

Agenda, Regional Coalition Conference Call
Thursday, May 1, 2014 – 9:30 to 10:30 AM
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9: 30 AM

Aging and Disability Resource Connections (ADRCs) – An Update

Karol Swartzlander, Health and Human Services Agency – See her PowerPoint

- The ADRC project as a new LTSS Advisory Committee – co-chairs, Teresa Favuzzi, Calif Foundation for Independent Living Centers and Derrell Kerch, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- ADRC participants are welcome to register for the Options Counseling Training Program: with a focus on person-centered care. The next training is in June, if you wish to participate, contact Ed Ahern at the Agency – Edward.Ahern@chhs.ca.gov
- ADRCs are local voluntary partnerships
- This new LTSS advisory committee includes ADRCs and Money Follows the Person representatives (California Transitions Program is going through a revamping).
- Acronym tutorial: Money Follows the Person = MFP; California Transition Project = CCT. The CCT is California’s version of the federal MFP program
- As of July 1, oversight of ADRCs will transfer to the Dept of Aging (DoA) – the ADRC program will be able to leverage Money Follows the Person funds
- There is a webinar on the ADRC business model, which can be found on the Community Choices website – <http://www.communitychoices.info/> Then click on 1/30/14 ADRC Financial Planning Model Webinar – links are below the description.
- Focus at national level is adopting a “no wrong door” model (in contrast to “single point of entry”); in synch with California
- There are currently seven ADRCs serving 11 counties: Riverside, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, Alameda, Nevada, and North Central counties (Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Tehama, and Plumas)
- Karol and Ed are available to visit with your advisory committee if you are thinking about applying to establish an ADRC
- Currently, five areas are working on forming ADRC partnerships: Monterey Bay, Santa Clara, Yolo, L.A. and Ventura

Comments/Questions:

- Can Ventura’s ADRC include Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. Yes

- Will the move of ADRC administration to the Dept of Aging preserve the inclusion of persons on disabilities? Yes, the DoA is already working with the Dept of Rehabilitation; both are on the LTSS advisory committee.
- Is the California Community Transitions (CCT) program staying with DHCS; Yes, ADRCs will have “dual citizenship” at Aging and at Health Services; half the budget for the ADRC program is going to come from MFP/CCT
- Being “provider friendly” is very important.
- The ADRCs will have a digital newsletter; let Karol or Ed know if you would like to be on the list to receive it: Ed’s email is above, Karol’s is Karol.Swartzlander@chhs.ca.gov – also included on last page of PowerPoint
- ADRC-related training (e.g., options counseling) are open to those with ADRCs and those investigating the formation of an ADRC. To start that process, talk with Karol or Ed about what’s involved with developing a letter of commitment.
- What will be the focus of funding from the federal Administration of Community Living (ACL)? We don’t know yet
- Brenda Schmitthenner describes some of the benefits of the San Diego ADRC: it has moved our Long Term Care Integration Project into the community, brought the area agency on aging (AAA) and our independent living center (ILC) together; it engages community organizations and brings them together; from there, it’s aided all of us in developing programs and offering community services. Bringing the AAA and ILC together has made them “core partners,” sharing financial resources and co-chairing the ADRC advisory committee.
- Renee Dar-Khan describes the work of the Riverside ADRC: we’ve been able to enhance the culture of our agencies. We now look at progress a little differently, e.g., we look at how well we’re integrating services. We communicate better; we bring organizations together, we share goals and objectives, and fine tune our supportive services (such as being more consumer friendly). The ADRC pulls the whole picture together
- Yolo – we now have three core partners: our Healthy Aging Alliance (the umbrella agency for the Yolo regional coalition), the ILC, and the AAA. We have a 49-agency advisory

Overview of one coalition’s 2014 goals and projects:

Diversibility Advocacy Coalition (based in Chico) See Forest’s handout

- S.F. planning workshop at the conference was excellent for us
- Three overarching goals for next year: 1) working with attorneys on an 18-county outreach plan: from Tehama to Inyo – the catchment area of rural

managed health care 2) increase participation with medical and county staff plus CBOs. 3) establishing more of a media presence

