Advisory Committee on Aging

Managing Director's Report

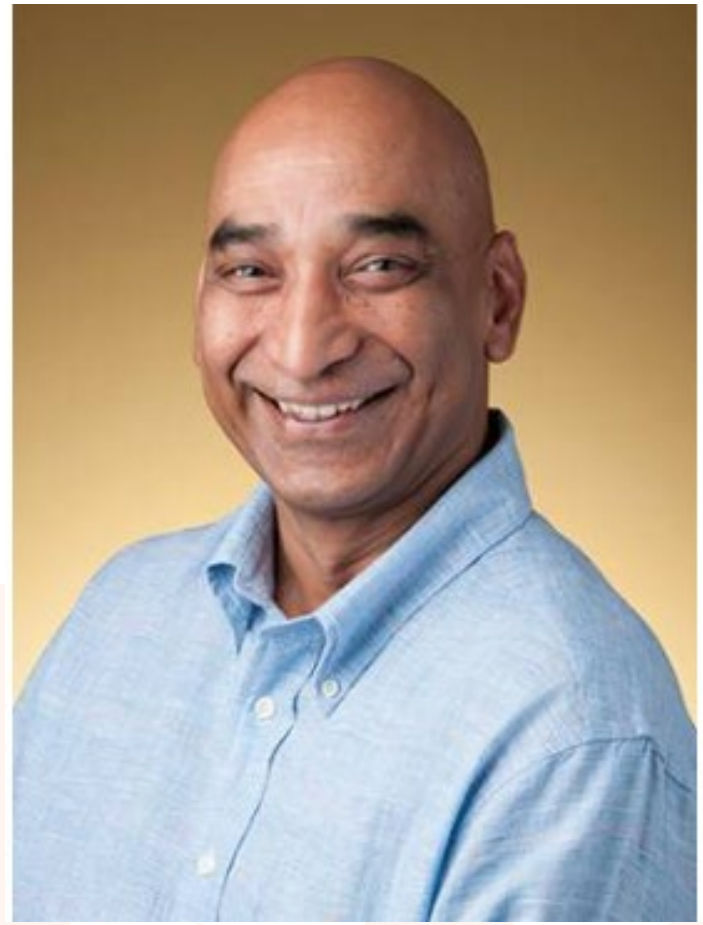
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New ACA member

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



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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

- 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

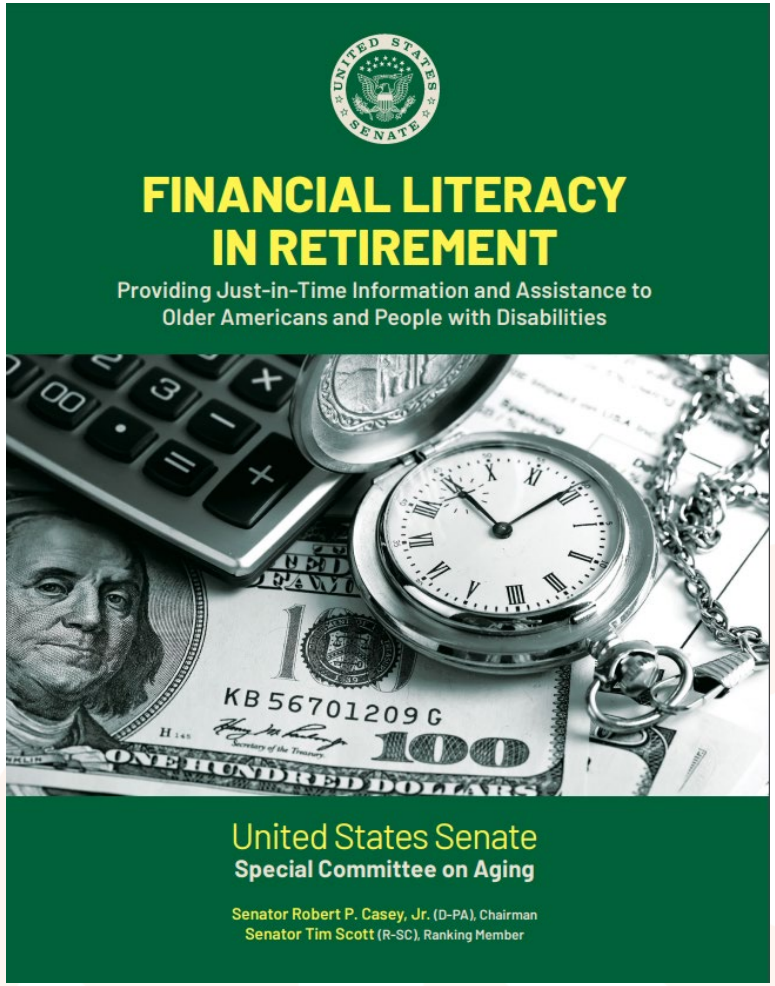
- US Senate Special Committee on Aging
  - January 13 Hearing on Financial Literacy
  - Included ARC's Patti Szarowicz



