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Region IV Area Agency on Aging Receives an *Aging Achievement Award* from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)

Region IV Area Agency on Aging [AAA] announces that it recently received a 2021 *Aging Achievement Award* from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) for its **Innovating Through IT Interoperability - Building on What you Have!** Project. Signifying a national best practice, the project integrates basic Office 365 applications with existing electronic health record platforms and other databases to create lean clinical and administrative management tools to enhance service delivery throughout its care management programs.

The 2021 *n4a Aging Innovations and Achievement Awards* recognizes Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and Title VI Native American Aging Programs that develop and implement cutting-edge approaches to support older adults, people with disabilities and their family caregivers. Among the selection criteria was the ease with which other agencies could replicate the program in their communities. Region IV AAA was among 36 local aging programs to receive honors during the n4a Annual Conference and Tradeshow, July 19-22.

“n4a is proud to recognize the innovative, successful and replicable programs and initiatives of our members through the *Aging Innovations and Achievement Awards*. “Our members work tirelessly, with little fanfare, in their communities. We salute the winning AAAs who have enhanced the value of this awards program by sharing their initiatives with their peers in the Aging Network,” said Sandy Markwood, Chief Executive Officer of n4a.

Lynn Kellogg, Area Agency on Aging, AAA/CEO, says, “Staff and supervisors now utilize dashboards that inform key clinical indicators and allow tracking and reminders of deadlines in a user-friendly platform that eliminates the previous fragmentation and confusion. Staff keep a steady eye on improvements and are amazing in what they accomplish”.

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