



## **RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council: April 2021 Meeting Overview**

On April 28, 2021, the RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council (FCAC) convened for their eighth full council meeting.

Alison Barkoff, Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration for Community Living (ACL), called the meeting to order. Acting Administrator Barkoff welcomed members and other participants to the meeting, providing a detailed introduction of herself to the members while thanking them personally and collectively for the work they have done since they first met in August 2019.

### **Older Adults' Equity Collaborative (OAEC) Presentation**

Representatives from the Older Adults' Equity Collaborative (OAEC) gave a presentation about how to ensure access and equity in aging services programs, particularly when working with caregivers. The OAEC speakers represented the following organizations:

- MHP Salud
- National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA)
- National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA)
- National Center and Caucus on Black Aging (NCBA)
- SAGE - Advocacy & Services for LGBT Elders
- Center for Healthy Aging, New York Academy of Medicine

### **[Stakeholder] Listening Sessions Presentation**

Carol Regan, Senior Advisor at Community Catalyst and Dr. Pamela Nadash, Associate Professor in the Department of Gerontology, McCormack Graduate School at the University of Massachusetts, Boston shared their findings from the stakeholder listening sessions. These listening sessions included national and state level organizations that are working on caregiver issues, ranging from aging to disability groups to providers, researchers and advocates who represented many aspects caregiving.

### **Initial Report to Congress – Final Review & Discussion**

The three Council Co-chairs facilitated the Council's discussion about the final draft of their Report to Congress. Members took turn commenting on what they think about the report and discussed specific aspects of the report they felt stood out in their minds as they reflected on the Council's work over the past year and a half.

When the reviews and discussions were completed, the Council took a poll of the non-federal members, who unanimously voted to move the final draft Report to Congress through the official government clearance process.

### **Closing Remarks**

The meeting concluded with an expression of appreciation to Council members for what they have accomplished while reminding them about next steps involving development of the



Family Caregiving National Strategy, which will be discussed in Council's subcommittees meetings in May 2021.