

Jason Kavulich At Large

Jason Kavulich brings 24 years of experience within the human services field to the mission of serving and advocating for Pennsylvania's 3.4 million older adults aged 60 and over. In May 2023, he was unanimously confirmed by the Senate of Pennsylvania to serve as Secretary of Aging.

Prior to being nominated by Governor Josh Shapiro, Jason was serving as director of the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging. Jason's hands-on experience at the local human services level provides a critical perspective to supporting a 52-agency aging network covering 67 counties where services are delivered locally across diverse populations and geographies.

In 2021, his efforts to assist older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic were honored by the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Secretary Kavulich is committed to leading and advocating for an aging network of quality, sustainable programs that support Pennsylvania's growing older adult population to stay healthy and active, age in their home settings of choice, thrive in their older years with safety and dignity, and contribute to the economic, social and cultural vibrancy of our communities across the commonwealth. The Shapiro Administration's early, bold action on behalf of older adults has already been reflected in the development of a 10-year master plan to improve the infrastructure of aging services, and in the state's budget for 2023-24, which has delivered increases for in-home services, senior centers and the largest tax break for older adults in nearly 20 years.

In 2023, Secretary Kavulich helped to celebrate the groundbreaking on a visionary project started while he was still leading the Lackawanna Area Agency on Aging - a first-of-its-kind older adult advocacy center in the Commonwealth specifically designed to

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serve older adults who are victims of abuse or neglect in Lackawanna and surrounding counties.