

# From Caring to Caregiver Advocate

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of Caregiving Coalitions

Hyatt Regency Chicago, Regency CD (West Tower, Gold Level)



### Meeting Agenda

- 9:00 am**      **Welcome and Conference Overview**  
*Gail Gibson Hunt, President & CEO, NAC*  
*Joanne Gruskos, Director, SpecialCare Program, MassMutual Financial Group*  
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- 9:20 am**      **Caregiving Advocate Perspectives**  
*C. Grace Whiting, JD, Director of Strategic Partnerships, NAC*  
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- 9:30 am**      **Underserved Caregivers: Supporting Special Populations**  
*Moderator: Rick Greene, MSW, Executive Advisor, NAC*  
*Jed Johnson, MSW, MBA, VP, Strategic Initiatives, Easter Seals, Inc.*  
*Paul Blom, Board Vice-Chair, Training to Serve (LGBT Aging)*  
*Tamar Heller, PhD, Professor/Head of Disability and Human Development, UIC;*  
*Co-founder, Sibling Leadership Network*  
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- 10:45 am**      **Networking Break**
- 11:00 am**      **Creative Solutions to Grow and Sustain Your Coalition**  
*Moderator: Karen Marshall, JD, Kadamba Tree Foundation*  
*Faith Unger, Caregiver U Program Director, AGE of Central Texas*  
*Toula Wootan, Founder, Caregiver Coalition of Northeast Florida, Florida*  
*Sue Coyle, COTA, BA, CMC, Geriatric Care Manager,*  
*Outagamie County Caregiver Coalition, Wisconsin*  
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- 12:00 pm**      **Update from the National Alliance for Caregiving**  
*Gail Gibson Hunt, President/CEO*  
*C. Grace Whiting, JD, Director of Strategic Partnerships*  
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- 12:30 pm**      **Table Topics Networking Luncheon (Discussion at 12:45 pm)**
- 1:30 pm**      **KEYNOTE Empowerment and Engagement: Caring to Advocating**  
*Brian Duke, MHA, MBE (Bioethics), Caregiving & Aging Advocate*  
*Former Secretary of Aging, State of Pennsylvania*
- 2:15 pm**      **Forward Thinking: How Technology is Changing Family Caregiving**  
*Moderator: Gail Gibson Hunt, President & CEO, NAC*  
*Ravi Nemana, MBA, Technology & Healthcare Innovator*  
*David Inns, CEO, Great Call*  
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- 3:15 pm**      **Closing Remarks**  
*Gail Gibson Hunt, President/CEO, NAC*  
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## Networking Lunch Table Topics

**Table 1: Military & Veteran Caregivers**

Jed Johnson, MSW, MBA, Vice President Strategic Initiatives, Easter Seals, Inc.

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**Table 2: Rural Caregivers**

Christine Damon, MEd, MFCS, CAPS, Executive Director, CareSmart Illinois

**Table 3: Transportation & Mobility**

Virginia Dize, Co-Director, National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST)  
Program Manager, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging

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**Table 4: Pain Management & Engaging the Caregiver**

Kevin Webb, MBA, Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals  
Alliance for Balanced Pain Management

**Table 5: Engaging State & National Leaders as Caregiving Champions**

Charlotte Dodge, MPP, Advocacy Coordinator, National Alliance for Caregiving

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**Table 6: Navigating Caregiving Resources, From Health Insurance to Long-Term Care**

Jim Murphy, Vice President of Marketing, UnitedHealthcare, Medicare & Retirement

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**Table 7: Cancer Caregiving**

Mark Gibbons, Director of Programs and Operations, Caregiver Action Network

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**Table 8: Caregivers of Persons with Disabilities**

Sandy Magaña, PhD, Professor of Disability and Human Development,  
University of Illinois-Chicago and Director, Family Support Research & Training Center

**Table 9: Medication Adherence & Medication Synchronization**

Bonnie S. Muheim, Healthcare Consultant to Pfizer

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**Table 10: Caregivers of LGBT Persons**

Paul Blom, Board Vice-Chair, Training to Serve

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