

LTCCC Finance & Policy Workgroup Meeting Notes

June 18, 2015

Present: Mike Wylie, Catherine Omalev, Anne Quaintance, Kelly Hiramoto, Cindy Kauffman, Dan Kaplan

DAAS: Melissa McGee

Middle Income Study –

Project Scope attached.

Discussion on whether there is a service to pay for; i.e., Are meals, home care available if folks wanted / could purchase? Can services be offered on a sliding scale basis? Services are expensive for “middle-income” so how do they pay for them? Do we fail to support people so they end up becoming clients?

The goal is to frame the policy discussion for LTCCC. This would be a study that is fairly factual. This group can lay out work in phase 1; then take to council for concrete policy recommendations and push for legislation.

Different way of looking at the services we provide. There is an understanding that rich or poor deal with same needs and access to services. Prevent individuals from becoming clients.

Updates – Mike and Catherine –

Service package costs and population study – handout #1 attached.

Elder income index -- handout #2 attached.

Want to get current data and finish by end of July.

Population study will be completed by Controller’s staff who will be available Q2 / September; expect study would take less than a month to complete. This time frame may overlap with DAAS needs assessment.

Question to focus group participants will be how people make it work today.

The Controller’s office is currently negotiating with contractor who will conduct focus groups and survey work.

Focus group draft questions – handout #3 attached.

List of potential participating community-based organizations provided -- handout #4 attached.

Outreach to the participating organizations will come from the controller’s office rather than individual workgroup members.

Want to reach the “middle-income” folks at each of these sites. Will need to develop process to screen for income.

Suggestion to add Lawton / Kindred Skilled Nursing Facility to list to have a healthcare setting.

Melissa will contact ED of Lawton.

Survey will be conducted after focus groups; consultant wants to do focus groups first, and then surveys. Surveys will be done via phone and web.

Timing – Working with consultant to set schedule. Vendor will be on board in about 2 months.

Controller’s staff will reach out to sites. This will be done that first, and then have consultant on board, then meet together. Start with appointment to get interest, and consultant will follow-up.

There was a suggestion to explore whether there are other cities that have a similar kind of program that is interesting or offers something proactive that we could model. Give some thought to how we would approach this to examine best practices elsewhere.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings –

Task was given to all workgroups of the LTCCC was that policy issues that are identified should be brought to this group for finance and policy analysis. .

Question asked whether this group would be the one that would be instrumental in the spring budget push. This will be brought to LTCCC steering committee and see what they think of using this group as a starting / vetting point.

Want the workgroups to bring policy ideas to this group. Include regular reminders to the council at each meeting.

Different day and time for meeting –

Group decided that starting in September; this group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 - 3:30pm.

Next meeting: July 16, 3:30 – 5:00pm