

## **Opportunities Abound in the Second Half of 2023**

As we work on the educational events for the second half of 2023, I find it exciting to be able to plan for our Annual Conference to be in person again this year. Last year was somewhat of a transitional year as we moved from doing all things virtual to beginning to meet in person once again. This year, we will hold the event at the DCU Center in Worcester, which offers much open space for networking and all other activities throughout the day.

The planning of the Annual Conference actually began when our 2022 event ended and we've been hard at work to develop an agenda that will be both educational and exciting! Our goal is to present a robust agenda with many opportunities for break-out sessions that will be strong on content for assisted living communities to implement immediately, as well as that which will facilitate planning for future endeavors. Our trade show is shaping up to be exciting, also, and our keynote speakers will present valuable information about a variety of topics, all compelling and entertaining at the same time!

Be sure to watch for our upcoming announcements, which will include opportunities to register as an "Early Bird" at a discounted rate for our Conference. As we move forward in our planning process, I invite you to share any ideas you have regarding topics, speakers, and other content you feel you'd like to see. Please email Laurie Cashman at [lcashman@mass-ala.org](mailto:lcashman@mass-ala.org). We continue to offer our well-attended and popular QA/QI Training Program, now with the full complement of modules available quarterly throughout the year. Our Module 1 training was held in March and the subsequent modules will be offered through 2023. Please see below for details on this program, which has been highly acclaimed and recommended by past attendees.

### **Module 2: June 28th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

- **General Overview of the QA/QI Tool**
- **Plant Operations and Maintenance, Staff Training Requirements**
- **Assisted Living Regulations and Building Maintenance**
- **Ordinary Recurring Maintenance and Repair of Building and Safety Systems**

### **Module 3: September 7th, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

- **General Overview of the QA/QI Tool**
- **Dietary Requirements, Safety Issues, and Staff Education**
- **Assisted Living Regulations and Resident-Centered Dining**
- **Ordinary Recurring Kitchen Maintenance, Permits, and Training of Staff**

### **Module 4: December 12th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

- **General Overview of the QA/QI Tool**
- **SAMM and LMA**
- **Assisted Living Regulations and Documentation**
- **Training of Staff, Communications**

We continue to strive to bring our members the best quality education for the best value possible. As always, I encourage you to reach out to me with any suggestions you may offer to continue to make this happen. We're here for you and we welcome your input.