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NASUAD and Leading National Disability Organization Partners Awarded Business Acumen for Disability Organizations from the Administration for Community Living

The Administration on Community Living announced on October 1, 2016 that the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) was awarded the Business Acumen for Disability Organizations Resource Center. The new resource center will promote the development of business relationships between health plans and other integrated health services and community based disability organizations. This 3-year grant will support training, technical assistance and a learning collaborative for disability organizations that want to cement their role in a changing Long Term Services and Supports delivery system.

NASUAD partnered with leading national disability leaders in their application including the **American Association on Health and Disabilities (AAHD)**, the **American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)**, the **Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)**, the **National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS)**, the **National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)**, the **National Council on Aging (NCOA)**, the **National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)**, the **Community Living Policy Center** at the **University of California at San Francisco (UCSF)**, and the **Research and Training Center at University of Minnesota's (UoM) Institute on Community Integration**. **Mercer Human Services Government Consulting** will provide critical financial and business strategy expertise to support this effort.

“I am proud to partner with a team that has such broad experience in providing training and technical assistance in the field of disability services” said Executive Director Martha Roherty. “Disability CBOs bring decades of experience and focus on services that meet individual needs, provide choices to consumers, and support self-determination for persons with a disability and their families. Our hope is that this resource center will serve as a center for promising practices for not only the CBOs, but also provide the key knowledge that integrated entities, including health plans, need to better serve the unique needs of individuals with disabilities.”

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The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) was founded in 1964 under the name National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA). In 2010, the organization changed its name to NASUAD in an effort to formally recognize the work that the state agencies were undertaking in the field of disability policy and advocacy. Today, NASUAD represents the nation’s 56 state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities and supports visionary state leadership, the advancement of state systems innovation and the articulation of national policies that support home and community based services for older adults and individuals with disabilities. NASUAD’s mission is to design, improve, and sustain state systems delivering home and community based services and supports for people who are older or have a disability and their caregivers.

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