Sandy Markwood is the CEO of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), the organization which represents the nation’s 622 Area Agencies on Aging and serves as a champion for the more than 250 Title VI Native American aging programs. n4a is dedicated to building the capacity of its members to: advocate on behalf of older adults and their caregivers; take action to ensure that communities are equipped to support and enhance the well-being of older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers; and serve as the focal point in the community for answers on aging.

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