ADvancing States Announces New Board Leadership

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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA – ADvancing States today announced that Jakenna Lebsock [Deputy Assistant Director, ALTCS Program, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Arizona], has become president of its Board of Directors following the resignation of Bonnie Silva. ADvancing States is the national association representing the 56 state and territorial agencies on aging, disabilities, and Medicaid long-term services and supports.

Lebsock will complete the remainder of Silva's term and then serve her own full year as president, which concludes August 28, 2028. The board also updated its officer slate, with Victoria Elridge moving to vice president, Jason Kavulich to secretary, and MaryLea Boatwright Quinn, to treasurer.

"On behalf of the board and staff of ADvancing States, I want to thank Bonnie Silva for her leadership and dedication," said Martha Roherty, Executive Director of ADvancing States. "Bonnie guided our association with wisdom and a deep commitment to older adults and people with disabilities, and we are grateful for her service. I am delighted to welcome Jakenna to the presidency. Her experience and vision will serve our members well as states navigate a period of significant change in aging and disability services, and I look forward to working closely with her in the year ahead."

"I'm thrilled to serve as president and to build on Bonnie's leadership. Over the coming year, I'm excited to deepen our collaboration across states, support our newest leaders, and help ADvancing States continue to be the trusted national voice for the agencies that serve older adults and people with disabilities. There is a lot of important work ahead, and I'm ready to get started," said Lebsock.

About ADvancing States

ADvancing States represents the nation’s 56 state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities and long-term services and supports directors.

ADvancing States supports visionary leadership, the advancement of systems innovation and the articulation of national policies that support long-term services and supports for older adults and people with disabilities.