

LTCCC Finance & Public Policy Workgroup Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2014

- 1) Present: Noelle Simmons, Mivic Hirose, Rose Johns, Catherine Olamev, Michael Wylie, Megan Elliott, Cindy Kauffman (by phone), Margy Baran, Greg Wagner
- 2) Update on Status of Research Proposal

Data from Catherine – looked at census data / looking at income data – identified list of last year’s case management data – data incomplete per Denise – functionality scores but not individually identified. Going forward will want to use specific programs.

**Need discussion and input from this group for collection of quantitative and qualitative data sources.
- 3) Discussion of Research Proposal
 - a) Quantitative data – Are there organizations serving middle-income SPDs that would be likely to have both service need and income data?

Discussion areas >>

How large is group and then what are there long term care needs.

Challenge – finding income parameter and needs parameter.

Can we use comparison population.

Census data –has breakout for disability, want bands of income but census above and below poverty levels only.

Can we find long term care needs of general population – needs may be skewed and low income may not have same needs as middle income. Because of cycle of need, may have higher level of need when they finally get needs met.

Anything out there for folks at 300% poverty level and this is what their needs are.

Is there an institute, report or study where someone constructed a methodology to look at this?

ADP payroll track any of this information?

What is middle-income? Start at just above MediCal ceiling to a high end to be determined.

SF Older Economic security index – “upper poor”

City retiree health system; probably middle income type people.

Insight center - Elder self-sufficiency index

Literature review – has anyone else done this type of work? – service provider groups, think tank groups, advocacy groups, Stanford and UCSF – specialties in geriatric care, CA Healthcare Foundation, Kaiser Foundation, SCAN Foundation, Medicare (CMS)
 - b) Qualitative data gathering – What is the best approach? What do we want to know?

Upper poor / lower middle – Marie does a lot of work with this population – ask her how to reach this population. Focus group methodology v phone survey.

Dual eligible / CCI using focus group methodology.

Set up groups thru ADRC’s.

Can use someone in community – i.e. Marie Jobling at Community Living Campaign – not just large survey firms.

Want to ensure a random sample that is rigorous as possible and can be extrapolated reasonably.

City survey q 2 years – random sample of the whole city. – has age, disability, some income strata.

Will bring back info about what is middle income after looking at some data.

Capacity issue could be a whole project in itself. Also, anecdotally we know that capacity does not exist. Maybe it is phase 2 of this project.....

Key questions for focus groups –

Long term care insurance?

Housing situations? – rent, own, accessible, w/ others, family local / rent-controlled.

What allows you to stay at home?

When you had a situation, what did you need?

Focus group should include caregivers, family caregivers.

Is this current situation and needs, or what they will need? – stick w/ current needs, what costs are now, income now

Do you have a support system that is helping you stay at home? How long will it last / enough? Has there been a time when you tried to get other support? What were those barriers? i.e., can't afford it / what other barriers.

Take list from GetCare and match against MediCal list; take off MediCal folks and see rest of part of this group.

4) Future Meetings

a) Need to reschedule 10/16 date – will be cancelled to give Controller's office time to collect data. Goal will be send out something to group by 10/16.

b) Agenda items beyond the research study?

Suggestions – Look at if there are interventions that can keep people from entering institutional care at this income level? - low cost interventions, actions at state level, is it all about housing or are there other things, resources.

Discussion on Select Committee on Long Term Care and Aging at state level – could this group monitor and look for opportunities for input.

Cindy – Has been contacted by Senator Liu, who is chair of committee; doing a bus tour at different sites throughout CA; Cindy will find info and send it out to group – opportunity to have him in the room to ask questions.

Discussion on the state's interest in reorganizing long term services at the state level.

5) Adjourn