

Regional Coalition Call Summary
Thursday, May 7, 2015 – 9:30 to 10:30 AM

9: 30 AM **Welcome**

Coalition by Coalition Look: 2014 Accomplishments/2015 Projects

Melissa McGee: San Francisco LTC Coordinating Council

- Town hall councils: have done three and will do a fourth. Did a candidates' forum; hospital discharge; and, transportation. At each meeting, one goal is to introduce the council's work on long term care integration planning; a second goal is to reach out to underrepresented groups – they hold these town hall councils in different parts of the city.
- Mentoring activities with three counties: Yolo, Ventura, and Stanislaus. Each of those counties meets on its own, then twice a year, they meet together. Working on a products list: materials and documents for planning – to be available to others.

Forest Harlan: Diversability Advocacy Network (Chico area)

- Mandatory managed care has begun in their area. Working on adding people to community advisory committees (of three plans). Health and Wellness is reaching out; Partnership has a council; Anthem Blue Cross has no council yet.
- Coalition meetings on managed care include plan representation and legal representation – a good model for working together. (Disability Rights California and Legal Services are participating.)
- Also, have a brochure about their coalition that is ready for distribution to providers, consumers, and advocates in their area.

Comment: Nevada County having similar positive experience with Health and Wellness and no response from Anthem has any advisory committee going. Jack will contact Anthem to ask what's going on

Note: in June, we'll hear from LAAAC and Central Valley LTSS Coalition.

In July: Aging Services Collaborative of Santa Clara County and Community Living Council of Nevada County

SCAN Foundation Update

Kali Peterson

- Completing her review of April progress reports.
- Also, each coalition lead will receive an email next week that will include a survey to send to the coalition membership. Kali will send the survey to:
 - Ana (Nevada)

- Brenda (San Diego)
 - Cara (San Mateo)
 - Christine (Orange)
 - Clay (Monterey Bay)
 - Dawn (Los Angeles)
 - Debbie (Contra Costa)
 - Dianna (Stanislaus)
 - Eileen (Bay Area)
 - Forest (DAN)
 - Jennifer (Tri-County: Ventura, Santa Barbara, and SLO)
 - Marilyn and Cristina (San Mateo)
 - Marlene (Central Valley)
 - Melissa (San Francisco)
 - Renee (Riverside)
 - Sheila (Yolo)
 - Sue (Ventura)
 - Wendy (Alameda)
- It's similar to one circulated last year, asking about participation in CCI/managed care at the state level, county level, or health plan level.
 - Kali also requests that each coalition share its membership contact list with her.
 - Results of the survey will be shared with TSF's board in June.

Question: just CCI or rural expansion as well. Answer: there is an "other" category as well as a list of plans in your county – please include your non-CCI (e.g., rural expansion of managed care) work in that "other" category

Collaborative Update

The Collaborative's communications workgroup requests your media contact list to use during outreach on state budget issues, legislation, and other opportunities to shine the spotlight on aging and disability issues.

6th Annual LAAAC Summit on Aging: Building and Empowering Communities on May 8, 2015 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. You can sign up to view the Summit via webcast – seven coalitions have signed up so far.

If you would like for your coalition to receive a link to participate in the Summit please email Tammy Nguyen directly at tnguyen@sbssla.org Each coalition is welcome to plan its own viewing event or simply make the link available to members.

The Final Steps of the Budget Process From the “May Revise” (May 14) to the Governor’s Blue Pencil Actions: Opportunities for Action, Scott Graves, Director of Research, California Budget and Policy Center (see his brief)

<http://calbudgetcenter.org/blog/crafting-the-2015-16-state-budget-constraints-and-opportunities/>

Also see the CBPC’s one-page illustration of the budget process:

http://calbudgetcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/141210_Budget_Process_infographic.pdf

Scott can be reached at: sgraves@calbudgetcenter.org

What is the May Revision? another chance for the governor to articulate his budget vision, as well as to provide updated revenue, caseload, and enrollment information. He also updates the Prop 98 numbers. He can also amend or withdraw January policy proposals – or add new proposals.