Accessibility: assistance to persons with hearing impairments

Jo Black, Service and Advocacy Coalition (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura)

- In additions to person who are deaf, there are a large number of people don't hear well and don't sign either
- Using a grant from the California Communications Access Foundation (CCAF), Jo's coalition has used a three-prong approach:
 - Working with people with hearing aids teaching them how to use the Tele-coil ("T-coil) within their hearing aid – it's not just for use during telephone calls
 - talking with audiologists about t-coils and their broad value and use;
 - working with public venues to install and use assisted hearing systems – a "loop" technology
- 26 venues are now looped, including UCSB, churches, temples, theaters
- Next goal: educate people to what's in new TVs, etc. that allow volume options and other links to hearing aids
- There is a CCAF connection to the Public Utilities Connection
- Find out more at <http://www.communicationsaccess.org/>
- Will they have another round of funding? Probably, but perhaps with new guidelines – they fund many different kinds of projects

Community of Constituents Conference

- Last week's conference. The planning group's goal was interaction among conference participants with a priority on networking; e.g., no lunch speaker. High marks for everyone. There is time to send in your evaluation; let me know if you need one. Please fax completed evaluations to GACI at 916.404.4657
 - Testimonials: it was great opportunity; high energy and high impact. Loved the contact. Several underscored the value of the World Café discussions (Table Talk)
- Upcoming, October 1: planners include a representative from Orange County, San Francisco, Bay Area Senior Health Policy, Riverside, Stanislaus, Nevada, Ventura, San Mateo, Service and Advocacy Coalition (tri-county), and Contra Costa. (Monthly calls on third Friday at 10:30: May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, and September 19 - 866-215-3402, PIN: 896-217-9013

California Collaborative Principles

- Have regional coalitions had a chance to discuss and endorse or adopt?
- Jack will send a note to each coalition leader asking for an update – thank you to those who have let him know how your coalition’s discussion of the principles went.

SCAN Foundation Update

- Q1 progress reports: check with Kali if you have not yet completed it
- Q2 reports will be slightly different
- Please use the Google Group listserve to let all of us know about progress, accomplishments, events, etc.

Coalition representatives are invited to participate in

The National Council on Disability Medicaid Managed Care Forum –
Engaging Disability Leadership Representatives

WHEN: May 7, 2014. 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m

WHERE: Alta California Regional Center, 2241 Harvard Street, Sacramento

TO ATTEND: contact ncdforums@gmail.com

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

- *June 5, July 3, and August 7. Coalitions are welcome to include any number of members, whenever topics are of interest.*

Today’s Participants:

Karol Swartzlander, Health and Human Services Agency

Alameda: Wendy Peterson, Karen Grimsich, Sheri Burns

Orange: Mallory Vega, Patty Mouton

S.F.: Bill Haskell

San Diego: Brenda Schmitthenner, Jenel Lim, Rogelio Lopez, Lisa Hayes, Debbie Case

Bay Area Senior Health: Angelin Barrios, Katherine Kelly

Riverside: Renee Dar-Khan, Paul Van Doren, Martha Durbin, Gary Damewood, Lisa Hayes

L.A.: Carol Lee Thorpe, Dawn Lovelace, Anwar Zoueihid, Nina Nolcox, Jasmine Lopez (for Vivian Sauer)

Santa Clara: Marilou Cristina, Bev DeKoven, Sonali Parnami

Yolo: Sheila Allen, Fran Smith, Peggy Goldstein, Cheryl Yee, David Soto

Chico: Forest Harlan, Sarah May, Betty Carlton

Fresno:

Stanislaus: Erlinda Bourcier, Stephanie Navarette

Nevada: Nancy Vasquez

Monterey Bay: Elsa Quezada, Patty Talbot

Ventura: Sue Tatangelo, Monique Nowlin, Suzy Santo

San Mateo: Marilyn Baker-Venturini, Cristina Ugaitafa

Tri-County (Service and Advocacy): Jo Black

Contra Costa: Debbie Toth, Shirley Krohn, Gerald Richards

The SCAN Foundation: Kali Peterson, René Seidel