

Regional Coalition Conference Call Summary
Thursday, October 1, 2015 – 9:30 to 10:30 AM
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9:30 AM

Coalition by Coalition Look: 2014 Accomplishments/2015 Projects

- No report this month. In November: San Mateo New Beginning Coalition and San Diego LTC Integration Project
- In December: Ventura County Evidence Based Health Promotion Coalition and Service and Advocacy Coalition (three coastal counties)

SCAN Foundation Update

- Kali Peterson reminds us that the Community of Constituents conference (Oct. 27) has a separate registration from the Summit. The Networking Dinner will be at Embassy Suites the evening of the 27th.
- If you haven't made a room registration at the Embassy Suites and wish to take advantage of the special room rate, please do so right away.
- Four counties will meet on the 29th to talk about county planning: San Francisco, Yolo, Ventura, and Stanislaus
- TSF received a great number of applications for next grant cycle. Kali will be in touch with applicants in December after the TSF board meets. There's a good possibility that there will be an expansion in the number of grantees.

Collaborative Update

Anyone interested in the Community of Constituents conference who has not yet registered, please check with your coalition leader ahead of registering. Each coalition is sending two or three delegates.

The California Collaborative is setting 2016 priorities: these are shaping up into two overarching focuses – providing continuous review of government initiatives to ensure that these are integrated whenever possible and are designed with consumer involvement and direction in mind; and, looking at longer-term initiatives from outside government, including creating the atmosphere and recognition that aging, disability, and long term services are at a crisis point.

Note: See an eblast yesterday (9/30) sent by Debbie Toth containing information on the NF/AH waiver. Those interested area also invited to participate in a discussion with Deborah Doctor and Elisa Gershon, from Disability Rights California, on the waiver: tomorrow, 9 a.m., California Collaborative:
Call in number and PIN: 866-215-3402 PIN: 896-217-9013

10:00 AM **Aging, Disability, and Long Term Care Issues in the Legislature
Assessing Progress in 2015 and Looking Ahead to 2016**

Suzanne Reed, Chief of Staff, Senator Carol Liu (Chair, Senate Select Committee on Aging and Long Term Care)

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Forest: Does any legislation provide for expanding the CBAS program? We have only one in our nine counties.

Debbie Toth: AB 1261 the bill codifies the CBAS program, but expansion remains a question: the moratorium on expanding CBAS has been lifted, but we await a plan from the Dept of Aging as to how to open new centers.

Q: in SB 19, who will have access to the POLST registry?

A: This is from the Legislative Counsel digest of the bill: “The bill would require the authority to adopt guidelines for, among other things, the operation of the POLST eRegistry Pilot, including the means by which POLST information would be submitted electronically, modified, or withdrawn, the appropriate and timely methods for dissemination of POLST form information, the procedures for verifying the identity of an authorized user, and rules for maintaining the confidentiality of POLST information received by the POLST eRegistry Pilot. The bill would require that any disclosure of POLST information in the POLST eRegistry Pilot be made in accordance with applicable state and federal privacy and security laws and regulations.”

Robert MacLaughlin: Will provide a summary of what we went through, what we accomplished, and what looks to be on the horizon.

- Assembly Member Cheryl Brown is the new chair of the Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee: she's a lifelong caregiver.
- Worked from early on with Rules Committee to demand that more bills be sent to her committee.
- Held five bill hearings – more than usual
- Considered 19 bills, compared to 8 and 11 the years before.

The Committee held informational hearings and special events

- On breakthrough research on Alzheimer's Disease (testimony from Buck Institute);
- Joint hearing on senior poverty;
- Joint oversight hearing of Dept of Public Health on their licensing;
- Joint hearing on financing long term care -- will hold this hearing annually for next five years;
- Provided a forum for TSF on "trading aging" – two seminars in the Capitol on physical issues that occur as people age
- Hosted a film at the Crest Theater – on Glen Campbell and Alzheimer's disease. More than 900 people attended.
- Working with Calif Commission on Aging and Calif Elder Justice Coalition hosting monthly brown bag sessions on elder abuse with special guests.

On the horizon:

- Expect that caregiving will remain high on Ms. Brown's priorities. E.g., this year, she sponsored a resolution to study caregiving, its importance, and the role of government.
- Organizations have contacted the committee asking for a focus on dental care, especially for those who are institutionalized
- Also working with ALS community – on a range of caregiver issues, e.g., scope of practice issues.
- All this in addition to the work they are doing with Senator Liu

Suzanne Reed:

See the chart of legislation that Chelsea Lee prepared; Suzanne hopes for signatures on all remaining bills on the governor's desk

Accomplishments:

- A coalition has been built among committee consultants of those committees that have a piece of the jurisdiction (e.g. Health, Social Services, Aging and Long Term Care, Appropriations, Budget, Insurance). They are working together toward coordinated approaches to bills and budget issues.

