



Advisory Committee on Aging

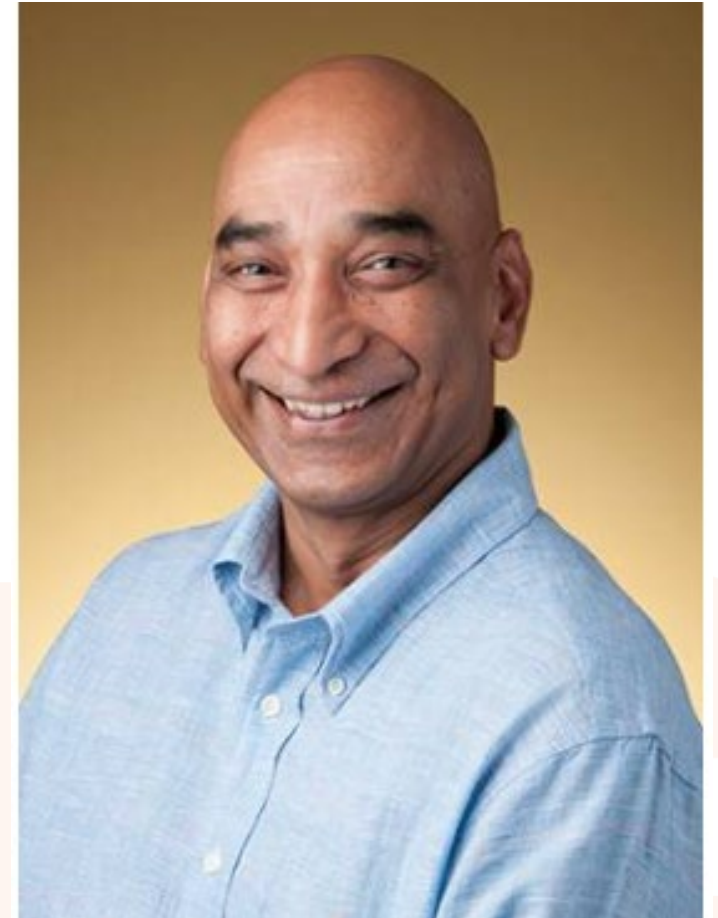
Managing Director's Report

Becky Kurtz

New ACA member

Dr. Govind Hariharan

- Professor at Kennesaw State University
 - Associate Director, Econometric Center
 - Economics, Finance & Quantitative Analysis



New ARC Executive Director

- Anna Roach
 - to begin in mid-February.
 - formerly, Chief Operating Officer, Fulton County, GA
- Doug Hooker to retire in late March.



Board support for A&IS Business Partnerships

Jan 12 - ARC Board approval

- continue public/private partnership exploration
- intersection of ARC aging/social services and private health care
- will require business operations transformation



Federal Legislative Activity - Part 1

➤ House “Build Back Better” Reconciliation package

- \$1.2 Billion in Older Americans Act (OAA) increases (similar to CARES Act amounts)
 - Eliminates non-federal match in ARPA for OAA
 - Medicaid HCBS Waivers - \$150 billion over 10 years
 - Elder justice infrastructure
 - Social isolation grants
 - Medicare hearing benefit
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- Next step: Still awaiting Senate consideration

Federal Legislative Activity - Part 2

- Federal FY 22 (began October 1, 2021)
 - Continuing Resolution expires on February 18
 - President's budget and House versions of FY 22 appropriations have significant OAA increases

