

ECIAAA Annual Report for
Fiscal Years 2014-2015



Letter from the Chairperson of the Corporate Board

Dear Friends,

At the 2013 National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) Conference in Louisville I had the privilege of learning about the many positive results, as well as the ongoing challenges, of implementing the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965, including the need to reauthorize the act itself, originally planned for 2011. Fortunately, that reauthorization finally occurred on July 6, 2015. I'm very proud of the dedicated staff of East Central Area Agency on Aging (ECIAAA) as they recommitted to the values and goals in the OAA as they collaborated with professionals, volunteers, and consumers associated with many community organizations in East Central Illinois, to empower people of all ages and those who have disabilities to live with dignity and independence. This past year ECIAAA has risen to the challenge to fulfill these commitments.

This past April we said farewell to its Executive Director, Michael O'Donnell, who retired after 35 years of service with ECIAAA. I am also proud of the dedicated Board of Directors and staff leaders whose combined ad hoc Search Committee created a detailed job description for the position, solicited many applicants, interviewed a number of finalists, and recommended Susan Real, who also had over 30 year's experience with ECIAAA, to fill the giant shoes left by Michael. The board accepted the recommendation. The teamwork exhibited by a reorganized staff that transitioned with Susan and several new employees during the past five months has been extraordinary. This was never better illustrated than what I observed during the difficult annual process of evaluating the program disbursements to all of the service providers in the 16-county East Central Area #8. They wrestled with lesser funds and increasing needs of the growing population of both seniors and persons with disabilities, while integrating needs suggested by our very knowledgeable Advisory Council. As a retired mechanical engineer, I recognize that we are fortunate to have such a well-oiled machine.

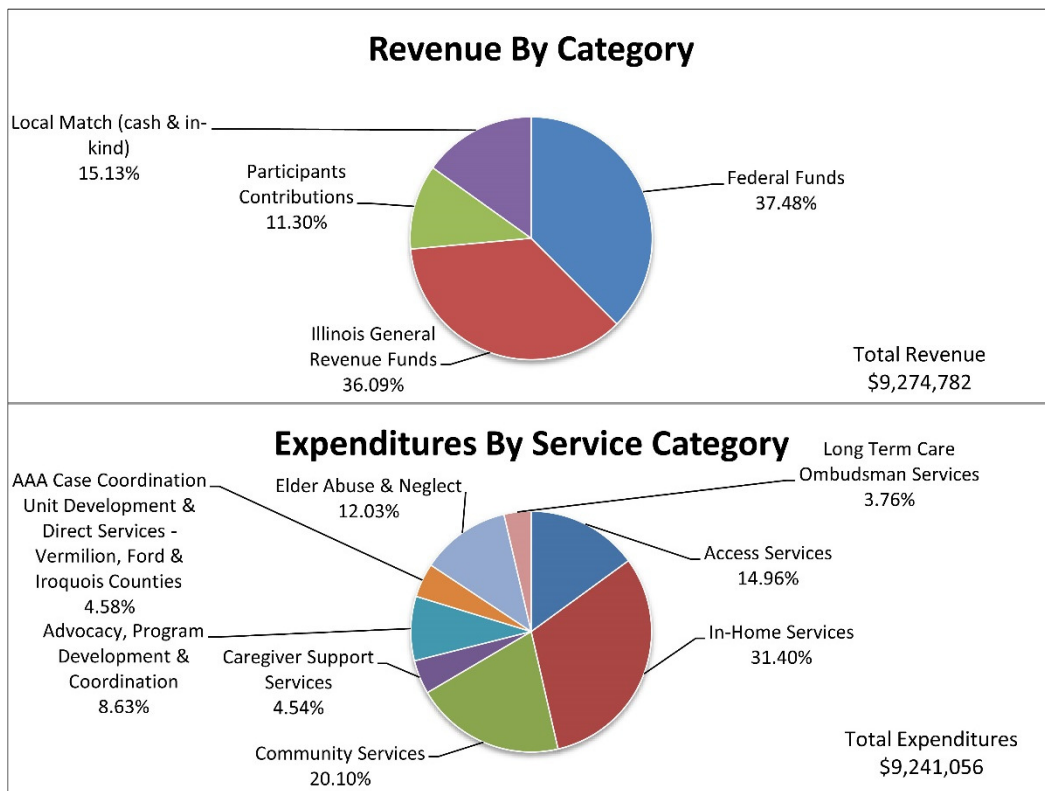
You will soon learn from today's keynote speaker about the 2015 White House Conference on Aging that was an opportunity to look at the many issues facing all disabled and/or older Americans for the years ahead. Conference attendees heard the following concerns: 1) financial security in retirement; 2) long-term services and supports for older Americans who prefer to remain independent in the community as they age; 3) healthy aging as medical advances progress; and 4) protection for all disabled persons and seniors from financial exploitation, abuse, and neglect. I believe your ECIAAA service providers, staff, board of directors and Advisory Council will be able to meet these concerns.

Sincerely,

Paul Rosenberger,
Chairperson, ECIAAA Corporate Board

Accomplishments of the Aging Network in Area 05 for FY2014-2015

- OAA programs and services impacted the lives of 20,049 older adults in East Central Illinois in FY2014;
- Twelve OAA/GRF funded Coordinated Points of Entry (CPoEs) in Area 05's 16 counties responded to more than 38,308 requests for information and assistance on behalf of 15,262 clients;
- Seven Care Coordination Units (CCUs) funded by the Illinois Department on Aging's Community Care Program coordinated community-based services and supports on behalf of 5,277 older adults;
- Three OAA-funded Senior Nutrition Programs provided more than 175,905 congregate meals for 5,936 seniors at 68 locations in Area 05;
- Four OAA/GRF Senior Nutrition Programs provided 302,882 home delivered meals for 2,645 seniors;
- Two OAA-funded Senior Counseling Programs provided more than 4,000 hours of counseling for 127 older adults, and incorporated the evidence-based Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives (*PEARLS*) to help older adults reduce symptoms of depression. Four CDSMP/DSMP programs served 26 individuals with chronic diseases. One Matter of Balance Program served 24 individuals with falls prevention;
- Two OAA-funded Legal Service Corporations provided 3,312 hours of legal services for 631 older adults;
- Nine OAA-funded Family Caregiver Resource Centers in Area 05 provided 9,073 hours of service for 1,079 caregivers of older adults and provided 3,031 hours of service for 279 grandparents and other relatives raising children;
- The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, sponsored by ECIAAA in Area 05, advocates on behalf of more than 10,000 residents in 128 licensed health facilities, 20 assisted living facilities, and 17 supportive living facilities; and,
- Seven Adult Protective Service (APS) providers in Area 05 investigated 1,355 reports of abuse, neglect & exploitation.



FY2014 Audited Figures

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