

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Guiding the development of an integrated network of home, community-based, and institutional services for older adults and adults with disabilities

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, September 11, 2014

TIME: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm (one-time change from 3:00pm)

LOCATION: Born Auditorium, 170 Otis Street

Present: Abbie Yant, Akiko Takeshita, Anne Hinton, Anne Quaintance, Benson Nadell, Cathy Davis, Cindy Kauffman, Jacy Cohen, Jennifer Walsh, Jonathan Cheng (for Kate Toran), Ken Hornby, Marie Jobling, Marlene Hunn, Mivic Hirose, Noelle Simmons, Sandy Mori, Tom Ryan, Traci Dobronravova, Valorie Villela

Absent: Abby Kovalsky, Amie Haltman-Carson, Anna LeMon, Anne Romero, Bill Hirsh, Carla Johnson, Eileen Kunz, Jessica Lehman, Kelly Hiramoto, Margaret Baran, Moli Steinert, Patricia Webb, Steve Fields, Twima Earley, Val Agostino, Victoria Tedder

Guests: Cathy Spensley, Chip Supanich, Christine Ritchie, Heather Kittle, Kelly Dearman, Laverne Jacobs, Ramona Davies, Martha Peterson, Rose Johns, Tez Anderson

DAAS: Melissa McGee, Rick Appleby

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

II. ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE

III. ACTION

MOTION: That the LTCCC meeting minutes of July 10, 2014 be approved.

Vote: All in favor.

IV. UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS / WORKGROUPS

- Cindy Kauffman asked that the updates and announcements be brief. If there is additional information to be included in minutes, she asked that it be sent to Melissa. Due to a scheduling conflict out of our control, the first town hall / constituent meeting through the SCAN grant is a Candidates forum with David Chiu and David Campos at a time that conflicts with this meeting. The Candidates forum is being held from 2:00 – 4:00pm today, September 11, at the Unitarian church at the corner of Franklin and Geary.
- Cathy Spensley reported the Aging and Disability Friendly SF will be preparing a one-page description of their work to the World Health Organization by October 1.
- Tom Ryan reported the Housing workgroup will hold their next meeting on September 26.
- Marie Jobling reported the Nominations committee is waiting on the appointments for the 3 pending members; Ramona Davies, Kelly Dearman, and Cathy Spensley.

We expect to hear something from the Mayor's office by the end of September. After those appointments are completed, we will review any openings.

V. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
Palliative Care Task Force

Christine Ritchie presented the information about the Palliative Care Task Force that concluded their six months of working meetings in August. Christine served as Co-chair of the task force along with Anne Hinton. The task force was a joint effort by the Mayor's office, DPH, and DAAS. Traci Dobronravova represented the LTCCC on the task force. Other LTCCC members of the task force from their respective agencies were Margy Baran and Kelly Dearman.

The goal of the task force was to look more carefully about palliative care needs in the community and identify resources and needs. Christine acknowledged Monique Parrish of the California Healthcare Foundation, who was instrumental in keeping the group on task. The task force had 4 workgroups; Systems, Finance, Quality and Community Engagement. Each workgroup put forward specific recommendations. In addition, there was a consumer panel and participation from consumers.

The task force developed a definition of palliative care first, which included improving the quality of life for anyone with a serious illness, interprofessional, holistic, providing emotional, social and physical support, that is appropriate of age and stage of life, or whatever treatment is being sought or used. Palliative care includes anyone with a serious illness to relieve the burden and improve quality of life.

There was a question whether Golden Gate Regional Center was included, which they were not. Christine stated there is a need to identify gaps of consumers.

Quality group recommendations included measuring quality around treatment burden, getting insurance companies invested in looking at quality measurements, and promoting palliative care training for caregivers, both in the home and facility settings.

Finance group recommendations included identifying how to demonstrate the improved quality improves cost burden, a goal to understand current utilization patterns, having coordination across the continuum, and suggesting an advisory board associated with the LTCCC.

Systems group recommendations included dealing with barriers, having an available database of resources, setting standards, information-sharing, and integrating into managed care programs.

