

**Summary, Regional Coalition Conference Call
Thursday, March 5, 2015 – 9:30 to 10:30 AM**

9: 30 AM **Welcome** and initial roll call

Coalition by Coalition Look: 2014 Accomplishments/2015 Projects

Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County – Wendy Peterson

Three things in 2014 help define the scope of work in 2015: they convinced the county to launch an aging initiative – talk to Wendy for details:

wendy@seniorservicescoalition.org; they did a conference on the social determinants of health care; and, the CCI launch was canceled. In 2015: will focus on county initiative on aging; and, they will continue to convene the CCI stakeholder workgroup so that health plans can work with HCBS – within this effort, they are looking at health homes and MLTSS.

Orange County Aging Services Collaborative – Christine Chow

Orange County’s legislative breakfast: this year, expanded to all service agencies, plans, city council members and other government representatives, current funders and potential funders, and legislative staff. State and federal legislators were represented as well as CEO of CalOptima and reps of county supervisors. More than 85 people attended. For more information:

christine@ocagingservicescollaborative.org Including other leaders was valuable. Question: why a breakfast? Answer: mostly for availability (7:30 to 9:00 a.m.: sent out a save-the-date well in advance)

Riverside County’s LTSS Coalition – Renee Dar-Khan and Paul Van Doran

2014 accomplishments: primary focus is ADRC – to assist access for consumers and to establish a “no wrong door” system. You can reach Renee Dar-Khan at RDARKHAN@co.riverside.ca.us and Paul Van Doran at Execdir@ilcac.org Also worked on care transition from LTC facilities to home: using Community Care Transition (Money Follows the Person). Another focus is veterans’ service. Fourth, work on Cal MediConnect: lots of attention to public awareness, giving consumers a voice, and strengthening communication. In 2015, want to add forums dealing with these and other issues.

In May: San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council and Disability Advocacy Network

SCAN Foundation Update

Kali Peterson: regional work is wonderfully impressive; it can be helpful to others. So, if you have product, if you've put together an event and have materials, or if you have a referral form, please post to the Google Group. Also, if you have a question and want suggestions from your peers, post that question to the Google Group.

Late in February, Kali convened representatives of six coalitions to talk about best practices, the role of regional coalitions in integration (regardless of the fate of CCI), and opportunities for coalition work. As you think about future coalition efforts, please contact Kali and Jack with your ideas and suggestions.

kpeterson@thescanfoundation.org and jack@gacinstitute.org

Thanks to the conference planning team for April 2 – and the leadership of Wendy Peterson and Forest Harlan, conference co-chairs.

Collaborative Update

There is a calendar of events: <http://www.ccltss.org/calendar/>
Send your calendar items to Jack@gacinstitute.org.

Tomorrow's Collaborative meeting (at 9 a.m.) will focus on legislation introduced this year. Regional coalition participants are welcome to listen in. Use the same phone number and PIN as today's call.

Next Friday's Collaborative meeting (at 9 a.m.) will include a county-by-county look at the CCI's progress. Interested regional coalition participants are welcome to listen in and to report experiences of enrollment and service delivery. Same call-in number and PIN as today's call.

Announcements:

Sixth annual summit on aging in Los Angeles: a save the date is coming.

Senior Rally on May 6 at the State Capitol: the California Senior Legislature is sponsoring it. Wendy Peterson will send the link to all.

Marsha Fong: retiring at end of the month. Watch for a new contact person.

Janel Lim: San Diego's next LTC Integration Project meeting is March 13: they will be reviewing the *LTSS Scorecard*; Megan Burke from TSF and Blanca Castro from AARP California will be there. It will include a webcast; details will follow.

Debbie Toth: A meeting of several regional coalitions might be a good opportunity to a session on advocacy provided by Jack Hailey. If SoCal and NorCal coalitions want to pick a date for a joint meeting, the agenda could include a presentation on advocacy by Jack Hailey

10:00 AM Lora Connolly, Director, Department of Aging

President's proposed budget related to Administration on Community Living: most of the federal funding is through Medicaid and Medicare; these are not subject to annual appropriations.

