**LeadingAge MN and MHCA Collaboration**

The Executive Committees of Minnesota Home Care Association and LeadingAge Minnesota (LAM) met to identify whether there is momentum to explore a more formal relationship than currently exists between MHCA and LAM.

Olivia Mastry will join us for the first hour of our July board meeting to walk the MHCA board through an exercise of considering where we are related to a collaboration exploration. This will provide the Executive Committee direction as it moves forward with discussions.

I’d ask that you give some thought to this prior to the meeting and come with an open mind. A few questions you may want to consider:

* What impact do current industry integrations have on our decision?
  + Hospital and LTC organizations are continuing to integrate
  + Some of these mergers/affiliations have not yet defined how home care will be affected
* What are MHCA’s desired goals for a more formal relationship?
* How will a collaborative alliance impact MHCA members (Medicare, Pediatric, PCA)?
* How will a collaborative alliance impact membership recruitment?
* Are there other organizations we should consider developing a closer alignment with at this time?
  + At least one hospice group just joined CareProviders
  + I anticipate the MN Network of Hospice and Palliative Care Exec Director may consider retirement within the next few years
  + Nikki Gruis-Diekmann, former Medicare Team Chair will be returning to MHCA and bringing a new member with her (Interim in Rochester). She is the current chair of MNHPC.