Community engagement workgroup recommendations included developing a public campaign, including wellness conversation campaigns and decision-maker information, with the goal to be a conversation competent community that embraces diverse needs.

The recommendation is to have a palliative care advisory board that operates under the LTCCC. (This is similar in model to the Excellence in Dementia Care Committee.) This would serve as a vehicle to move the recommendations of the task force workgroups forward. The advisory board would do their work and report back to LTCCC. Involvement in the palliative care workgroups would be open to the community, professionals and members of the LTCCC.

Cindy asked if there would be any opposition to moving forward. An official vote of the LTCCC will happen at the October meeting.

VI. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
HIV and Aging Community Connect Project

Ken Hornby reported on the Community Connect Project being organized and scheduled for October 30 at the LGBT Center. (This project is similar in presentation to the Homeless Connect projects.) The project is intended for the cohort of individuals who are long-term survivors of HIV and AIDS. Ken introduced Tez Anderson, founder of Let'sKickAss.org, who is co-producing the event. The tagline is that this is for the cohort who is "envisioning our future we never dreamed of." The Community Connect event will bring together providers, presenters, intake staff, and long-term survivors of HIV.

There was discussion about identifying what workgroup can work on this issue. The problems for this cohort are identified; economic insecurity, social aspects, sense of meaning and purpose in life, HIV v. manifestations of regular issues of aging. Steering will address this at next meeting.

VII. PRESENTATION
Legislative Update

Rick Appleby is the DAAS Legislative Affairs Analyst. His role is to identify, monitor and communicate legislative efforts for DAAS. Rick will make a monthly presentation to the LTCCC about current areas of focus. If there is anything particular a Council member would like an update or information about, please notify Traci, Cindy or Melissa so that Rick can be prepared for the next meeting.

In summary for this month, the California legislature is done for this year. An important area was the RCFE Reformation Act, which sent 8 bills to the Governor; 2 were signed and 6 are still left to consider. Benson discussed the need for increased training in board and care / assisted living settings related to higher acuity of residents and under-regulated RCFE oversight. Governor has to act by September 30 or the bill dies.

VIII. ADJOURN

SCAN Regional Coalition Call Summary
Thursday, September 4, 2014 – 9:30 to 10:30 AM

9: 30 AM **Welcome**

Universal Assessment, Megan Juring, Program Officer, The SCAN Foundation
Megan Juring introduced herself and provided an overview of the state’s universal assessment project.

As a program officer at The SCAN Foundation, Megan supports California’s progress toward a universal assessment of individuals’ LTSS needs. The SCAN Foundation views a universal assessment process as one of the cornerstones of developing a person-centered model of care planning and integral to building a system of care that can describe how individuals’ needs are being met throughout the system, and conversely how they may not be being met.

Today’s discussion is an introduction to the topic that will be discussed in depth at the Community of Constituents conference on October 1. Panelists for that breakout session will be able to answer more specific questions. The universal assessment effort is overall the work of the State of California and TSF is a funding partner in the development of the draft tool.

Megan described that within the current construct, assessments of individuals’ functioning relating to long term services and support needs are program-specific, and completed when an individual applies for a particular program’s services. The assessment results from one program do not necessarily translate to eligibility or qualification for services of another program. When California’s Coordinated Care Initiative legislation was passed, it included provisions for the development of a new universal assessment process and tool to be used across LTSS programs and to be used by managed care entities implementing CCI.

She acknowledged that many of the people participating on the call may have attended the stakeholder meetings that have been held to kick this effort off. The departments that are primarily engaged with stakeholders in this planning and development effort include State Department of Social Services, the Department of Health Care Services, and the Department of Aging. These departments oversee the programs and service delivery models that will pilot a new universal assessment process and tool, including the Community Based Adult Services (CBAS), Multi-purposed Senior Services Program (MSSP), In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and managed care plans. Stakeholder engagement includes providers of these programs and services as well as advocacy organizations and consumers.

