



# Advisory Committee on Aging

Managing Director's Report

July 28, 2021

**July 1, 2021 is the beginning of FY 2022**



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# ARC wins 2021 n4a Innovation Award

- Category: Healthy Aging
- ARCHI Diabetes Coaching Service
- Awarded at the n4a Annual Conference in July
- For more details: <https://www.n4a.org/aia>





# 2020 Activities & Accomplishments

## INNOVATOR | Innovations in Care Coordination

**Diabetes Collaborative:** Five health systems partnered to address the unmet social needs of diabetics and improve diabetes education. The first round of the pilot ended in the spring of 2020, demonstrating significant health improvement for most patients.

**82% of patients** had a clinical reduction in A1c.

**62% of patients** lost weight.

**64% of patients** had a decrease in their blood pressure.

**76% of patients** reported improved eating habits, **56%** added an exercise routine, **27%** said they checked blood sugar more consistently, **22%** increased their healthy food choices and **12%** reported a reduction in the number or dose of their medications.

Patients were referred to **over 40 legal, housing, transportation, nutrition, financial assistance, health and behavioral health providers.**



# Managing Additional Federal COVID Funds to Meet Community Needs

Federal Legislation	CRRSA*	VAC5	American Rescue Plan
Amount to ARC	\$1.3 million	\$403,307	\$13 million
Supportive Services			x
Nutrition Services	x		x
Caregiver Services			x
Wellness programs			x
Vaccine access		x	x
Contract received by ARC	July 2021	Not yet received	Not yet received depends on state match (likely spring 2022)

\*Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations

# Forsyth County Status

- Forsyth County joined Atlanta Regional Commission July 1
  - This status does not apply to the area agency on aging (AAA) planning and service area (PSA)
  - PSA boundaries are designated by the Georgia Division of Aging Services (DAS)
  - Forsyth County must make request to DAS to start process
- A&IS Group meeting with Forsyth Senior Services to respond to their questions
- ARC is neutral on Forsyth County joining ARC AAA

# ARC Office Reintegration

- Phase II: Pilot (mid-July - mid-August) to test office opening
- Phase III: Plan to begin in September
  - Staff return to office
  - Revised telework and remote work policy under development
  - Board and committees to meet in person (with virtual option)
- ARC Reintegration Plan available upon request

# ARC Office Reintegration: ACA Impact

- September 22 ACA meeting
  - In person (with virtual option)
  - Subject to Georgia Open Meetings Law: in-person needed for quorum and voting
  - No food served
  - No guests may attend in person (only virtually)
  - Safety precautions in meeting space (distancing, sanitization, etc.)
  - Masks optional for all, required if not vaccinated
- Stay tuned: subject to change based on pandemic status