Federal Legislative Activity - Part 3

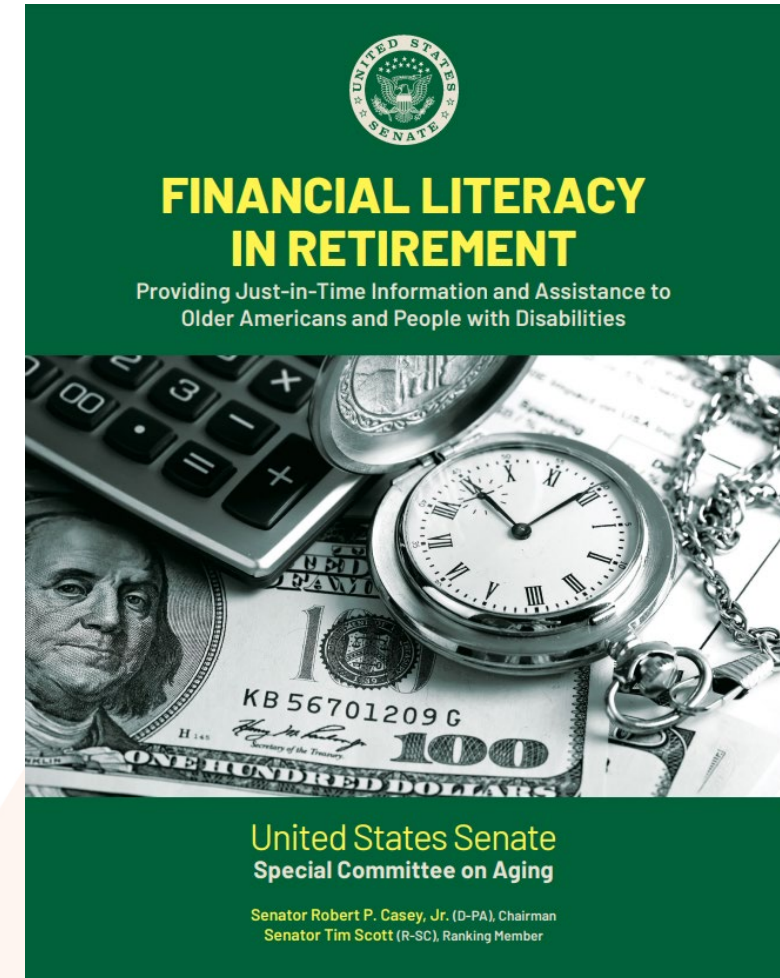
- US Senate Special Committee on Aging
 - January 13 Hearing on Financial Literacy
 - Included ARC's Patti Szarowicz



Federal Legislative Activity - Part 3 (continued)

- US Senate Special Committee on Aging
 - [Financial Literacy in Retirement Guide](#)
 - Note to ACA member Brandi Hackett:

“Your insightful comments were critical to develop this report, and to inform a [hearing](#) on the same topic.”



State legislative activity - Part 1

A graphic titled "CO-AGE 2022 ISSUES" with a background image of an elderly person's hands. The text "WAIT LIST NUMBERS ON THE RISE" is accompanied by a white line graph with an upward arrow. Below this, it says "CO-AGE HAS THE ANSWERS". On the right side, there is a vertical list of five issues in white text on dark red rectangular backgrounds: "FUNDING FOR IN-HOME CARE", "FUNDING FOR LTCO AWARENESS", "ALLOW MEDICAID IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES", "THE GEORGIA CAREGIVERS ACT", and "EXPAND NURSING HOME OPTIONS". At the bottom center is the GCOA logo, which consists of the letters "GCOA" in a stylized, interlocking font.

CO-AGE
2022 ISSUES

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www.gcoa.org -- Senior Week at the Capitol (virtual) February 17

State legislative activity - Part 2

- Governor's budget for FY22 (supplemental)
 - Includes state match for ARPA
 - Does not include local match - request from AAAs
- Governor's budget for FY23
 - Does not include COAGE priority requests



State legislative activity - Part 3

January 20 ARC 2022 Legislative Policy Briefing: Improving Behavioral Health Access Across the Lifespan

- Recording of the Briefing Session: <https://youtu.be/H7NzceUJzBM>
- Resources mentioned by panelists:
 - Georgia Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission First Year Report
 - Carter Center, “Improving Access to Mental Health Care in Georgia”
 - ARC Behavioral Health Coaching Executive Summary
 - ARC Aging & Independence Services Annual Report (FY 21)
 - Confess project article

ARC Office Reintegration

- Office remains primarily virtual
- Expect decision in late January on whether ARC returns in mid-February or delays reintegration further
- Will keep the ACA informed well before our March ACA meeting

