



CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COALITIONS Webinar Summary

June 1, 2017
9:30 am – 10:30 am

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I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

[Sue North](#), Government Action & Communication Institute

- Sue North welcomed everyone to the call. She introduced Kristen Smith and LaShaunda Gaines, to provide a description of San Diego's approach to home and community based services (HCBS) for veterans.

II. SAN DIEGO'S APPROACH TO HCBS SERVICES FOR VETERANS

[Kristen Smith](#), Aging Program Administrator, Aging & Independence Services, San Diego County Health & Human Services Agency

[LaShaunda Gaines](#), Manager, SD-VISA Program, Aging & Independence Services, San Diego County Health & Human Services Agency

- Veterans Independent Services for Any Age (VISA).
- Initiated in 2008: "participant directed HCBS to continue to live in their homes safely and thriving."
- The county Aging and Independent Services (AIS) are cooperating with the local Veterans Administration (VA). We are the only program like it in California. They have an outside financial processing agency. [See slides for details](#) on the self-directed services, the various responsibilities of the participating agencies, the population served, how they evaluate the program, and hours of care and program cost over three years.

- The program estimates \$2.6 million in savings over three years, in a decrease of acute admissions, decrease in ER visits, and delay of SNF placement.

Q&A Discussion

- Veterans with dementia include those with advanced dementia. Some self-direct; in other situations, the children and spouse come together and direct the care.
- The program sounds like the NF/AH waiver. It may be a model that others can use.

III. UPDATE ON THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS

[Sue North](#), Government Action & Communication Institute

- Budget Conference Committee agenda is set. A number of items address LTSS.
- DHCS:
 - Upkeep allowance to move out of a SNF: there's money for a two-year pilot in Assembly budget.
 - MLTSS: \$30 million more in Assembly version to increase eligibility to 138 percent of federal poverty.
 - Medical Meals Pilot: Senate added \$2 million for a pilot – people with complicated medical needs. We will look for more detail.
 - PACE: Assembly adopted language to assist assessment for those who want to enroll in PACE.
 - Using Tobacco Tax Revenue: Senate wants to spend \$350 million on rate increases; Assembly wants to commit \$1 billion on rate increases.
 - Suicide prevention: Assembly sets up a hotline and a strategic plan.
 - Senior Legislature: bridge funding in the Assembly budget.
 - Three independent living centers: will get a budget boost in the Assembly budget
- DSS:
 - COLA for SSI/SSP in one budget.
 - Home Safe: \$10 million funds in Assembly social work support for persons who are homeless.

IV. UPDATES FROM REGIONAL COALITIONS

[Don Fischer](#), Central Valley LTSS Coalition

- Building the size and strength of the coalition, primarily through a monthly roundtable.
- Working with UCSF Memory Center: monthly meeting of coalition and elder abuse prevention. Two programs completed: discussing senior housing and how to navigate the health care system. Next program: discussion with local ombudsman program and mandated reporting. Don invites regional coalitions to come and present.
- Have also published their first digital newsletter. In the second half of the year, they may partner with Kern's regional coalition on a video project.

[Jennifer Griffin](#), Santa Barbara County Adult & Aging Network

- Last year, the Central Coast regional coalition merged with Adult and Aging Network in Santa Barbara.
- Working now with Dignity Health on improving coordination of care.
- They are also preparing for meetings with legislative offices in the fall.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SCAN FOUNDATION

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

- Pointed out Jen's looking ahead to Advocacy Day in the fall. Encourages all to think about that.
- GACI staff will be in touch with all leads to register for July meetings. That July meeting will build toward Advocacy Day.
- Acknowledges the E-Newsletters: all eight of SoCal coalitions have done this.
- **WOULD ALL SOCAL COALITIONS SEND THEIR E-NEWSLETTERS TO THE GOOGLE GROUP FOR ALL REGIONAL COALITIONS TO SEE.**
- Part B grantees have a report due in July.
- Please note: There is no webinar scheduled for next month (July). Our next two meetings are in-person:
 - July 10 – NorCal Regional Meeting, Nevada City
 - July 13 – SoCal Regional Meeting, Santa Barbara

CALENDAR NOTES

Webinars are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Please see the [full 2017 calendar of meetings](#). Password: RCLTSS2017 (case sensitive).

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 (48)

Coalition	Representative(s)
Aging and Disability Coalition of Lake and Mendocino Counties	Corrina Avila Kathy Johnson Tanner Silva-Parker
Aging Services Collaborative of Santa Clara County	Marilou Cristina
Bay Area Senior Health Policy Coalition	Katherine Kelly
Central Valley LTSS Coalition	Don Fischer Camille Valentine
Community Living Implementation Council of Nevada County	Pam Miller
Contra Costa Advisory Council on Aging	Shirley Krohn Tammy Pease Debbie Toth
Diversability Action Network (Chico)	N/A
Independent Living Workgroup of Kern County	Linda Fuller Lito Morillo
Inland Empire LTSS Coalition	Renee Dar-Kahn Helen Jung Michael Knight Terry Lee Paul Van Doren

Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition	Sherry Revord
Monterey Bay Aging and Disability Resource Coalition	Elsa Quezada Patty Talbott
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	LaShaunda Gaines Amy Kalivas Jenel Lim Kristen Smith
San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council	Mark Burns Valerie Coleman
San Mateo County New Beginning Coalition	Marilyn Baker-Venturini Deborah Owdom Cristina Ugaitafa
Santa Barbara County Aging & Adult Network	Jennifer Griffin Eduardo Medel
Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County	Wendy Peterson
The Senior Coalition of Stanislaus County	Erlinda Bourcier
Ventura County Hospital to Home Alliance	Bonnie Subira Sue Tatangelo
Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance	Sheila Allen Fran Smith
The SCAN Foundation	Kali Peterson Rene Seidel
Government Action & Communication Institute	Sue North Jack Hailey Laurel Mildred Mariya Kalina

Guests	Marianne Gammon, California Department of Aging
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