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The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors Advises Prevention Advisory Group Meeting on Healthy Aging

Atlanta, Georgia (March 24, 2016) — David Hoffman, Policy Chair of NACDD’s Board of Directors has been appointed to the Working Group on Healthy Aging of the President’s Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health (Prevention Advisory Group). The group held a recent meeting in Washington, D.C. to kick off the collection of input for the Prevention Advisory Group.

The work group was convened to review elements of the Healthy Aging in Action Report as well as its purpose, audience and time line for completion. This report will inform the Federal government and policymakers on addressing critical issues with our growing population of seniors. Healthy aging, while a goal for all of us remains elusive without key strategies and supports. NACDD members across the country are engaged in reducing risk for diabetes, heart disease, cancer and other common chronic conditions that interfere with living a healthy active life. Americans consistently report the desire to live healthy lives and need accurate information and opportunities to reach this goal.

The Advisory Group was created by the Affordable Care Act, to bring a non-Federal perspective to the strategy’s policy and program recommendations and to its implementation. The Advisory Group is comprised of 21 non-Federal members appointed by the President.

Among other duties, it advises the National Prevention Council, which includes 20 federal departments and agencies and is chaired by the Surgeon General.

Hoffman said “This Working Group offers a great opportunity to give meaningful, practical suggestions to policymakers in this essential area of healthy aging”.

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors provides input and influence to many other national forums, councils and roundtables and directs a Healthy Aging Council within its organization.

“Healthy Aging is one of the great challenges to health and public health in this decade – we owe it to our parents and our children to get this right”, Hoffman concluded.
The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) is a national, public health nonprofit, serving the health departments of all 50 states and US Territories working in chronic disease prevention and control. For more information, please contact John Patton at: jpatton@chronicdisease.org

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