

LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (LTCCC)

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

DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 9th, 2017

TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 1 SOUTH VAN NESS AVENUE / MARKET
2ND FLOOR, ATRIUM CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Akiko Takeshita, Amie Haltman-Carson, Anne Quaintance, Benson Nadell, Bernadette Navarro-Simeon, Bill Hirsh, , Chip Supanich, Dan Kaplan, Eileen Kunz, Jacy Cohen, Jennifer Walsh, Jeremy Wallenberg, Jessica Lehman, Joanna Fraguli, Kelly Dearman, Kelly Hiramoto, Kristen Mazur, Margot Antonetty, Marie Jobling, Mark Burns, Marlene Hunn, Margaret Baran, Mivic Hirose, Ramona Davies, Sandy Mori Patty Clement-Cihak, Traci Dobronravova, Samantha Hogg, Cindy Kauffman (for Shireen McSpadden), Vince Crisostomo

Absent: Abbie Yant, Anne Romero, Austin Ord, Cathy Davis, Cathy Spensley, Tom Ryan, Valorie Villela, Victoria Tedder

Guests: Karen Nemsick, Rick Appleby, Kay Parekh, Cassandra Chan

DAAS: Valerie Coleman

AGENDA

WELCOME

ROLL CALL, MINUTES & INTRODUCTIONS

- Brief introduction of the LTCCC's 2 new members: Margot Antonetty, with the SF Dept of Homelessness & Supportive Housing and Laura Liesem, with the Institute on Aging.
- Reminder that there is still currently one open seat - please share with your networks and members. The position is specifically the "Consumer & Advocates: Adults with Disabilities".
- Motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of February 9th, 2017.

ACTION: Legislative Updates

Brief update on Supervisor Yee's Senior Services hearing currently happening at City Hall, during the Finance & Budget committee - a lot of members were/are there, as the meeting was still in session.

Rick Appleby gave a legislative update, notes following:

Local:

- **Budget Request for Homelessness:** Jeff Kovitsky, Director of the Homelessness and Supportive Housing, has made a \$200 million budget ask to restore hundreds of beds for outreach street teams to temporarily shelter the most vulnerable living on the streets. There's also a proposed new family shelter facility. "Without significant new funding, HSH is unable to propose the scale of investments needed to make ... progress towards reducing homelessness in San Francisco," Kovitsky said in his budget memo. <http://www.sfexaminer.com/homeless-czar-argues-spending-increase-advance-sf-beyond-status-quo/>
- **Board of Supervisors Hearing on Senior Services:** Supervisor Norman Yee and the Government Audit & Oversight Committee held a hearing today to learn about a 2016 Budget and Legislative Analyst Office audit of senior services in San Francisco and to hear about the needs of seniors and adults with disabilities. Staff from the BLA Office presented a short summary of the audit. Executive Director Shireen McSpadden provided an overview of DAAS Services and an update about the Dignity Fund.

State:

- **Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and In-Home Support Services Maintenance of Effort (MOE):** The CA Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) continues to negotiate on behalf of counties with the Department of Finance and other state entities to mitigate the fiscal impact of the Governor's budget decision to end CCI. Also CA Assembly Speaker Rendon has provided a budget plan to lessen the impact of the expiration of the county IHSS MOE in 2017-18. It is in the process of review and negotiations by statewide agencies. The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services heard overall CCI issues and the Assembly proposal on Wednesday, March 8.
- **Home Safe:** Last week CA Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) testified at a state budget hearing on the APS Home Safe proposal. In addition to testimony from Sonoma County, Dr. Margot Kushel from UCSF spoke about the impact of homelessness among older adults. The Home Safe proposal asks the state to provide funding that counties have the option of requesting in the form of grants. Counties would use the grant funding to test out interventions and service models that center around homelessness prevention.
- **California Single Payer Health Care:** State Senators Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens, and Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, recently introduced SB 562, the Healthy California Act. The bill codifies the

legislative intent to devise a single-payer system in California, in which the state covers the costs of health care for anyone who wants it. The Plan highlights:

- Every California resident has one plan and more choice.
 - Members choose their your doctors, not health insurers
 - Clinicians make decisions about care, not computers
 - The bargaining power of the seventh largest economy.
 - Cuts out insurance company waste and duplication
 - No more out of control co-pays and high deductibles
 - Public oversight on costs and care, not decisions made in secret
 - Managing prescription drug costs
- **California Association of Area on Aging Legislative Proposals (C4A):**
 - AB 614 provides for an Information and Assistance Alzheimer’s Specialist in each AAA. The Alzheimer’s Specialists will offer information, assistance, counseling and work with the individual, their family member and caregivers.
 - AB 1200 codifies the definition and purpose of Aging and Disability resource Cente4rs and establishes Standards and operations of the program. Directs the Department of Aging and Department of Health care Services to seek future federal funding.
 - Budget proposal for an additional \$12.5 million to the senior nutrition program to sustain current service level of feeding 6% of nutritionally at-risk senior population.

