

LTCCC Finance & Policy Workgroup

August 20, 2015

Meeting Notes

Present: Dan Kaplan, Rose Johns, Martha Peterson, Cathy Davis, Catherine Omalev, Erica Johnson, Suzanne Simberg, Anne Quaintance, Margy Baran
Via phone: Kelly Hiramoto, Mivic Hirose
DAAS: Melissa McGee

LTC Middle Income Population Project –

Michael Wylie, Catherine Omalev, Suzanne Simberg

The Controller's office has hired DNA Communications as consultants for this project. The office is currently in signature process with the contractor.

Focus groups will begin in November, with the goal of sharing findings in mid-January.

The survey will happen in mid-February, with goal of sharing survey findings in March.

(Focus Group and Survey Timeline attached.)

Catherine will do the initial outreach to the list of agency who volunteered to host focus groups. (List is attached.) If needed, she will enlist the assistance of those of us who volunteered as contacts for specific organizations.

The question is still pending about "What is middle income?"

This project will use the data from the elder income index, which is an index used to identify ability to live in a particular county. They will use this as thresholds for different groups, and will break into different brackets.

The group discussed future use of the middle income project. Hope is that when done, we will have a picture of who is out there and what is needed in terms of services and what individuals can afford to age in place of their choice.

This information can and should be used in policy discussions.

Suggestion to look at home care; i.e., introduce sliding scale in expansion of IHSS, expand income limits in San Francisco, etc.

Suggestion to examine how living situation affect dependence v independence.

Explore the Village model as a resource for us to look at. Suggestion that Kate Hoepke come to group to explain the village.

Idea and discussion around having an IHSS program that has hours with flexibility; the hours are provided in a communal situation and provided to individuals as needed. At times some need more and some need less.

Discussion around waiver program, and looking at whether we should we be pushing the limits of waivers; Medicaid and other types of waivers.

Suggestion that it would behoove this group to look at different systems, and how we can do this differently. Look at the Netherlands ideas, and other programs in the country and other countries. Do pilots; do things totally differently and see what we get.

During the focus groups; listen to what they want. Listen not based on what we do now, but if they present outcomes, figure out how we can get there. Think new.
Start with impact and outcomes and then determine what it takes to get there.

Identification of other issues the work group should be exploring or learning about, if any. –

Suggestion to scope out innovative models with dignity fund money. Look at best practices around the world, and other cities and what they are doing that we can replicate.

There will be an ad-hoc workgroup looking at wait times, hoping to meet in late September. That work would come back to this group to then look at finance and policy related to goals.

Neighborhood preferences in senior housing –

Cathy Davis

There is pending legislation on neighborhood preference in affordable housing. (attached) Historically, development used the neighborhood as reason for need, but then there would be no neighborhood preference once housing is built. The (attached) handout identifies the areas as “planning districts,” which are neighborhood distinctions rather than supervisorial districts. The recommendation is to move from supervisorial districts to planning districts. Also, want 50 – 75% of seniors in district to get the housing slots in that district when housing is built.

New York City has been doing 50% of community board districts for years, and has been successful. Want to use that as a model for San Francisco.

Cathy’s recommendation is 50% of planning areas go to residents of that area. The current legislation allows 25% of supervisorial district.

On 9/17, this will go to the planning commission, then land use, and then Board of Supervisors. This needs to go through the community process; therefore we need to get the community at meetings. The community needs to come out and say we need more to help seniors age in place.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 2:00 - 3:30pm
1650 Mission Street, 3rd floor, Policy room