



## 2023 Winter Meeting Agenda

January 25–27, 2023 | The Wigwam | Litchfield Park, AZ

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### Meeting Space

Breakfast and Sessions: Ozanne Room  
Lunch: Arizona Room

### Wednesday, January 25

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Committee Work/Networking**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Dinner**  
Informal: see list of suggested restaurants at end of agenda

### Thursday, January 26

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:10 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**  
[Myra Griffie](#), Convener, Lutheran Services in America-Disability Network

9:10 – 9:20 a.m. **Devotion**  
[Carol Slight](#), Filling Home

9:20 – 9:25 a.m. **Acceptance of January Meeting Agenda and August Meeting Minutes**  
[Myra Griffie](#)

9:25 – 9:30 a.m. **Network Financial Update**  
[Michelle Angalet](#), Treasurer, Lutheran Services in America-Disability Network

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Disability Policies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Growing the Direct Care Workforce and Supporting People with Disabilities**  
Moderator: [Maureen Quinn Yamamoto](#), KenCrest  
Speakers:
- [The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers](#) (R-WA 5) Chair, House Energy and Commerce Committee
  - [The Honorable Debbie Dingell](#) (D-MI 12) Member, House Energy and Commerce Committee and Co-Chair, House Bipartisan Disabilities Caucus
- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Congressional Landscape & Lutheran Services in America- Disability Network 2023 Priorities**  
[Sarah Dobson & Bill Kallestad](#), Lutheran Services in America
- Introduce the 118<sup>th</sup> United States Congress and impact on our network
  - Disability services data walk
  - 2023 priorities
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:35 p.m. **Strategic Approaches to Thriving Despite the Challenging Environment: Breakout Discussions**  
Moderator: [Bill Kallestad](#)
- Focused small group discussions on key questions facing disability providers
- 1:35 – 2:00 p.m. **Small Group Report-Outs and Development of Action Steps**
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Innovation in the Workforce: Adapting to a Changing Landscape**  
[Stacy DiStefano](#), CEO, Consulting for Human Services  
[Andrea Palmer](#), CEO, Awake Labs
- Presentation and discussion of innovation and technology
  - Members share examples of adaptation and innovation
  - Q&A and discussion
- 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. **Wrap Up**  
[Myra Griffie](#)
- 4:15 – 6:00 p.m. **Break**
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Group Dinner**  
Red Allen's Bar & Grill, an on-site restaurant at The Wigwam  
Note two options:
- Meet at Red's at 6 pm
  - Coordinate with valet for a golf cart ride, see Bill for information

## Friday, January 27

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.     **Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m.     **Welcome and Synthesizing Thursday’s Discussions**  
Myra Griffie
- 9:15 – 9:30 a.m.     **Devotion**  
Michelle Angalet, In Spiritus
- 9:30 – 10:50 a.m.     **Public Policy Team Update & Advocacy Training**  
Maureen Quinn Yamamoto  
Sarah Dobson  
Bill Kallestad
- 10:50 – 11:10 a.m.     **Culture & Engagement Committee Update**  
Eunice Timoney Ravenna, St. Joseph Home
- 11:10 – 11:30 a.m.     **Host Home Committee Update**  
Holly Rhodenhizer, enCircle
- 11:30 – 11:45 a.m.     **Lutheran Services in America Update**  
Charlotte Haberaecker, President & CEO, Lutheran Services in America
- 11:45 – 12:00 p.m.     **Wrap Up and Final Thoughts**  
Myra Griffie

## Next Meetings

- Spring 2023     Washington, DC, April 20-21  
Summer 2023     TBD, August 17-18

## Nearby Restaurants for Wednesday Dinner

On-site at the hotel

### Litchfield’s

### Wigwam Bar

Off-site

**Papa Paul’s Brick Oven  
Pizza & Pasta**  
118 N Old Litchfield Rd  
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340  
(623) 215-6850

**Old Pueblo Café**  
102 N. Old Litchfield Rd  
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340  
(623) 935-5059

**Bella Luna Ristorante**  
(Family owned & operated)  
14175 W. Indian School Rd # A4  
Goodyear, AZ 85395-8409  
(623) 535-4642