On the horizon

- Select Committee's focus in 2016: long term care financing (with the California Collaborative). This topic is one of the breakout sessions at the Oct. 28 Community of Constituents conference. Between now and January, Suzanne and others will review several proposals that could go forward as legislation in 2016 – both private sector products and public sector initiatives.
- The Select Committee is also examining the question of how to build a regional service collaboration
 - What are the models and what's in the toolbox
 - L.A. County board of supervisors just consolidated three departments into one: health, mental health, and social services
- Some signs: older women models were present during NYC's Fashion Week
 - "The Powerful Now" – half day workshop on making a national movement out of work similar to that of the Select Committee
 - <https://www.ideo.com/work/the-powerful-now> for more information on the Powerful Now

Chelsea Lee: there are three new gubernatorial signatures: on SB 196 (elder abuse) and two resolutions. There are 17 bills still on Governor Brown's desk awaiting his action.

Comment: from Mike McConnell. Pleased that SB 196, sponsored by the County Welfare Directors Association – allowing specific individuals to file a protective order on behalf of cognitively impaired clients, has been signed.

Robert MacLaughlin: if there are any perspectives, views, or ideas for legislation, please share them with Robert, Suzanne, and Chelsea. See their email addresses above.

Suzanne: there will be a district event at the end of October organized around a World Café format to look at questions such as how we make services more efficient and of excellent quality. If you have an interest, send Suzanne or Chelsea

your name and you'll be invited. They are planning an informational hearing next year on this set of approaches. She wants to hear from people if you are interested in presenting your approach. Already gathering information about San Diego and San Mateo.

Next year, the Select Committee will also have a focus on LTC financing. Will have some legislation.

Third, they want to build awareness and get media attention. Need to get out local stories. Collecting stories for story bank along with lists of local reporters to whom we can push stories. Anyone with a list of media contacts willing to share that list, contact Jack Hailey.

Looking ahead to 2017: challenge candidates in 2016 to pay attention to our issues. Plus, they will use 2016 to identify champions among current legislators.

Sheila Allen: two years ago, Healthy Aging had a forum for candidates; they will do this again in 2016: we spoke to them first, then they spoke, then the audience gave more comment. This format worked well.

Q: Any movement toward funding ADRCs in 2016?

Suzanne: Would it connect to the idea of regional hubs? Please send her information and specific proposals. How do we catalyze this activity? Does it need grant money? Bring her your proposals.

SB 492 (Liu) – not on the governor's desk at this time. DHCS has promised to include more information about CCI beneficiaries' rights. Those of you from CCI counties should comment on the Resource Guide draft.

Notes:

The next calls, first Thursdays of the month, from 9:30 to 10:30:

- *November 5*
- *December 3, guest will be Professor Karen Davis, Johns Hopkins University*

Participants (51 participants):

Guests: Suzanne Reed, Chelsea Lee, and Robert MacLaughlin

Alameda County: Wendy Peterson, Rob Halog, Flora Maiki, Reba Landry

Orange County: Christine Chow and Mallory Vega

San Francisco: Melissa McGee and Cindy Kauffman and Rick Appleby

San Diego: Jenel Lim, Brenda Schmitthenner, Louis Frick, and Lisa Hayes
Bay Area Senior Health Policy:
Riverside: Renee Dar-Khan, Paul Van Doran, Lisa Hayes, and Mike McConnell
L.A.: Amber Cutler, Sherry Revord
Santa Clara: Cara Sansonia and Marilou Cristina
Yolo: Sheila Allen, Pam Miller, Fran Smith, Valerie Olsen, Seth Brunner, Mardi Bagin, and Charlotte Dorsey
Chico: Sarah May and Forest Harlan
Central Valley:
Stanislaus: Maria Profeta, Stephanie Navarette, and Erlinda Bourcier
Nevada County: Pam Miller and Ana Acton
Monterey Bay: Patty Talbot and Elsa Quezada
Ventura County: Blair Craddock
San Mateo: Cristina Ugaitafa, Michele Makano, Deborah Owdom, and Marilyn Baker-Venturini
Service and Advocacy: Barbara Finch
Co. Co. Co.: Debbie Toth, Ella Jones
TSF: Kali Peterson and Rene Seidel
GACI: Jack Hailey