Federal:

- **House Republicans reveal American Health Plan, Affordable Care act Replacement:** House republicans announced their new national health care plan, The American Health Care Act. While the trump Administration is support the bill, Democrats and many Conservative Republicans oppose it. Hearings on the American Health Care Act have been set very quickly, as early as this week.

Some possible takeaways from the American Health Care Plan (PolitiFact, Tuesday, March 7th, 2017):

- ✓ **The requirement to buy insurance goes away.** People will no longer be fined on their tax returns if they lack insurance under the plan. Large companies will no longer have to pay penalties for not offering insurance.
- ✓ **There are still tax credits for people to buy insurance.** The plan includes an "advanceable" tax credit, based on age and families size, which people can use to buy insurance. Whether it’s as big or as small than Obamacare will depend on specific circumstances. The plan’s advocates say the credit will be between \$2,000 and \$14,000 a year "for low- and middle-income individuals and families who don’t receive insurance through work or a government program."
- ✓ **Insurers still have to cover pre-existing conditions, but they will be able to charge more for people who are recently uninsured.** The plan allows insurance companies to charge

higher rates if a person has a significant lapse in coverage. Higher rates will be charged if a person was uninsured for 63 continuous days during the previous 12 months.

- ✓ **Insurance plans will no longer have to cover most care; catastrophic policies will be allowed again.** The Obama administration required insurance companies to cover basic care without exclusions; they called it "essential health benefits." The GOP plan allows for more limited policies and policies that kick in only in cases of major illness or injury.
- ✓ **Adult children and college students can stay on their parents' plans.** As under Obamacare, children will be able to stay on their parents' health insurance until they turn 26.
- ✓ **Medicaid will eventually be reduced, but it might expand first.** The Medicaid expansion remains at first but new enrollment freezes in 2020. Other limitations will also be applied to the program.
- ✓ **The taxes from the 2010 health care law will be repealed.** That includes taxes on prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, health-insurance premiums and medical devices.

California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and California State Association of Counties (CSAC) has already submitted letters to California Federal representatives against the changes in healthcare to legislative and provided fact sheets, model letter and other information to localities.

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging will be releasing a *Legislative Update* soon the American Health Care Act.

The U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved the legislation.

- **Older Americans Act Funding.** From National Association of Area Agencies on Aging: on March 8th the Federal House Labor/HHS Appropriations Subcommittee held a public witness hearing on programs under their jurisdiction, which includes the Older Americans Act and other key discretionary aging programs. At the very last minute, they asked us to produce a consumer viewpoint on the OAA. Autumn Campbell, who is N4A's Director of Public Policy and Advocacy was also a caregiver for her mother and will share her personal story with the Committee about how important local OAA services were to help her keep her mom at home. We are glad that OAA and the ways it helps older adults and caregivers will get that 5 minutes of visibility and advocacy. Meanwhile, n4a has already begun our direct lobbying campaign on FY 2018 appropriations and will soon unleash our grassroots tools for our members to follow suit. From Amy Gotwals, Chief, Public Policy & External Affairs, agotwals@n4a.org, P 202.872.0888

Additional LTCCC member legislative updates:

Bill mentioned that the Homeless Emergency Services Provider Association (HESPA) is meeting with the Mayor – advocating for \$9million dollars for subsidies, for a new family shelter and a new homeless adult shelter, 7,000 homeless shelters and 1,300 shelter available beds.

Benson mentioned the following:

- AB550 – increase funding of Ombudsman programs
- (missed the leg name/number) To have Ombudsman notified every time a resident is transitioning out of skilled nursing home
- Increase nutritional programs (didn't say leg name/number)
- AB675 – to make IHSS available to those receiving MediCal
- SB219 – address LGBT discrimination for residents within residential care

Anne made a motion to have the LTCCC endorse a letter in support of the legislation that C4A is advocating on behalf of. Voted and passed. Will write a letter of support for the C4A, AB1200, AB614, and budget proposal for \$12.5 million for senior nutrition programs

UPDATE: Dignity Fund

The Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee has been formed with its full complement of 11 members. The first meeting was held on February 24, with weekly meetings happening currently. There are currently two goals:

- **Goal 1** is to develop training and infrastructure for the group, including: history of the Dignity Fund, review of legislation, budget orientation, presentation on community needs data, identification of additional data needs, understanding of HSA/DAAS contracting process, development of by-laws, and setting regular meeting schedule.
- **Goal 2** is to engage in discussion and understanding of the funding allocation for initial \$6 million to the fund, which is available July 1, 2017. Allocation decisions are based on the current needs assessment, community input, and requests for funding needs. In future years, there will be a comprehensive community needs assessment, with a gaps analysis and equity index that will inform development of the Service and Allocation Plan.

