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Governor Little Appoints Two New Members to the Idaho Commission on Aging

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The Idaho Commission on Aging (ICOA) is happy to announce the appointment of two new Commissioners to the Idaho Commission on Aging.

Roger Morley of Jerome is filling an opening to represent the South-Central Idaho area effective August 5, 2019. Morley is Vice Chair of the Jerome County Urban Renewal Commission, a previous three-term Jerome County Commissioner and 30-year veteran of AT & T which helps him address and change with the needs of seniors in Idaho. Morley received a degree in Social Science from the College of Southern Idaho. "My hope is that I can help Governor Little and The Idaho Commission on Aging find solutions that will change with the needs of our ever-growing senior citizen community," Roger Morley said.

Jennifer Palagi DNP, MPH, BSN, RN, CIC, of Boise is filling the at-large position for the State of Idaho effective August 19, 2019. A 15-year veteran of Saint Alphonsus Health System, Palagi serves as the Vice President of Community Health and Well-Being at Saint Alphonsus and leads initiatives to support community health improvements, address social determinants of health, and promote health equity. Palagi received her two nursing degrees from Boise State University and Master of Public Health from Idaho State University. "Senior citizens represent the fastest growing segment of the state's population, and we, within the Idaho communities that serve them, have the great obligation to support their safety, health, and voice, and to ensure opportunities for human flourishing across the lifespan," Jennifer Palagi said.

ICOA's highest priority is to keep high risk Idahoans out of institutional settings while providing information and assistance to help all Idahoans age with health, safety and dignity.

These appointments coincide with ICOA's active planning period for the new 4-year state plan to be submitted to ACL on June 30, 2020. ICOA is excited to add Commissioner Morley and Palagi's expertise to their planning efforts.

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