President's budget does ask for an increase in senior nutrition, family caregiver support, elder justice, and grants to states for ADRCs. In Medicaid, there is a policy proposal to improve and extend Money Follows the Person/CCT – extend it through 2020 and to use funds to help people avoid institutionalization as well as to move them from institution to home. Changes the time for eligibility from 90 days to 60 days in a facility; and, would broaden services to include behavioral health.

Older Americans Act reauthorization: we will know if there is progress by April 15. As for OAA funding, the sequester cuts have remained except in nutrition. Reauthorization has been an issue since 2011: last year's effort hit a snag over the issue of minimum funding levels for states. In some states, the aging population is declining and in others it's growing rapidly. The funding formula has various minimum funding level requirements that tend to protect small states. In the HELP Committee (health, education, labor, pensions), a working group was formed to see if they could change the funding formulas. This year, there's a new bipartisan bill to renew the reauthorization effort. Includes a slow shift of funds to states with more growth and decrease by no more than 1 percent those states losing population of seniors. For California, in the coming two federal fiscal years, California would lose about \$100,000; in 2018, California would gain about \$600,000. Looks like the bill will clear the Senate, perhaps soon, and go to the House. Other parts of the bill do some tweaking of ADRC statute.

Comment: too bad there's no factor for frail elderly. Reply: in California, when we provide funding to counties, we base them on various population breakouts.

Lora Connolly: CBAS waiver now approved as part of 1115 Waiver. We are in a transition process on all parts of the 1115 Waiver – conference calls and webinars will be coming. California has until September to complete the process. Go to this DHCS Web page to find announcements of meetings and webinars and to sign up to receive announcements:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/WaiverRenewal.aspx>

You can also find program information at this site:

<http://www.aging.ca.gov/programs/>

Governor's budget for Dept of Aging: no change now but there may be some "May revise" changes to take advantage of funding opportunities.

Budget hearings start soon – for DoA next week.

Question: Any movement at state level for ADRC funding? Answer: There may be some support among the advocacy community. Nothing is requested in Governor Brown's 2015-16 budget proposal..

10:25 **Roll call**

10:30 **Adjourn**

Notes:

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

- *April 2: no call, it's the day of the Community of Constituents conference*
- *May 7*
- *June 4*

Agendas go out two days before each call. *Regional coalitions are welcome to include additional members on the calls, whenever topics are of interest.*

Participants:

Lora Connolly, Director, Department of Aging

Alameda County: Wendy Peterson, Karen Grimsich, Sheri Burns

Orange County: Christine Chow and Mallory Vega

San Francisco: Melissa McGee

San Diego: Jenel Lim, Louis Frick, Rogelio Lopez

Bay Area Senior Health Policy: Katherine Kelly, Angelin Barrios, Cassandra Chan

Riverside: Renee Dar-Khan and Paul Van Doren
L.A.: Dawn Lovelace, Sherry Revord, Amber Cutler
Santa Clara:
Yolo: Sheila Allen, Fran Smith
Chico: Forest Harlan, Sarah May, and Tatania Fassieux
Central Valley: Terri Deits
Stanislaus: Dianna Olsen, Erlinda Bourcier, Linda Lowe
Nevada County: Ana Acton
Monterey Bay: Olivia Quezada, Patty Talbot, and Sam Trevino
Ventura County: Sue Tatangelo, Monique Nowlin, and Blair Craddock
San Mateo: Marsha Fong, Marilyn Baker-Venturini, Cristina Ugaitafa
Service and Advocacy:
Co. Co. Co.: Debbie Toth and Ella Jones
San Luis Obispo: Joyce Ellen Lippman
TSF: Kali Peterson
GACI: Jack Hailey