

## LTCCC Finance & Public Policy Workgroup

DATE: July 17, 2014

TIME: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 1650 Mission Street, 5th Floor, Golden Gate Conference Room.

ATTENDEES: Noelle Simmons (HSA, Chair), Cindy Kauffman (IOA), Katherine Omalev (Controller's Office), Dan Kaplan (HSA), Kelly Hiramoto (DPH), Anne Quaintance (MOWSF), Megan Elliott (DAAS)

### MEETING NOTES

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Melissa McGee will be replacing Fanny Lapitan as DAAS staff to the Finance and Public Policy workgroup.

#### **II. Review and Discussion of Research Proposal**

Discussion at this meeting was around project scope of the research proposal with the Controller's office. Noelle presented the group with a list of questions for discussion to identify the parameters of the research project.

The project will focus on the middle-income group of SF residents who have a need for long-term care services and supports (LTSS), and how those needs are currently being met and strategies for going forward. The goal is to look at this group as lower incomes are getting services from the public sector. The Controller's office will collect and analyze data based on the goals of the project.

Target population –

Discussion around how to define middle-income. Lower-income is defined by MediCal eligibility, and if we were to use that we would have to decide which eligibility standard we would use. Suggestion is to use traditional threshold as that is what applies to most. As for upper bound, suggestion to use HUD definitions of who is eligible for access to public affordable housing. If an individual is not publicly approved, what can they afford?

Suggestion to price out costs and back in to what is middle-income in terms of housing cost.

Explore how HUD uses standards of income to determine eligibility. This is a number that can be tracked. Find a formula that fits and continue to use that going forward. Suggestion that Housing workgroup come together with this group as looking at similar issues in this area. The Controller's office will explore affordable housing indexes.

The group decided that for purposes of this project the focus will be on non-institutionalized community members. Another suggestion is to look at who CLF serves as a snapshot of services needed / provided.

There was discussion about question of defining seniors by age 60 or 65. It was decided that 65 is the marker event and when access to services opens for middle-income people. Other

demographics deemed important in the study include race/ethnicity, language, household composition, housing status, neighborhood, zip code, gender, lgbt status.

LTSS –

Discussion about what defines long-term care services and supports. Is the basket of services broad or narrow, and how do we approximate need for LTSS? Discussion of how to identify need; having a disability, 2 or more disabilities, everyone over an age xx, self-care difficulty? IHSS, CBAS, and MSSP have ADL measures, but this may not be easily accessible across programs / providers. An ADL scale, including cognitive status and ambulatory level, would be useful. Question whether we can make assumptions about need based on the data. Are there other data sources available? For Medicare funded programs, there is ADL data on MDS (Minimum Data Set) / RAI (Resident Assessment Instrument) or the OASIS for Home Health. Perhaps InterRAI can provide data compilation. Controller's office will look into this possibility.

In terms of LTSS, the Controller's office will look at what data is actually available now, and that will be used as jumping-off point for project. Additional services /data can be included later. Suggestion to look at CLF and see what they pay for; use this information as the starting point.

Discussion around how housing interacts with this study. Accessibility is major issue in San Francisco, as middle-income individuals who could stay in their home with supports find that accessibility because of architecture / structure is the barrier. What is the value on rent controlled housing someone has lived in for a long time? Is there a value on accessibility when one owns or rents?

Study approach –

We need to know what is needed in terms of LTSS before we can know capacity. Need to find out how middle-income individuals are getting needs met now. Suggestions for interviews, focus groups, approaching organizations such as The Village, AARP, ASA, FCA.

### **III. Workgroup Co-Chair and Steering Committee Representative**

Kelly Hiramoto volunteered to be the representative to the LTCCC Steering Committee. Noelle is requesting a co-chair for this workgroup, and preferable a community member rather than another city staff.

### **IV. Adjourn / Next Meeting**

The group decided that the August meeting would be cancelled as the Controller's office will need some time to gather data and compile information related to the research project.

The next meeting will be September 18, 2014 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at DAAS, 1650 Mission Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Golden Gate Conference Room.