How are aging and disability issues doing? Many actions are still pending.

- The Assembly budget subcommittee has reversed the 7 percent cut in IHSS hours and is maintaining the overtime pay for next year.
- SSI/SSP COLAs and grant increases: AB 474 – has been referred to the Budget Committee, a sign it may be taken seriously.
- Medi-Cal and other services (e.g., regional centers): want a ten percent increase.

Schedule:

- Expect May Revise on or before May 14. Budget subcommittees will then meet for a week or more to discuss the open items.
- Conference committee will meet in early June – and the vote on the budget is June 15.
- Meanwhile, there are “Big Three” meetings behind closed doors: Governor Brown, Speaker Atkins, and Senator de Leon.
- Since 2010 – a majority vote budget and penalties of pay forfeiture result in the passage of the Budget Act by June 15
- The deadline does not apply to trailer bills – which make the policy changes that the Budget Act may depend on.
- The governor does not have to sign the Budget Act or trailer bills by July 1, although it has been during each of the last four years. Any dollars in the Budget Act or in trailer bills are subject to reduction or elimination by the governor. This “line item veto authority” is an important power.

Opportunities: week of May 18 and possibly May 25: budget subcommittee hearings are an opportunity to testify.

Question: a lot of new revenue will go to K-14/Prop 98; but how much will be available to other programs. Answer: No one knows exactly at this time. Revenues are up at least \$3 billion higher than the governor projected last January. June is a big revenue month, but the budget won't reflect any increased revenues that June may produce. Governor's office and Legislative Analyst's Office will release projections.

Question: How much new revenue will be obligated to K-14 schools (under Prop 98)? Answer: The LAO's office is projecting that it's possible that all new revenue will go to cover Prop 98 obligation. Also, Prop 2 requires a rainy day fund. How will those budget propositions influence each other? It's unclear. But most or all of any new dollars may go to K-14 school.

Question: many of us have seen no funding increases in years, and have experienced some reductions. What are our options? Answer: groups that get on lists of budget priorities that the important caucuses release (Assembly Democrats, Senate Democrats, women's caucus) have a shot at revenue increases. Also, Governor Brown doesn't seem moved by calls to "restore" a cut – he responds to proposals to improve services or broaden budgets.

Comment: The graphic from CBPC we received is very helpful. We will share it with their coalitions.

Comment: Twitter has emerged as a source of good information about the budget and about news that's about to come out. Good source of instant information.

10:25 **Roll call**

10:30 **Adjourn**

Notes:

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

- *June 4*
- *July 2*
- *August 6*

Participants:

Scott Graves, California Budget and Policy Center
Alameda County: Wendy Peterson and Sheri Burns

Orange County: Christine Chow and Mallory Vega
San Francisco: Melissa McGee, Cindy Kauffman
San Diego: Jenel Lim, Louis Frick, Brenda Schmitthenner
Bay Area Senior Health Policy: Katherine Kelly
Riverside: Renee Dar-Khan and Martha Durbin
L.A.: Anwar Zoueihid, Sherry Revord, Amber Cutler
Santa Clara: Nayana Shaw and Marilou Cristina
Yolo: Sheila Allen, Fran Smith, Valerie Olson, and Charlotte Dorsey
Chico: Forest Harlan
Central Valley: Don Fischer, Marlene Hubbard
Stanislaus: Dianna Olsen, Erlinda Bourcier, Linda Lowe, and Barry Smith
Nevada County: Ana Acton and Pam Miller
Monterey Bay: Patty Talbot, Elsa Quezada, and Sam Trevino
Ventura County: Sue Tatangelo, Monique Nowlin
San Mateo: Cristina Ugaitafa and May Wong Ratiu
Service and Advocacy: Jennifer Griffin and Annie Anderson
Co. Co. Co.: Debbie Toth and Gerald Richards
Santa Barbara: Barbara Finch
TSF: Kali Peterson
GACI: Jack Hailey