Friday, January 23, 2015;
1:00 to 3:45 p.m.

AARP Board Rotunda
601 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20049

Policy Symposium

International Lessons for the United States on Financing Long-Term Services and Supports

This event is on the record. Join the conversation on Twitter using @AARPPolicy.
Continuing the work of the National Long-Term Care Commission, a number of stakeholder groups have been meeting to address the challenges of financing and delivering long-term services and supports (LTSS) to a rapidly aging population. Finding a way forward in light of the current political and budget deficit environment is no easy task, but innovative solutions are needed – solutions that involve financing from both public and private sources.

Our discussion will highlight the distinct approaches taken in France, Germany, and the United Kingdom with potential lessons for the United States.

1:00 p.m. NETWORKING AND LUNCH

1:50 p.m. OPENING AND WELCOME
Debra B. Whitman, Executive Vice President, Policy, Strategy, and International Affairs, AARP

PRESENTATIONS
2:00 p.m. Howard Gleckman, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute
2:15 p.m. Pamela Nadash, Associate Professor of Gerontology, McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts, Boston
2:30 p.m. Jane Vass, Head of Public Policy, Age UK, United Kingdom
2:45 p.m. Matthias von Schwanenflügel, Head of the Division for Demographic Change, Older People and Social Welfare, Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

3:00 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION
Pamela Nadash, Associate Professor of Gerontology, McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Jane Vass, Head of Public Policy, Age UK, United Kingdom
Matthias Von Schwanenflügel, Head of the Division for Demographic Change, Older People and Social Welfare, Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany
Moderator: Howard Gleckman, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute

3:40 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS
Josh Collett, Vice President, International Affairs, AARP
Participants

Jean Accius
*AARP*

Regine Alders
*Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands*

Gretchen Alkema
*SCAN Foundation*

Howard Bedlin
*National Council on Aging*

Britta Berge
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Joe Caldwell
*National Council on Aging*

Bill Clark
*AARP*

Henry Claypool
*American Association of People with Disabilities*

Josh Collett
*AARP*

Brian Collins
*Bipartisan Policy Center*

Jon Dauphine
*AARP*

Pamela Doty
*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Lynn F. Feinberg
*AARP*

Ross Fishbein
*Convergence Center for Policy Resolution*

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Howard Gleckman
*Urban Institute*

Lee Goldberg
*National Academy of Social Insurance*

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Marsha Greenfield
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Jeffrey A. Gullo
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Jilenne Gunther
*AARP*

Ari Houser
*AARP*

Judit Illes
*Avalere*

Enid Kassner
*AARP*

Gavin Kennedy
*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*
**Please note that members of AARP’s National Policy Council will also be in attendance.**
Biographies

JOSH COLLETT

Josh Collett serves as Vice President for International Affairs at AARP, the 38 million-member nonprofit organization that represents people age 50 and over. He leads AARP’s international activity, positioning the Association as a catalyst for international exchange of aging related issues and highlighting global models and innovations for application in the United States. He works to raise AARP's profile internationally and place issues of interest to the Association on the international agenda by sponsoring and participating in international social and economic policy debates worldwide.

Prior to joining AARP, Mr. Collett worked at the Embassy of Australia in Washington, the Council of the Americas, the United States Senate, and CBS News. Originally from New York, he is a graduate of Haverford College in Pennsylvania and holds a Master of Public Affairs Degree from The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

HOWARD GLECKMAN

Howard Gleckman is a Senior Fellow at the Urban Institute, where he is affiliated with the Tax Policy Center and the Program on Retirement Policy. He is author of Caring for Our Parents (St. Martin's Press, 2009) and speaks and writes frequently on elder care issues, including a weekly column for Forbes.com. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Suburban Hospital (Bethesda, MD) and chairs its Medical Quality Committee. He is a trustee of the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality and a member of the Patient Safety and Quality Committee of Johns Hopkins Medicine. He is a member of the Board of the Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington and is senior advisor to Caring from a Distance, a non-profit organization that provides Web-based and telephone assistance to long-distance caregivers.

Mr. Gleckman was a 2006-2007 Media Fellow at the Kaiser Family Foundation, a 2006-2008 Visiting Fellow at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, and was senior correspondent in the Washington bureau of Business Week, where he covered health and elder care, as well as tax and budget issues, for nearly 20 years. He was a 2003 National Magazine Award finalist for a series of Business Week articles entitled “The Coming Revolution in Health Care.”

