



CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COALITIONS Webinar Summary

May 4, 2017
9:30 am – 10:30 am

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Materials and an audio recording of this webinar can be found [here](#).

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I. THE CURRENT IHSS BUDGET DEBATE

[Karen Keeslar](#), Executive Director, California Association of Public Authorities for IHSS

- Until 2012, counties had a 35 percent share of non-federal cost of IHSS.
- As labor unions have advocated a statewide negotiation of wages and benefits, counties have argued that a share of cost is less useful than a base amount from each county with an annual 3.5 percent adjustment (increase). This was an agreement in 2012 to shift to maintenance of effort (MOE).
- Since 2012, there have been several cost increases to IHSS, plus caseload growth and an increase in average number of hours of each client.
- Governor wants to return to share-of-cost – a cost to counties of \$600+ million.
- Counties and governor's office are meeting daily to negotiate.

Q&A Discussion

- What are some of the options?
 - The Speaker has a proposal that the governor's office doesn't like. Governor wants the local program decisions that counties make to be linked to counties share of cost.

- During Governor Schwarzenegger’s administration, “hourly task guidelines” were instituted; Karen believes these guidelines have led to more hours for clients.
- Local ordinances have also changed the programs: increases in the minimum wage, for example.
- Within the CCI, the new partnerships that emerged did achieve good things. Plans, nursing facilities, and other partners are working together thanks to the CCI.

II. REPORTS/ UPDATES FROM REGIONAL COALITIONS

San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council

[Valerie Coleman](#)

- Coalition launched website
- Go to www.ltcsf.gov for information about the council
- Home page has a link to the Community of Constituents

Senior Coalition of Stanislaus County

[Erlinda Bourcier](#)

- Working on advocacy
- Presented to California Commission on Aging
- Plan to attend May 11 Senior Rally
- Doing a survey of facilities for the elderly in conjunction with DHCS (assessing interest in assisted living waiver on the part of residents of licensed facilities)

Aging Services Collaborative of Santa Clara County

[Marilou Cristina](#)

- Seventh annual caregiver conference is this weekend
- Their June meeting will include a roundtable with local member of the Assembly
- Santa Clara has a low-income housing bond – the coalition has advocated on senior housing (including “universal design” for aging in place)
- Also have a big public transit bond (so the collaborative is working on that)
- Plus, looking at a supplemental proposal on Whole Person Pilot

Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County

Wendy Peterson

- Our coalition has two personalities: advocacy and new territory in health care
- Tracking federal budget as advocates
- Worked on a press briefing with a local member of Congress (a message about federal programs' importance)
- Gathering stories of real people
- Working with homeless advocates and anti-displacement advocates – the focus of that work is the county; working on helping those on the verge of homelessness to avoid it
- Working with the health system
 - e.g. Whole Person Care pilot in Alameda County now includes a representative of the Coalition

Q&A Discussion

- The Transit Justice Alliance (TJA) was convened by Working Partnerships USA (wpusa.org) when the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) decided to put a bond measure on the November 2016 ballot to raise potentially billions for transportation.
- The TJA is a coalition dedicated to ensuring that VTA's funding measure promotes health, environmental sustainability, and social justice in the region.
- To that end they developed a survey to identify community priorities for how this money would be spent.
- The Aging Services Collaborative (ASC) helped distribute the survey to older adult and disability service providers.
- Since the passage of the measure (Measure B), the ASC participates in TJA coalition meetings and advocates for the transportation needs of low-income older adults and persons with disabilities in the County.
- The TJA contact person (who is apparently new on the job) at Working Partnerships:
 - Aboubacar "Asn" Ndiaye
 - Research & Policy Associate
 - Working Partnerships USA
 - Phone: 408-809-2133
 - asn@wpusa.org

- What is DHCS doing to assist with Assisted Living Waiver?
 - DHCS asked them to survey residents of SNFs and RCFEs – would they like to participate.
 - After the survey (20 residents asked to participate), they are sort of on hold because the program is full.
 - Time to support expansion.
 - Contact Erlinda (Stanislaus) for more information.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Call tomorrow to discuss state DSS’s stakeholder process on IHSS. If interested, let [Laurel Mildred](#) know. It’s from 9 am to 10 am, May 4.
 - CALL-IN NUMBER: 866-215-3402 PIN: 896-217-9013
- Contact [Debbie Toth](#) if you would like more information about the Senior Rally Day.

IV. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- Thursday, June 1 – Regional Coalitions Webinar
- Monday, July 10 – Northern California Regional Meeting
- Thursday, July 13 – Southern California Regional Meeting
- Thursday, August 3 – Regional Coalitions Webinar
- Thursday, September 7 – Regional Coalitions Webinar

Participants (49)

Coalition	Representative(s)
Aging and Disability Coalition of Lake and Mendocino Counties	Corrina Avila Tanner Silva-Parker
Aging Services Collaborative of Santa Clara County	Marilou Cristina Wendy Ho Steven Schmoll Sonali Parnami
Bay Area Senior Health Policy Coalition	Vic Gellon Katherine Kelly
Santa Barbara County Aging & Adult Network	Barbara Finch Eduardo Medel

Central Valley LTSS Coalition	
Community Living Implementation Council of Nevada County	
Contra Costa Advisory Council on Aging	Ella C. Jones Debbie Toth Shirley Krohn
Diversability Action Network (Chico)	
Independent Living Workgroup of Kern County	Harvey Clowers Jan Lemucchi Lito Morillo
Inland Empire LTSS Coalition	Renee Dar-Kahn Michael Knight Terry Lee Paul Van Doren
Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition	Kelly Honda Ben Jauregui Sherry Revord
Monterey Bay Aging and Disability Resource Coalition	Patty Talbott Elsa Quezada
San Mateo County New Beginning Coalition	Michelle Makino Deborah Owdom Cristina Ugaitafa
Orange County Aging Services Collaborative	Christine Chow Cynthia Okialda
Placer County Aging and Disability Resource Coalition	Eldon Luce
San Diego Long Term Care Integration Project	Amy Kalivas Jenel Lim Kristen Smith
San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council	Andrew Adams Valerie Coleman
The Senior Coalition of Stanislaus County	Erlinda Bourcier Maria Profeta

Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County	Wendy Peterson Tracy Murray
Ventura County Hospital to Home Alliance	Bonnie Subira Sue Tatangelo
Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance	Sheila Allen
The SCAN Foundation	Kali Peterson
GACI	Sue North Jack Hailey Laurel Mildred Mariya Kalina

Guests	Karen Keeslar – California Association of Public Authorities for IHSS
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