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Katie Smith Sloan

President & CEO
LeadingAge



Katie Smith Sloan is president and CEO of [LeadingAge](#). Guided by the mission to be the trusted voice for aging, Sloan advances the organization's strategic priorities to increase impact through advocacy, enhanced member value and generates ideas to improve our current system of services and supports. As LeadingAge's President and CEO, Katie Smith Sloan seeks common ground with other stakeholders to address ageism and to promote innovation.

Sloan also serves as the executive director of the Global Ageing Network, an organization with a presence in over 50 countries committed to improving the quality of life for people as they age throughout the world.

Sloan serves on the Board of Directors of the Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation (CABHI) based in Toronto, HelpAge USA, the Long Term Quality Alliance (LTQA), and ValueFirst, a group purchasing company serving the aging services field. She is also co-chair of Dementia Friendly America, a multi-sector collaborative with a mission to foster dementia friendly communities.

Brendan Flinn

Director of Medicaid and Home and Community-Based Services Policy
LeadingAge



Brendan Flinn is Director, Medicaid and Home and Community-Based Services Policy at [LeadingAge](#). He handles the development and execution of the organization's policy agenda as it relates to HCBS providers and to the Medicaid program across all settings. He monitors and responds to federal legislation and regulatory action, state policy action and provides technical assistance to LeadingAge members and state association offices. Before joining LeadingAge, Brendan was a Senior Policy Analyst at AARP, where he worked on Medicaid and LTSS issues and previously served federal and state health and human services agency clients at the Lewin Group.

Kara Allread

Senior Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer
Brethren Retirement Community



Kara Allread joined [Brethren Retirement Community](#) in 2007 after nearly 10 years serving in the non-profit service industry. She currently serves as Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for Brethren Home Management Services providing comprehensive management services for long term care communities. Kara continues in her role with Brethren Retirement Community leading the areas of workforce, risk management and Brethren HomeCare. Currently, she serves as Board Chair for Family Health and Chair of the Greenville City Schools Business Advisory Council. She is a graduate of Muskingum University holding a Bachelor's Degree in Public Affairs and Sociology and has received her Certified Aging Specialist Professional designation. She and her husband, Joel, reside in Greenville, along with their children Reed, Morgan and Gavin.

Brandi Derr, PsyD

Director of Programs
Rogerson Communities Adult Day Health Programs



Brandi Derr, Psy.D., is the Director of Programs for [Rogerson Communities](#), a non-profit providing housing and health care for elders and low-income individuals and families. She provides oversight to the agency's Adult Day Health programs and Fitness First centers. Dr. Derr has worked for over 19 years in various mental health and community-based settings, serving adolescents at risk, adult ex-offenders, and elders. She continues to engage her community by promoting diversity in leadership and education in various project groups. She resides in Norwood.

David Totaro

Chief Government Affairs Officer
BAYADA Home Health Care



David Totaro joined [BAYADA Home Health Care](#) in June 2009 as chief government affairs officer. In this role, Mr. Totaro spearheaded the development of a far-reaching legislative advocacy program. His team of legislative professionals advocate daily for BAYADA clients and caregivers and regularly interact with legislative and regulatory officials at the state and federal levels. Prior to joining BAYADA, Mr. Totaro was chief marketing officer at RehabCare Group, Inc., a national rehabilitation therapy management company headquartered in St. Louis, MO.

Mr. Totaro currently serves as chairman of the Partnership for Medicaid Home-based Care (PMHC), a Washington, DC based alliance of Medicaid home care providers, managed care companies, national and state home care associations and technology companies. He also serves as chairman of the Hospice Action Network (HAN), an affiliate of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), where he also is a member of their Board of Directors. Mr. Totaro is on the Executive Committee of PMHC, NHPCO and HAN and is a member of the Governance Committee of NHPCO. He is a board member of the Partnership for Quality Home Healthcare (PQHH), the Home Care Association of America (HCAOA) and a board member of the Pennsylvania Homecare Association (PHA), as well as on the Public Policy committee of the National Home Care and Hospice Association (NAHC). David holds an A.B. degree from Dickinson College and a M.B.A. degree from the Wharton Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania. housing units, and brought stakeholders together to support a revenue-generating developments with public amenities.