



NASUAD ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

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WASHINGTON, DC – The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is pleased to announce the newly-elected Executive Officers to NASUAD’s Board of Director’s for 2011-2012. Charged with providing strategic guidance to the Association, NASUAD’s Executive Board will be led by President Carol Sala, the Administrator of the Aging and Disability Services Division within Nevada’s Department of Health and Human Services.

Joining Ms. Sala on the Executive Board is Vice President Lance Robertson, Director of the Oklahoma Aging Services Division; Secretary Gloria Lawlah, Secretary of Aging for the Maryland Department on Aging; and Treasurer James Bulot, Director of the Georgia Division of Aging Services. Ms. Sala’s most recent predecessor, Irene Collins, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Senior Services, remains on NASUAD’s Executive Board as the Association’s Immediate Past President. The Board of Directors is also comprised of ten Regional Representatives, who serve to represent the views of the states in their regions and to keep the general membership informed of NASUAD activities.

Welcoming Ms. Sala to her new role, Martha Roherty, NASUAD’s Executive Director, said, “Carol has spent her career improving the quality of life for some of Nevada’s most vulnerable citizens. As President of the NASUAD Board of Directors, her experience, leadership, and dedication will help guide state agencies, as well as the Association, in continuing to advance the needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers.”

Ms. Sala has been with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for over 25 years, and with the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) since 1992. During this time, she has served as Chief of the Community-based Care program, as a Social Work Supervisor, and is the current ADSD Administrator, a position to which she was appointed in 2003. In this capacity, she oversees nearly 180 employees, and is responsible for an annual budget of approximately \$40 million. Prior to transitioning to the ADSD, she was the Department of Health and Human Services Welfare and Child and Family Services Divisions.

In recognition of her commitment to improving the quality of life for older Nevadans, Ms. Sala received the Thelma Clark Community Service Award in 2005; in that same year, she was selected as a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. In addition to providing staff oversight for the Nevada Commission on Aging and the Strategic Plan for Senior Services Accountability Committee, Ms. Sala serves on several local, state, and national boards, including the Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators; the Trust Fund for Public Health; the Assistive Technology Council; the Rural/Frontier Women’s Health Coordinating Centers Advisory Committee; and the Workforce Investment Board Subcommittee on the Employment of Persons with Disabilities.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Ms. Sala is a licensed social worker and has done postgraduate work in Social Work at the University of Nevada, Reno.

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, founded in 1964, represents the nation’s 56 officially designated state and territorial agencies on aging. The Association’s principal 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. <http://www.nasuad.org>