The Oversight and Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held on Mondays, 3:00 – 5:00pm at 1650 Mission Street, 5th floor, Golden Gate. The next scheduled meetings are March 20, March 27, April 3, and May 1. Effective May 1, the OAC meeting will be held on the first Monday of each month.

ACTION: LTCCC Proposals

Dan gave an overview of how this process would proceed: The council will briefly discuss, and then each member gets to use 2 votes on the 3 proposals, which will allow us both to prioritize the proposals, as well as ensure that all final proposals

have at least 10% or more of the membership's approval. Valerie and Dan will then refine and resubmit to membership as a final packet to present to BOS and Mayor's office.

Proposals & Final Vote Count:

- **Golden Compass questions:** DPH is not funding the staff, how come? DPH did not have any money to fund new initiatives, as it's a new program that was funded with a grant. (no other questions)
Clarification: This would provide 2 years of funding, and their goal is to get 4 years of funding, after which point they feel like they can be sustainable (currently have a commitment of 1 year of funding).
Received 17 votes, third priority.
- **Housing Subsidies:** Was asked if this is a one time or an ongoing ask: the goal is to have it be an ongoing funded program, like a local version of Section 8 housing, with flexibility as to how the money could be used. Another question whether there is a mechanism to distribute this funding? Administration costs are included in the ask, won't have to create infrastructure from scratch as there are existing organizations and/or programs that do similar work.
Received 20 votes, 1st priority.
- **IHSS Retention Pilot:** Question was asked about what happens after the pilot is complete? If successful at recruitment/retention, than will advocate for continued funding. However, if unsuccessful at recruitment/retention, then it will go away. Either way, this will help develop ideas around recruitment and hopefully will provide an opportunity to learn about how to address this crisis. Home care is going to grow 6 times as fast as any health care field in SF, but the homecare workforce is dwindling. We see homecare workers taking higher paying jobs (following the City's minimum wage increase), opting for easier minimum wage jobs, or moving out of the city because of the cost of living. Received 19 votes, 2nd priority.

Next steps: Council will lend support and collaborate on other similar local advocacy efforts. Members were also asked to sign up for BOS visits (sheet went around the room) and steering committee will send out summary on how to talk about these asks and additional info re: LTCCC. Traci also mentioned that she's setting up a meeting with Mayor's budget office and will get back to members about that date.

DISCUSSION: Prepare for April's Presentation

Traci discussed that Jeff, the Director from the SF Dept of Homelessness and Supportive Housing would be presenting next month and that it would be helpful for members to start thinking now about what kinds of issues, topics or questions they want more information on.

Members suggested:

- Issues of reasonable accommodations, services, for people with functional disabilities – current homeless shelter rules are that people have to self-care but a lot of folks exiting hospitals and being taken to shelters.
- Discuss the increase in proportion of seniors + AWD's living on street.
- Discuss any innovative ideas re: housing outside of the shelter model – not always a safe option or accommodating for the senior and adults with disabilities population.
- What kinds of services/support are available for people living in tents?
- Curious about the work flow of how people move through the "Moving On" program – perhaps gaps or priorities could help inform the LTCCC's initiatives/efforts?
- What is the referral pathway for this heterogeneous population?
- How many of their clients are eligible for SSI?
- At previous presentation, the need to gather and better share data specifically about evictions and eviction prevention was discussed – is this an area that this department can contribute to?
- How does Jeff see long term care integrating into his departments services and programs?
- Interested in food access for clients being transitioned to housing (rapid rehousing, permanent housing, etc.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ramona mentioned a leaked memo that HUD is considering significant funding cuts, including to 202 housing funding, section 8, and the elimination of CDBG housing, link [HERE](#).

Mark mentioned that HomeBridge is hiring, a job post will be shared shortly. For organizations or people interested, Senior and Disability Action (SDA) has a PowerPoint and presentation that explains the impact that the new Republican ACA plan will have on people with disabilities and seniors, contact them if interested. Also, SDA is having a fundraiser – Cadillac Grill Tues, March 28th 4-8pm, 20% of anything you purchase will be donated to SDA.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 13th, 1-3pm

Location (for all of 2017): 1 S. Van Ness, 2nd floor Atrium conference room