

## **West Suburban Chamber of Commerce Regional 30 Under 40**

### **Dana Franceschini, A.M., LCSW Transitional Care Supervisor Aging Care Connections**

Dana Franceschini, A.M., LCSW, started at Aging Care Connections (ACC) as a Bridge intern in 2016. Since then, she has become an integral part of ACC's team continually taking on more projects and responsibilities to help the organization and the older adults we serve. Dana was hired as a Bridge Care Coordinator following her internship and showed such professionalism and ability, she was promoted to Transitional Care Supervisor within a year. As Supervisor she headed multiple interdisciplinary aspects of the Agency including our Bridge Model of Transitional Care Program (Bridge), Ambulatory Integration of the Medical and Social (AIMS) Program, Community Resource Network, and Choices for Care.

Dana also represented ACC at the Center for Health and Social Care Integration (CHaSCI) housed at Rush University Medical Center. At CHaSCI, Dana worked with national leaders in the Health and Social Care fields to develop, educate, and train other organizations in Bridge and AIMS across the country. She presented on her work and the work of ACC and CHaSCI in Health and Social Work at national conferences for the Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies (NJHSA) and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a). On top of her normal work duties, Dana also participates on ACC's recruitment and retention committee, planning social events for her coworkers to help find more joy in the work we do to help others.

Finally, in 2020 Dana went back to school part-time to complete her PhD in Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago's School of Social Work. She expects to complete her degree in 2025. Dana is truly a marvel in her ability to lead and progress the field of Older Adult Care. We are proud to have her on our team.