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MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN BUTLER COUNTY – Pennsylvania’s Secretary of Aging to Highlight How New Oversight Tool is Improving Older Adult Protective Services, Keeping PA Seniors Safe

Butler, PA – Tomorrow, **Pennsylvania Department of Aging Secretary Jason Kavulich** will visit the Butler County Area Agency on Aging to highlight how a new tool launched by the Department is improving older adult protective services and leading to improved performance at the more than 50 local aging agencies across Pennsylvania.

The Department recently replaced an old, subjective, pass/fail system that was ineffective in monitoring older adult protective services with a new, more objective and robust system that provides local aging agencies with valuable, step-by-step guidance about how to improve services and better protect older adults.

That new system – the Comprehensive Aging Performance Evaluation (CAPE) – also has resulted in historic levels of transparency and accountability, enabling local elected officials and community members to [review the performance of their local aging services agency online](#).

WHO:

Secretary of Aging Jason Kavulich

Beth Herold, executive director, Butler County Area Agency on Aging

Butler County Commissioner Leslie Osche

Protective Services Supervisors Sarah Pierwsza and Steve Brown

Wendy Hooks, Quality Assurance

Protective services workers Michelle Gallagher, Travis Day, Alex Scialabba and Leah Ziegler

Care Management Supervisor Becki Stokes

Care Manager Supervisor Jen Calihan

Board Member Rick Kremer

WHEN: TOMORROW, Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 10:15 a.m.

WHERE:

Butler County Area Agency on Aging
215 N. Duffy Road
Butler, PA 16001

RSVP:

Media interested in covering the event should RSVP via email to agingcomms@pa.gov and share the names, titles and phone numbers of each member of their team.

NOTE:

The event will involve remarks from attendees and a press availability prior to a larger group roundtable discussion. Press are invited to stay for and cover the entirety of the event.