Progress to date:

- Meetings
- Contract with a research team comprised of UCLA, UCSF and USC experts in the field
- An upcoming meeting will dig deep to identify a proposed set of elements for core components of a UA tool within four domains:
 - Health elements
 - Cognitive/social-emotional and behavioral dimensions
 - Functional assessment, including identification of individuals' goals and preferences
 - Background information / environmental assessment / caregiver assessment element
- The proposed elements for a core assessment, together with those that may be considered as supplemental or program-specific elements will be brought forward to through the stakeholder process established last year.

The statute that calls for a universal assessment instrument is Welfare and Institutions Code 14186.36. It requires development of an instrument that managed care programs will use and that can be used by multiple programs.

The topic of universal assessment is an afternoon breakout session at the Community of Constituents conference on October 1.

Overview of coalitions' 2014 goals and projects:

Los Angeles Dawn Lovelace

Dawn provided information about LAAAC's follow up with legislators after the annual summit. The summit included focuses on finding ways to take action and finding ways to achieve sustainability.

San Mateo Marsha Fong

The New Beginnings Coalition has hosted a series of sessions – e.g., accidents in the home (the most popular to date).

Looking ahead – bring statewide speakers to San Mateo sessions; plus, hope to engage with other regional coalitions coordinating future programs

Quarterly meetings of the coalition have about 45 people – Marsha and Marilyn are interested in how to attract more participants. (A possible call topic.)

In November, we will hear from Fresno, Ventura, and Service and Advocacy Coalition; in December, from Monterey Bay and Contra Costa.

SCAN Foundation Update

- Kali Peterson provided an update on the annual LTSS Summit (September 30), the networking dinner that evening, and the Community of Constituents conference on October 1.
- She encouraged outreach to each other via the Google Group or to specific individuals.
- She identified “how to increase membership” as a future call topic.

Collaborative Update

- September 12 county by county look at CCI rollout
Note: Phone and PIN for Friday Collaborative discussions are same as for this call.

General Question for Coalitions in Non-CCI Counties:

Is there a need in non-CCI counties for background information about the CCI?

The general consensus is yes, perhaps a FAQ.

Jack will draft some frequently asked questions and circulate them.

If you have some thoughts about which questions to include, please let him know.

Other Announcements

Marilou Cristina, from Santa Clara County’s Aging Services Collaborative: She has a report on the findings coalition by coalition of their sustainability survey. If you want the breakout, contact Marilou

Jenel Lin: there’s a new lawsuit to halt the CCI; Jenel will forward a press report

10:30 **Adjourn**

Notes:

The next calls will be on the first Thursday of the month from 9:30 to 10:30:

- *October 2 – **CANCELED** due to October 1st Conference*
- *November 6 – Focus on Transportation*
- *December 4 –*

Agendas go out two days before each call. Regional coalitions are welcome to include additional members on the calls, whenever topics are of interest.

Participants:

Alameda County: Wendy Peterson, Sheri Burns, Tracy Murray, Patricia Osage

Orange County: Christine Chow, Elizabeth Billie

San Francisco: Melissa McGee, Cindy Kauffman

San Diego: Janel Lim, Louis Frick

Bay Area Senior Health Policy: Katherine Kelly

Riverside: Renee Dar-Khan, Robin McCall

L.A.: Carol Lee Thorpe, Dawn Lovelace, Sherry Revord

Santa Clara: Marilou Cristina, Nayana Shaw, Sonali Parnami

Yolo: Sheila Allen, Fran Smith, Cheryl Yee, Valerie Olson, Amy Thurman

Chico: Forest Harlan

Central Valley: Terri Deits

Stanislaus: Dianna Olsen, Maria Profeta, Erlinda Bourcier

Nevada County: Ana Acton, Pam Miller

Monterey Bay: Clay Kempf

Ventura County: Sue Tatangelo, Monique Nowlin

San Mateo: Marsha Fong, Marilyn Baker-Venturini

Service and Advocacy: Jo Black, Jennifer Griffin, Kathy McMillion

Co. Co. Co.: Debbie Toth

The SCAN Foundation: Rene Seidel, Kali Peterson, and Megan Juring

GACI: Jack Hailey