

Agenda, Regional Coalition Conference Call
Thursday, April 3, 2014 – 9:30 to 10:30 AM

9: 30 AM Welcome – mute and unmute announcement
Sustaining a Network, Marisa Scala-Foley, Administration for
Community Living, marisa.scala-foley@aoa.hhs.gov

Marisa is now acting director of office of policy analysis and development at ACL
Her office is focused on training related to Affordable Care Act (ACA) – especially
looking at building the business acumen of networks of community agencies so
they can contract with health plans, accountable care organizations, etc.

Her PowerPoint slides are referenced in these notes:

Slide two: presents a dizzying number of opportunities for partnerships of home
and community based services with managed care and with others.

Slide three: the goals of the duals demonstration program are better quality of
care, better health, and lower costs: this slide compares numbers of people and
percent of health care spending by population

Slide four: opportunities for transitions from institutions to long term services and
supports: data from aging and disability resource centers/connections (ADRCs)

Slide five: roles of community based organizations (CBOs) in these transitions

- Need for neutral entities to help clients/beneficiaries to choose
- Opportunities to monitor quality of care
- California's duals demonstration client assistance (ombuds) services – the
umbrella state contract is with Legal Aid Society in San Diego.

Slide six: Where we spend our time at ACL: provider networks for CBOs;
opportunities for packages of services. ACL is emphasizing the network concept:
formal network building at community level brings many benefits. Plans want
one contract, not lots of contracts, similar to independent practice associations
that doctors use – so think networks.

Slide seven: Where CBOs add value: managing chronic disease, etc. (see slide)
Lots of examples of services are on the slide, organized by the topics that plans
are focused on.

Slide eight: Where is ACL investing? There have been grants to various partners
for several years. Focus is on technical assistance to community based integrated
care networks – nine include S.F. and L.A. Intensive technical assistance provided.
(Rather than a grant.) Also working with philanthropic partners.

Slide nine: list of nine networks across the country receiving technical assistance.

Slide ten: Marisa's contact information. They are open to looking at new areas,
and ways to provide technical assistance for CBOs. Send your suggestions.

Examples of successful projects: Webinars have spotlighted some: topics include pricing, what do networks look like, pros and cons of establishing a separate 501(c)(3). Link to business acumen webinars:

<http://www.acl.gov/Programs/CDAP/OPAD/TechnicalAssistance/index.aspx>

A few more of these webinars are still to be posted.

Participant refers Marisa to Lydia Missaelides who is working on a project to pilot Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) as a community based health home.

Participant asks, what are the rolls of the two California grantees (LA and S.F.) in assisting others. Answer: they are working on establishing their own networks.

Some have an information technology working group.

Participant asks, any money for ADRCs flowing soon? Answer: all appropriations are under development

Marisa noted another resource: N4A grant has a weekly update newsletter – if interested in subscribing, go to: <http://mltssnetwork.org/>

10:00 AM Regional Coalitions' engagement with **CCI outreach coordinators** and an update on **technical advisors**: Ryan McDonald, Harbage Consulting, ryan@harbageconsulting.com

CCI outreach coordinators: they are “boots on the ground” - they can do presentations to beneficiaries and to providers. They are not policy experts but “how to” people. They can make presentations at senior centers and other venues. They can do follow up.

They are doing a Monday weekly “newsletter” – what’s been happening and what’s coming up. Ryan will send list of all coordinators. Contact him if you need a speaker or other outreach assistance.

Technical advisors: where are we: most coalitions sent candidates' names to Ryan; we're finalizing contracts and scope of work – goal is to finish in next week. Advisors will start as soon as possible: 10 hours per week minimum. If you haven't nominated someone, do it soon please.

10:10 AM Overview of two coalitions' 2014 goals and projects:

- Bay Area Senior Health Policy Coalition, Kathleen Kelly and Angelin Barrios, abarrios@cei.elders.org and kkelly@onlok.org

2014 agenda: a third forum (held February 20) – lots of grass roots and local initiatives were highlighted. Planning now for what's ahead.

Takeaways from forum: many are focused on strengthening the safety net and on housing for seniors

- Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, sheila.allen@yolocounty.org

Held a candidates' forum in February. Anyone interested in organizing a candidates' forum can seek advice from Sheila.

Annual training is coming up: participants will share information on referrals
September: an aging summit. Representative John Garamendi will be a speaker.

Budget push: Older Californians Act budget update

Wendy Peterson: please look at legislative subcommittee memberships: if you have a representative on those subcommittees, please send them a letter or visit with them to reinforce the effort to have previously-cut funds in Older Californians Act programs reinstated.

SCAN Foundation Update

- Athan Bezaitis, Communications Manager, TSF, abezaitis@thescanfoundation.org: he needs compelling images in jpeg form for their 2013 report.
- Kali Peterson, Project Officer, TSF

1. The first quarterly reports are now available on CyberGrants, the Foundation's online grant-making tool. Each Regional Coalition has a "grant seeker" – this person should have received an email from the system letting them know the reports were available on the 1st. Reports are due by the 15th. This report captures work from January 1st through March 31st.

2. In the next week or so, I will be contacting all "Leads" for each Regional Coalition with a survey request. The SCAN Foundation is engaging the help and assistance of the Regional Coalitions and the California Collaborative to learn about the influence and impact of our advocate- and stakeholder-partners on CCI implementation and MLTSS expansion in general. We are beta-testing the survey with a few Regional Coalition partners right now and their feedback thus far has been very helpful to make sure the tool is clear, quick and easy.

Please email or call Kali with questions: kpeterson@thescanfoundatino.org

10:30 – Call ends

The next calls will be on the first Thursday of the month from 9:30 to 10:30:

- *May 1*
- *June 5*
- *July 3*
- *August 7*

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

Participants:

Guests:

- Marisa Scala-Foley, ACL;
- Ryan McDonald, Harbage Consulting

Coalitions:

Alameda: Wendy Peterson, Karen Grimsich, Sheri Burns, Tracy Murray

Orange: Mallory Vega and Christine Chow

S.F.: Bill Haskell and Donna Calame

San Diego: Jenel Lim, Louis Frick, Rogelio Lopez, Lisa Hayes

Bay Area: Angelin Barrios, Katherine Kelly, Alberto Ortega

Riverside: Renee Dar-Khan, Michele Haddock, Lisa Hayes, Caroline Joyce,
Martha Durbin

L.A.: Carol Lee Thorpe, Dawn Lovelace, Sherry Revord, Anwar Zoueihid, Vivian
Sauer

Santa Clara: Marilou Cristina, Nayana Shaw, Sonali Parnami, Pauline Martinez

Yolo: Sheila Allen, Peggy Goldstein, Fran Smith

Chico: Forest Harlan, Sarah May, Betty Carlton

Fresno: Cynthia Benzler

Stanislaus: Dianna Olsen, Maria Profeta, Erlinda Bourcier, Stephanie Navarette

Nevada: Ana Acton, Tammy Veralrud

Monterey Bay: Patty Talbot

Ventura: Lindsey Nibecker, Sue Tatangelo, and Kathryn Keogh

San Mateo: Marilyn Baker-Venturini, Cristina Ugaitafa

Service and Advocacy (three coastal counties):

CoCoCo: Debbie Toth, Gerald Richards

The SCAN Foundation: Kali Peterson, Rene Seidel, Athan Bezaitis, Nick Ong-Sun

GACI: Jack Hailey