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C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor
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March 25, 2010

Re: Invitation to Join Idaho's Long Term Care Policy Advancement Steering Committee

Dear Colleague;

Idaho was recently awarded a grant from the Administration on Aging and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to continue development of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) system for our State. For some time we have been engaged in transforming the long term support system for vulnerable services and for adults with chronic conditions. The ADRC model will help us coordinate and refine existing services, including our virtual Aging and Disability Resource Center website, to create single points of entry and resource centers for an array of public and private long term support options in each county.

We would like to invite you or your representative to serve on the Long Term Care Policy Advancement Steering Committee. Committee members will play a key role in the development, inasmuch as they represent the interests of the people the ADRCs will serve. The goals of the committee are: 1) Plan the Long Term Care Symposium tentatively scheduled for fall 2010. 2) Complete the five-year Long Term Care Strategic Plan. Because of your knowledge and interest in strengthening the long term supports system, you are an ideal candidate to serve on the Committee. This is a valuable educational and team-building opportunity to marshal resources and address local concerns through task force activities. I hope you will join us in this important endeavor.

Our first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 5, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Boise Senior Activities Center**, 690 Robbins Road, Boise, Idaho. We expect the Steering Committee to meet quarterly, but subcommittees may meet more frequently during the start-up phase of the project and less frequently thereafter. Participation on the Steering Committee is anticipated to extend through March 2011.

We will send a meeting packet with important information to you in the coming weeks. **Please complete the form attached to this letter indicating contact information, willingness to serve and attendance at the first meeting.** If you will be designating a representative to serve in your place, we ask that you forward this information to that person. Please feel free to contact Sharon Duncan, LTC Policy and Program Development Manager, with any questions at 208-334-3833 ext. 226 or email to sharon.duncan@aging.idaho.gov.

We look forward to working with you on this opportunity to reshape the long-term supports system for the elderly and persons with disabilities and chronic conditions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kim Wherry Toryanski.

Kim Wherry Toryanski, Administrator

Our vision is to ensure that all Idahoans retain their autonomy to determine their own life course as they age.

Long Term Care Policy Advancement Steering Committee

Name

Organization

- Yes, I will serve on the Steering Committee.
 No, I will be unable to serve.
 I would like to designate a representative in my place.

Contact Information:

Name

Agency

Address

Phone

FAX

E-Mail

- Yes, I will attend the May 5, 2010 meeting.
 No, I will not be able to attend the May 5, 2010 meeting.

Please send responses to: Sharon Duncan

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