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National Board Elected

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) elected AHCA's Board of Governors and NCAL's Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 term. Tom Coble of Oklahoma was elected for a second term as AHCA Chair, and Christian (Chris) Mason of Oregon was re-elected as NCAL Chair.

Mr. Mason is the president and chief executive officer of Senior Housing Managers, which operates assisted living, residential care communities and nursing centers in multiple states. Mason's career in long term care spans 30 years. He was elected to NCAL's Board in 2006 and is an active member of the American College of Health Care Administrators.

The remaining members of NCAL's Board of Directors include two individuals from New Jersey: Michele DeClemente-Hughes of Brookdale Senior Living, At-Large Representative and Steven Heaney of Brandywine Living, At-Large Representative.

"We are proud to welcome this distinguished group of leaders to our respective Boards," said AHCA/NCAL President and CEO Mark Parkinson. "We face many challenges and opportunities in the coming year, and I believe that we can continue to deliver solutions for quality care under Tom and Chris' leadership."

"The diversity of assisted living professionals on the NCAL Board is what helps make our association strong," said NCAL Executive Director Scott Tittle. "We are honored they have chosen to share their expertise and leadership to move the assisted living profession forward."

Members of the AHCA Board of Governors are elected annually by the association's governing body, the Council of States. The NCAL Board of Directors is elected by current members of the NCAL Board and by NCAL State Leaders or the NCAL State Leader's proxy. Both are elected annually at Convention.

NCAL Announces Addition of Assisted Living Measures in LTC Trend Tracker

The National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) announced an expanded national effort to demonstrate the profession's commitment to quality care through data. NCAL added four new assisted living measures to its online data collection tool LTC Trend Tracker: hospital admissions, hospital readmissions, the off-label use of antipsychotic medications, and occupancy rates.

"We know our assisted living communities are providing high quality care, but in today's health care environment, we need to be able to demonstrate it," said NCAL Executive Director Scott Tittle. "NCAL is proud to grow our assisted living footprint in LTC Trend Tracker to help providers better understand how they're doing, share that with other health care partners and consumers, and hopefully, get recognized for their amazing work."

The four additional measures bring the total to six for assisted living providers in LTC Trend Tracker. Reports currently exist regarding staffing (calculating turnover and retention) and customer satisfaction. Today's announcement now gives NCAL member organizations the ability to track their progress on all of the NCAL Quality Initiative goals within one tool.

What sets LTC Trend Tracker apart from other data collection platforms is that our measures are clearly defined, so that everyone is comparing apples to apples," said NCAL Senior Director of Workforce & Quality Improvement Programs Lindsay Schwartz, Ph.D. "This allows any assisted living organization to instantly see how they're doing in relation to their peers in their state, region, or the entire nation."



Congratulations Brandywine Living at Princeton!

Congratulations to Brandywine Living at Princeton for receiving the NCAL National Assisted Living Week® Program Award! They were chosen over all other submissions which were submitted from across the country.



2016 Recipients of the National Quality Award Program

Well Done!

The following New Jersey communities achieved Bronze and Silver Quality Awards:

Bronze: *Brookdale Hillsborough*, Hillsborough; *Summit Ridge Center*, West Orange; *Five Star Premier Residences of Teaneck*, Teaneck; *Mt Arlington Senior Living*, Mt. Arlington; *Park Crescent Nursing and Rehabilitation*, East Orange; *Sunrise Assisted Living of East Brunswick*, East Brunswick; *Maple Glen Center*, Genesis HealthCare, Fair Lawn; *Sunrise Assisted Living of Paramus*, Paramus; *Sunrise of Wayne*, Wayne; *Sunrise Senior Living of Wall*, Wall; *Aspen Hills Healthcare Center*, Pemberton; *Sunrise Senior Living of West Essex*, Fairfield; *Sunrise of Woodcliff Lake*, Woodcliff Lake; *Sunrise of Cresskill*, Cresskill; *Arbors Care Center*, Toms River; *Shorrock Gardens Care Center*, Brick; *Brookdale Wayne*, Wayne; *Tower Lodge Care Center*, Wall; *Francis E. Parker at River Road*, Piscataway; *Sunrise Senior Living Of Morris Plains*, Morris Plains; *Sunrise of Jackson*, Jackson; *Francis E. Parker at Landing Lane*, New Brunswick; *The Avalon at Hillsborough*, Hillsborough; *Brookdale Westampton*, Westampton; *Phillipsburg Center*, Phillipsburg; *Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center*, Emerson.

Silver: *Hunterdon Care Center*, Flemington; *Bridgeway Care and Rehabilitation Center at Bridgewater*, Bridgewater; *Francis E. Parker at Stonegate*, Highland Park.