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Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County

Recent Developments

August 19, 2014

Alameda County CCI Launch Postponed

California's Department of Health Care Services has announced they will postpone the Alameda County and Orange County launch of the Coordinated Care Initiative until July 2015.

The Alameda County launch has been postponed half-a-dozen times since we received CCI and Duals Demonstration status in 2012. This final postponement, however, is the last, at least for the Duals Demonstration (now known as Cal MediConnect). After July 2015 the demonstration window closes and no new counties can enter until, presumably, California takes the next step, post-demonstration, in the planned CCI roll-out.

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RFP Opportunity: Linkage Lab Academy

The SCAN Foundation seeks proposals from organizations that provide services in Coordinated Care Initiative counties to participate in the second cohort of the Linkage Lab Academy.

The Academy provides support to CBOs that are committed to developing contractual partnerships with health plans for the benefit of vulnerable older Californians.

Click [here](#) for more information. Proposals are due by **September 18, 2014 at 2:00 pm.**

Joint Committee Hearing on Aging and Long-Term Care

State Senator Carol Liu chairs the new Senate Select Committee on Aging and Long Term Care. On August 12, 2014, she teamed with Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada to hold a hearing on "Implementing an Ideal Aging and Long Term Care System in California." Senator Liu's intent is to produce a legislative and administrative roadmap for the short and long term, designed to implement a "responsive aging and Long Term Care system for Californians."

The hearing was richly informative and full of thoughtful recommendations. One of the recommendations put forward by SCAN Foundation's Gretchen Alkima was to establish a standing Senate Committee on Aging and Long Term Care (the select committee is temporary and sunsets in November) to complement and coordinate policy discussion and development with the standing Assembly Committee. This small action would have a huge impact on the legislature's ability to move comprehensive policy forward.

To watch the hearing recorded on the California Channel and see the agenda, click [here](#). As the materials from the hearing come available, they'll be posted on SSC's State Budget web page, [here](#).

Confirmed: Alameda County Funding and Planning for Aging Services

At the Alameda County Board of Supervisors' Social Services Committee meeting on July 28, 2014, Social Services Agency Director Lori Cox outlined the next steps the Agency will take to provide emergency funding for senior services and to develop an integrated plan for providing long term, health and supportive services to seniors in Alameda County. Click [here](#) to link to the committee's agenda with Director Cox's slides attached.

The next steps include: 1) a one-time 15% augmentation to all AAA contracts, a total of \$850,000 in funding that will stabilize resource-strapped programs; 2) funding technical assistance for CBOs to develop and implement fund development strategies; 3) hiring a Planner for the Area Agency in Aging; and 4) partnering with Health Care Services Agency and stakeholders to develop a comprehensive county-wide plan for aging services. Planning to lay the groundwork for each of these steps will begin sometime in September. Watch for SSC updates.

To watch the July 28 hearing, click [here](#) (The link is under the BOS Committee Meetings header). Click [here](#) for the text of SSC Director Wendy Peterson's public comment.

Director Cox's presentation was a response to the directive that was included in the County's 2014/15 budget (click [here](#) to read the memo that is now part of the County Budget). If you haven't already, **please take time to thank Supervisors Miley and Chan** for advancing the recommendations, and thank your own Supervisor for their support. Click [here](#) to go to SSC's advocacy resources page for Supervisors' contact information.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to [contact me](#).

- Wendy

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