



CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COALITIONS Webinar Summary

December 7, 2017
9:30 am – 10:30 am

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I. NEW ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES FOR LTSS HOUSING

[Meghan Rose](#), General Counsel & Director of Policy, Housing & HCBS, LeadingAge California

- Demography and housing shortages have led to rising rent and challenges for seniors and persons with disabilities – plus general challenges to poor people.
- In response, the Legislature passed and the governor signed three bills SB 2, SB 3, and SB 35; and a fourth, SB 62, is pending in 2018 – this will require an annual report on affordable senior housing. ([See Slides for details](#))
- In addition, there were 12 more bills with housing impact – some passed, others are pending.
- How do we frame our message? “Housing is health” is part of it. Also, “age-restricted housing is more important than ever” e.g. housing for those over 61 and for persons with disabilities over 17.

[Brandi Orton](#), Director of Government Relations & Advocacy, St. Barnabas Senior Services; Managing Director, LA Aging Advocacy Coalition

- Their goals include bringing new partners into their work.
- They are focusing on housing for low income persons.
- They’ve been working on three funding sources: capital to build, money to maintain, and money to provide support services.

- They have discovered that most of the programs are serving people closer to the median income, and more funds are available for building housing rather than maintaining/operating it.
- LAAAC is working on providing housing to those without enough income to support operating costs of housing developments.
- “15 and 30 percent” is their target population: people with \$1500/mo or less and/or living at 30 percent of the adjusted median income.
- Building relationships with the housing folks is critical for LAAAC in taking advantage of the new funding sources that Meghan Rose described.

Summary comments from [Sue North](#).

- She noted the extensive overlap of the housing needs of seniors and persons with disabilities. She connects housing to other long-term services and supports including the assisted living waiver. She also underscored the calendar that Brandi described: it will be at least a year before these new state funding sources and state initiatives become operational, so take this time to generate partnerships, including partnerships with local government champions.

Questions and Comments:

- Sheila Allen, Pam Miller, and Fran Smith: How do we describe ‘age-restricted housing’ for the general advocacy? How do we advocate for specific policies in ‘friendly and positive’ ways?
- Wendy Peterson: Looking at prevention of homelessness: is part of the message the importance of community-based support services?
 - Brandi Orton responds that yes, in Los Angeles, the need for support services is paramount.
- Wendy also notes that HUD has some restrictive definitions, e.g., of homelessness, that makes delivery of services difficult.
 - Brandi notes that HUD has limited expenditures for operations.
- Sue and Brandi also pointed out the income limits for RCFEs and the need to expand the assisted living waiver.
- Brandi pointed out very large savings by expanding assisted living.
- Laurel Mildred pointed out work of the California Collaborative on changes in managed care regulations regarding paying for assisted living (based on work in San Mateo County).
- Debbie Toth described their work on the regulations for the adult day health care with Department of Aging, but don’t find the same working relationship with the Department of Health Care Services. Can we work

on building a partnership with DHCS?

II. REGIONAL COALITION AND COLLABORATIVE COORDINATION

[Laurel Mildred](#), California Collaborative Staff Team

- We are creating a new category of membership and giving voting membership to one NorCal representative and one SoCal representative.
- The TSF board is reviewing the 2018 Collaborative grant proposal December 7th.

III. UPDATES FROM REGIONAL COALITIONS

[Cristina Ugaitafa](#), San Mateo County New Beginning Coalition Coalition

- Forced in October on transportation. This discussion included data on needs of older adults and adults with disabilities, a conversation with Lyft, and regional transportation. Also have a challenge: because the coalition is staffed by the county, it can't do advocacy – but helping their members understand advocacy opportunities has become an ongoing agenda item. Sue North points out that this challenge affects other coalitions, so we need to continue to find approaches.

[Cynthia Okialda](#), Orange County Aging Services Collaborative Coalition

- Their work the past couple months and plan for 2018.
 - Last month was a town hall with 80 people and 20 agencies.
 - National Family Caregiver Month was last month.
 - OC senior living survey – housing, transportation, safety, etc. – surveys are due this month with a summary early next year
 - Updated a toolkit for providers
 - April 2018 will be their annual public forum on policy issues
 - Follow up with local member of the Assembly – arranged a local tour and discussion.

[Tanner Silva-Parker](#), Aging and Disability Coalition of Lake and Mendocino Counties Coalition

- Over this past year, the coalition has been at a standstill – initial enthusiasm has led to a general response, “give us a call when everything is up and running.” They have also faced turnover in local agencies. Lots of outreach but still barriers remain.
- **Sue North asks those on the call who have faced similar challenges reach out to Corrina and Tanner.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SCAN FOUNDATION

[Kali Peterson](#), Program Officer, The SCAN Foundation

- Kali Peterson is at a board meeting but wanted to ask those with disaster experience to share their recommendations with SoCal (particularly Ventura and LA) coalitions.
- Sue recommends checking with [The Arc of Ventura](#) – they have a binder on emergency response.

Participants (36)

Coalition	Representative(s)
Aging and Disability Coalition of Lake and Mendocino Counties	Tanner Silva-Parker Corrina Avila
Aging Services Collaborative of Santa Clara County	Marilou Cristina Ryan Kawamoto
Bay Area Senior Health Policy Coalition	Katherine Kelly
Central Valley LTSS Coalition	
Community Living Implementation Council of Nevada County	
Contra Costa Advisory Council on Aging	Debbie Toth Fran Smith
Diversability Action Network (Chico)	Carolyn Nava
Independent Living Workgroup of Kern County	Jan Lemucchi
Inland Empire LTSS Coalition	Paul Van Doren
Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition	Kelly Honda Brandi Orton
Monterey Bay Aging and Disability Resource Coalition	Elsa Quezada Margaret Huffman
San Mateo County New Beginning Coalition	Marilyn Baker-Venturini Michelle Makino
Santa Barbara County Adult and Aging Network	

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
San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council	Valerie Coleman
The Senior Coalition of Stanislaus County	Erlinda Bourcier Linda Lowe
Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County	Ron Halog Wendy Peterson
Ventura County Hospital to Home Alliance	Sue Tatangelo
Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance	Fran Smith Sheila Allen Pam Miller
Guests	Meghan Rose Shamael Ali Sara Atkins Barbra McLendon
The SCAN Foundation	
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