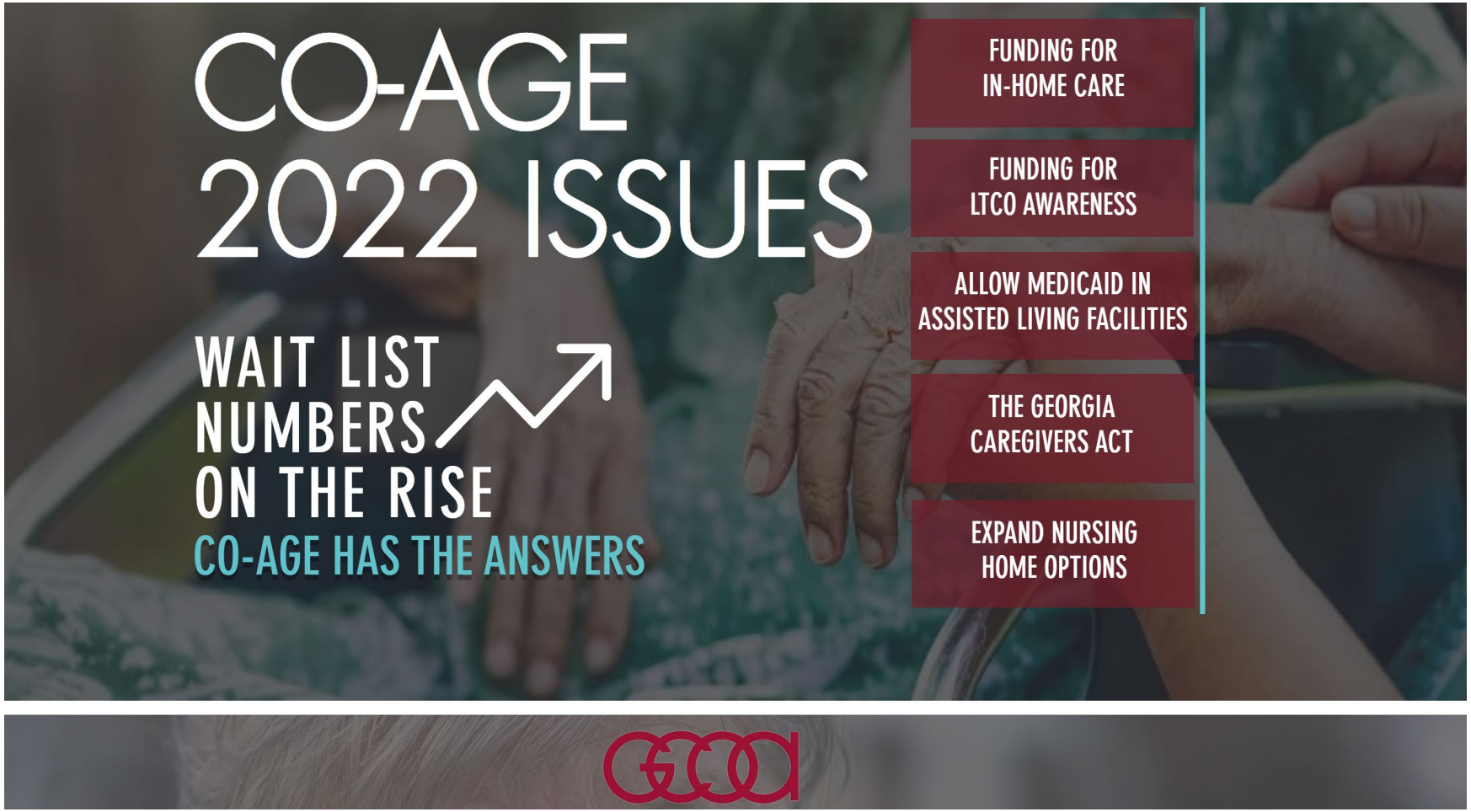
Federal Legislative Activity – Part 3 (continued)

- 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



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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