



With the New Year upon us we are pleased to announce the leadership team selected by the Association on Aging New York's Board of Directors.

**Timothy Nichols** has been hired as the Association on Aging's Executive Director and began on January 3rd. Tim most recently served as President and CEO for the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State (HPCANYS). Prior to his work for HPCANYS, Tim has also worked as a Fiscal and Policy Analyst for the Public Employees Federation (PEF). With over 20 years of combined service, Tim worked as a legislative staffer for several members of the state assembly, including serving as Chief of Staff to former Assemblymembers Rhoda Jacobs and Bob Reilly. Tim also worked for nearly eight years as Director of Government Affairs for the American Lung Association of New York State. Earlier in his career, Tim worked as a Policy Analyst for the New York Association of Health Plans. Tim's experience also includes four terms serving as a County Legislator in the Capital District. Tim has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English/Journalism and later a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University at Albany's Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Public Policy.

**Ralph Scarano** started at the Association as Chief Financial Officer on December 8th. Mr. Scarano began his work with long term care and senior issues in 1999 as a Budget Analyst for Albany County's Department of Management and Budget. His vast knowledge of state and federal funding has served him well as the Commissioner for Aging for Albany County, as has his experiences in Aging Services Program Administration.

Ralph returns to the Albany area as Chief Financial Officer for the Association on Aging after serving as Executive Director of Pathway Senior Living in Chicago, Illinois. He looks forward working with the Association to establish partnerships and new resources to assist Area Agencies on Aging in their mission to better serve older New Yorkers. Ralph earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics from St. John's University.



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We are excited to welcome both Tim and Ralph, and for the opportunities that lie ahead for our Association!

The Board would like to acknowledge the great work from [Nancy Graham](#) this past year, particularly with the [Case Management Certification](#) and regional AAA training events.

Also, a warm welcome to [Evelyn Stilson-Ouderkirk](#) (Evi) who has recently transitioned from part time to full time Program Administrative Assistant.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Romano, President; and Board of Directors

## Advocacy in New York

The Association on Aging in NY, LiveOn NY and Lifespan have developed a \$177 million comprehensive multi-year plan to help modernize New York's aging services network. This investment seeks to ensure an increasing number of older New Yorkers receive the services they need to remain independent.

The Aging Services network will share their state budget positions with legislators and other decision-makers in Albany on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017**. We encourage everyone in the aging network to join us for "Advocacy Day 2017" at the Empire State Plaza and in the halls of the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building (LOB). [more](#)

We are currently reviewing the state executive aging budget, and expect to share information with the Association in a separate email.

## Aging in New York

### 2017 Older New Yorkers Day

The New York State Office for the Aging and the Association on Aging in NY are pleased to announce the second annual AAA Volunteer Innovations Award, which will be presented at the 2017 Older New Yorkers Day celebration in Albany on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

Volunteers are essential in delivering services to the aging network. New York State's AAAs have been highly creative in using volunteers to further their mission; provide high-quality services; and expand service opportunities for older adults across the state.

The AAA Volunteer Innovations Award will recognize one AAA for its innovative use of volunteers in providing services that assist older adults in maintaining their independence, supporting the valuable contributions of informal caregivers, and/or other tasks that further the overall goals and mission of the AAA.

We strongly encourage you to participate by sharing the unique and innovative way(s) you attract, manage, utilize, and/or retain older adult volunteers.

Please submit nominations to Tim Nichols at [tim@agingny.org](mailto:tim@agingny.org) by 5pm, Friday, March 24, 2017.



## Save the Date!

June 6 & 7, 2017

Desmond, Albany

Seeking workshop proposals until Jan. 30th  
Share your expertise with the network!

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## Training for the Aging Network

### **NYS Case Management Certificate Training Program**

The Association on Aging in NY, in partnership with the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) is pleased to announce a Case Management Certificate Training Program. This program is designed aging service network case management work force throughout New York State who are either directly employed by an AAA as well as those who are vendors of AAA's and received state and/or federal funding. This includes both full and part time staff.

The five required courses include:

1. Core Issues in Aging & Disability
2. Assessment with Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities
3. A Guides to Aging and Disability Networks
4. Care Management Practice
5. Care Transitions

This online training program is being delivered by Boston University's Center for Aging and Disability Education and Research (CADER) and, endorsed by the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA). By January 1, 2017, [491 case managers](#) completed the program and received the New York State Case Management Certificate. Congratulations to all those case manager who have completed the program!

This training program has an ongoing enrollment. If you have hired a new case manager (since April 1, 2016) who provides case management services to clients who received in-home services funded by Title III-B, EISEP and CSE please contact [Nancy Graham](#) to learn how to register them for the program.

*NOTE: To understand whether your staff is eligible to enroll in this program please consult the NYSOFA's Program Instructions on the*

## Upcoming Events:

### Statewide Legislative Conference & Advocacy Day February 7, 2017

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Read the budget position statement and plan to "Modernize Long Term Care Services & Supports for Older New Yorkers" [HERE](#)

Join the statewide advocacy effort and **MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD!** [More here](#)

Do you have an educational event you'd like to add to our calendar? [Click Here](#) to find out how.

## Members Only

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Members: Check out Aging-NY's Resources page. And bookmark it to return to for updates. [Click here](#).

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