institute on Aging has released an **infographic that addresses tips on making your home safe and accessible for aging in place**. This is a resource to help encourage careful consideration and planning to help older adults maintain their independence. It includes tips such as making sure carpet is fixed firmly to the floor; installing grab bars in the bathroom; and placing lights at the top and bottom of the stairs. [Click here](#) to access the infographic.

The National Institute on Aging has recently released **Spanish language versions of some of its Alzheimer's materials for caregivers**. Copies are available online or hardcopy. For questions about ordering hard copies, call the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Education and Referral Center at 1-800-438-4380 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is a limit of 25 hard copies per order.

NCOA's Center for Benefits Access is **soliciting applications from qualified organizations to establish new Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs)**. BECs use person-centered strategies in a coordinated, community-wide approach to find and enroll Medicare beneficiaries—both seniors aged 65+ and adults living with disabilities — who have limited income and resources into available benefits. Grants of up to \$100,000 each will be awarded to selected organizations for an 18-month period beginning in January. Applications are due by November 1, 2017. [Learn more about the BECs and find out how to apply.](#)

The Tax Foundation, a Washington-based think tank that advocates for low taxes has **ranked North Carolina as having the 11<sup>th</sup> most competitive tax code in the country**. The state ranked highest for corporate taxes at third in the country.

The NCOA Center for Benefits Access will offer a **webinar on exploring what's new with Medicare in 2018** on November 8 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. For more information about the webinar and to register for it, click [here](#).

**The National Institute of Senior Centers is accepting nominations for the 2017 Programs of Excellence Awards** which celebrate innovative and replicable programming at senior centers. All applicants will be featured in the annual Programs of Excellence Guide, and winners are eligible for cash prizes. Applications are due by November 10. Click [here](#) for more information and to make an application.

## **People in the News:**

**Bob Muller is the newest member of the NC General Assembly**. He was appointed on September 26 to fill the remainder of the two year term of Rep. Chris Millis who resigned in September. Muller, 85, is a former Pender County Republican chairman. He represents the 16<sup>th</sup> House District which includes Pender County and part of Onslow County. Redistricting would shift the 16<sup>th</sup> District to include part of Columbus County and take out Onslow County.

**Former Gov. Pat McCrory** is making daily appearance on Charlotte-based radio station WBT where he discusses politics and other issues.

**State Attorney General Josh Stein** has joined numerous other Democratic attorneys general in a federal lawsuit to block President Trump's move to eliminate ACA subsidies.

Best wishes to **Carol Meyer** who **left the position of President/CEO of The Carolinas Center** the end of September for a position outside of health care. Carol has been a great supporter of the Coalition on Aging and we will miss her many contributions to our efforts.

Best wishes are also extended to **Trish Farnham, Associate Director of Special Initiatives with the NC Division of Medical Assistance, who will be leaving state government** on October 31. Prior to this position, Trish was Project Director for the state's Money Follows the Person program for many years. In this position she provided excellent leadership in helping many North Carolinians with chronic conditions and disabilities transition from facility based care back into the community. Steve Strom became the Money Follows the Person Project Director in April.

**Tomas Lopez** has been **named the Executive Director of Democracy North Carolina**, the statewide voting rights advocacy group, effective January 1, 2018. He currently serves as counsel to the Democracy Program of the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law. He will replace Bob Hall who founded the organization more than 25 years ago.

**Former state Rep. Tricia Cotham has joined the public affairs firm of McGuireWoods Consulting** as a vice president in the firm's Charlotte office. She served 10 years representing House District 100. McGuireWoods offers government relations, strategic communications, grassroots, infrastructure, and economic development services.

**Patrice Roesler, Deputy Director of the NC Association of County Commissioners, is retiring** from the association after 42 years of service. On January 1, she will begin a new position as the manager of elected officials programming at the UNC School of Government's newly created Center for Public Leadership and Governance.

**Ben Money**, CEO of the NC Community Health Center Association, was presented the **NC Institute of Medicine's Award for Excellence in Health Policy Leadership** at the annual meeting of the Institute in Raleigh on September 25.

**Rev. T. Anthony Spearman has been elected as the next president of the North Carolina NAACP.** He has been a member of the NAACP for 53 years and vice-president for the past six years. He is senior pastor of St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church in Greensboro and president of the NC Council of Churches. Rev. Spearman succeeds Rev. William Barber who is stepping down to lead a national effort focused on the rights of the poor.

**President Trump's secretary of health and human services, Tom Price, resigned** on September 29 after an investigation of his costly travel. He served less than eight months in the position. Don J. Wright, a deputy assistant secretary of health, has been named as acting secretary.

**October Coalition Meeting:** The October Coalition meeting will be held on Friday, October 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in room 104 of the Brown Building which is located at 801 Biggs Drive on the Dix Campus in Raleigh. This is the hearing room for the NC Division of Health Service Regulation. We are excited that our guest speaker for the meeting will be Mark Hensley, Dementia Services Coordinator with the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, who will share information about the state's Strategic Plan for Addressing Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders and the status of addressing Plan recommendations. Since we did not have time at the annual meeting in September for sharing by Coalition members, we will add time on the agenda for updates from those in attendance.

The Brown Building is the third building on the right if you enter the Campus off of Goode Drive from Lake Wheeler Road. It is yellowish in color and has a large ramp in front of the building. Room 104 has an outside entrance on the left side of the building. Handicap parking is available in the lot adjacent to the building and handicap accessibility to the building is available via the front door using the ramp. Free parking is available on the street in front of the building or in the lot across the street. Click [here](#) to get directions and a map to the building. The Brown Building is number 17 on the map.

For those who want to join the meeting by phone, the call in number is 1-866-215-3402 and the passcode is 5080266#.

**Submitting Information for Updates:** If you have news or information on activities and events you would like to have included in an *Update* to Coalition members, please send details to Mary Bethel, Coalition President, at [mmbethel72@gmail.com](mailto:mmbethel72@gmail.com). The Coalition also posts a master calendar of aging related events and activities on the Coalition's website.

**Have questions about the Coalition on Aging or need more information,** including information about joining the Coalition or renewing membership, please contact us at [mmbethel72@gmail.com](mailto:mmbethel72@gmail.com) or check out our website at <http://www.nccoalitiononaging.org/>.