

**TCBA –NPT Virtual Screening and Panel Discussion
Questions and Chat
June 22, 2022**

QUESTIONS

Janet Shouse

Could Tennessee mandate that any new nursing home be set up as a "green house" model?

Possibly, although mandates are not popular in Tennessee. However, there could potentially be a pilot as a Governor's priority initiative, through a specific state department initiative, or through a law passed by the state legislature. We shall put this on the agenda for an upcoming TCBA membership meeting.

Lynn Wood

Gosh! Using lottery money to help with Long term Care would be fantastic.

Interesting idea but this would be a heavy lift since the lottery monies are already allocated to the TN Promise Scholarship Program. Any changes in the disbursement of that money would result in a negative impact on that scholarship program, likely leading to resistance.

Lynn Wood

Was TN ever "on top" of the long-term care situation? When did we as a state get off focus? Do we know this?

Good question – the coalition has been researching states that rank highly on the Long-Term Services & Supports Scorecard and talking to LTSS experts to identify models for TN. As Lance Iverson from the Comptroller's office shared during the webinar, the General Assembly recently passed legislation and appropriated new state funding for a TennCare CHOICES Group 3 Demonstration project and funding to eliminate the Options waiting list. This is a "win" for TCBA, AARP-TN and others who have been advocating for expansion of home and community based services & more support for caregivers. We need to continue to work together and contact state officials to keep the momentum & progress going!

Roger Senechal

For Amy: is \$200, 000 per year in ADDITION to long-term care insurance? Wow!!!

Amy: That is the amount that we pay. We do not have long-term care insurance.

CHAT

From Ashley Coulter to All Panelists

On the last monthly chat with **Tennessee Adult Brothers and Sisters** zoom, we had a good, open discussion about siblings in caregiver roles - caring for our children, our aging parents, and our sibling with a disability. Often called the "club sandwich generation"! Certainly important topics to discuss!

From Erin Keogh-Rankin to All Panelists

Is TCBA currently working with **Tennessee legislators**? From Donna DeStefano to Everyone: Yes. You will see our letter to legislators with our policy recommendations at <https://www.coalitionforbetteraging.com/take-action>

From Donna DeStefano to Everyone:

The Greenhouse Project <https://thegreenhouseproject.org/our-story/history/>