

2021 CAREGIVER CONFERENCE AGENDA

Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Session with Keynote Speaker:



Tim Sheahan

Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter



Joseph P. Sánchez, PhD, MBA

State Director, AARP New Mexico

Keynote Speaker:



Carl Hill, PhD, MBA

Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, Alzheimer's Association

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Breakout Sessions I:

- **Family:** Common Legal Issues for Senior Citizens



Natalie Myers

Staff Attorney Legal Resources for the Elderly Program

- **Family:** The Benefits Connection Center (BCC)



Genny Espinosa

Benefits Specialist Adelante Benefits Connection Center

- **Professional:** Social Isolation & Its Effects:



Gary Williams

Associate State Director, AARP New Mexico

- **Professional:** Healthy Brain Initiative: Road Map For Indian Country



Edie Yau

Director, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Engagement Alzheimer's Association



Tommy Hernandez

Public Policy Director, Alzheimer's Association - New Mexico Chapter

11:00 a.m. – 11:45

Breakout Sessions II

- **Family:** Medicare Health Coverage Options



Carmen Good

Agency Leader Healthcare Options Providing Educated (H.O.P.E.) Solutions

- **Family:** Effective Communication Strategies



Kathleen DiMasi

Alzheimer's Association Volunteer

- **Professional:** Grief and Loss for Caregivers;



Rick Vinnay, LCSW

Executive Director The Solutions Group EAP and Wellness Programs

- **Professional:** The Healthy Brain Initiative: Advancing Alzheimer's Through Public Health



John Shean

Associate Director of the Healthy Brain Initiative Alzheimer's Association

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 p.m. -1:00 p.m.

General Lunch Session: An Update on Alzheimer's Disease Treatment Research



Dr. Michael D. Devous, Sr.

1:15p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions III

- **Family:** How to Increase Medication Adherence



Jessica Giguere

Regional Account Director MedMinder Pharmacy



Alison Weldon

Pharm D., RPh. MedMinder Pharmacy

- **Family:** Adult Day Program/Care - How this service can benefit you and your loved one



Jessica Lager

CEO/Owner Mayberry Senior Services



Risa Vallano

Director Mayberry Senior Services

- **Professional:** Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors:



Ron Lucchino PhD

Alzheimer's Association Volunteer

- **Professional:** Aducanumab (and its followers): therapeutic innovations with major caveats



Dr. John Adair

Professor of Neurology University of New Mexico Center for Memory & Aging

2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closing Session – The Joy of Dementia Caregiving;



Cindy S. Brown, LBSW, CDP

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