PAMELA NADASH

Pamela Nadash is an Associate Professor of Gerontology at University of Massachusetts, Boston, in the McCormack School of Policy & Global Studies. She specializes in health policy issues around older people, including a focus on how market-oriented policies work for older and younger people in markets such as Medicare and the new health insurance exchanges, as well as on policies that enable people with long-term care needs to access the supports and services they need. This includes looking cross-nationally at long-term care financing and service delivery systems, as well as studying variations in policies and practices among states in the U.S. Her work has been published in Health Affairs, Health Services Research, The Gerontologist, and The Milbank Quarterly (upcoming). She teaches policy courses in the Gerontology PhD program and in the Management of Aging Services program.

Prior to academia, she worked for Thomson Medstat (now Truven Analytics) as a consultant and has
extensive experience conducting research on aging and disability issues for non-profits, focusing on choice. Her career also includes six years as at the Policy Studies Institute and the Consumers’ Association in the UK. She earned a PhD in Public Health and Political Science from Columbia University, a master’s in political theory from Oxford University, and an undergraduate degree in philosophy from Bryn Mawr College.

MATTHIAS VON SCHWANENFLÜGEL

Matthias von Schwanenflügel joined the German Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth in May 2014, heading the Directorate-General for Demographic Change, Senior Citizens, and Social Welfare. Prior to his current position, he was with the German Federal Ministry of Health from 1991 to 2014 in various Directorates-General and Minister's support staff (including Personal Secretary, Head of Division for Medical Devices Law, Federal Government Commissioner for the New Federal States, and Deputy Head of the Minister's Office/Political Staff). He was Head of the Directorate for Sustainability in Long-Term Care (2005-10); Head of the Directorate for Budget, Law, and Telematics (2010-14), and Head of the Directorate for Drugs, Biotechnology (2014). Earlier in his career, he was a research assistant at the University of Bremen, where he received his doctorate, as well as at the European Commission.

From January to May 2011, he was an Advisor/Fellow in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

He has been Assistant Professor at the University of Münster since 2009.

JANE VASS

Jane Vass is Head of Public Policy at Age UK. She joined Age Concern England as Financial Services Policy Advisor in 2006. Her background is in consumer affairs and, from 1983 to 1993, she worked for Consumers’ Association. She then moved on to become an independent consumer consultant and writer specializing in financial services from the consumer viewpoint. In this capacity, she undertook research such as reports for the Securities and Investments Board on Financial Education and for the National Consumer Council on equity release and on savings and investments for low-income consumers.

She was a member of the Financial Services Consumer Panel from 1999 to 2003, at the time when the UK’s current system of financial regulation was being developed. The Panel is a statutory body set up to advise the UK regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority. She has a degree from Oxford University.

DEBRA B. WHITMAN

Debra Bailey Whitman is AARP’s Executive Vice President, Policy, Strategy, and International Affairs. She is an authority on aging issues with extensive experience in national policymaking, domestic and international research, and the political process.

She oversees AARP’s Public Policy Institute, Office of Policy Integration, Office of International Affairs, and Office of Academic Affairs. She works closely with the board and National Policy Council on a broad agenda to develop AARP policy priorities and make life better for older Americans. An economist, she is a strategic thinker whose career has been dedicated to solving problems affecting economic and health security, and other issues related to population aging.
As staff director for the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, she worked to increase retirement security, preserve a strong system of Social Security, lower the cost of health care, protect vulnerable seniors, safeguard consumers, make the pharmaceutical industry more transparent, and improve our nation’s nursing homes. She has sought bipartisan, fact-based solutions to these and other challenges facing older Americans.

She previously worked for the Congressional Research Service as a specialist in the economics of aging. In this capacity, she provided members of Congress and their staff with research and advice, and authored analytical reports describing the economic impacts of policies affecting older Americans, as well as the distributional and intergenerational effects of legislative proposals. From 2001 to 2003, she served as a Brookings LEGIS Fellow to the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, working as a health policy advisor to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

Earlier in her career, she conducted research on savings and retirement for the Social Security Administration, helping to establish the Retirement Research Consortium and serving as the founding editor of the Perspectives section of the Social Security Bulletin. She holds a master’s and doctorate in economics from Syracuse University and bachelor’s in economics, mathematics, and Italian from Gonzaga University.
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