**Summary, Regional Coalition Conference Call**

**Thursday, November 6, 2014 – 9:30 to 10:30 AM**

9: 30 AM **Welcome**, mute and unmute announcement, “hold” announcement

**Transportation**

Contra Costa County, Debbie Toth, Advisory Council on Aging

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Back in 2002, the trip times were too long – some clients riding in excess of 90 minutes. ADA regs prohibited transit companies from charging enough to cover their costs. So, this is what we did:

1) Educated ourselves about funding streams – discovered an unfunded mandate

2) Got involved at local level: transportation authorities have an advisory body for issues related to seniors and persons with disabilities, so Debbie got on this advisory committee

3) Through the transit authority’s paratransit advisory committee, Debbie discovered a sales tax with an earmark for paratransit (that was insufficient).

4) Organized around the sales tax – and found partners (bicyclists, et al.) Took a proposal for redistribution of these funds to the transit board and to the county’s four regional transit districts.

5) Now the program is fully funded: lessons learned are learn what’s going on, and join with others….

6) Mobility management process is now under way – took a long time to get elected officials to support this concept. Federal funding guidelines call for local partnerships and putting the person at the center of transportation planning. This is a new messaging platform for the Co Co coalition.

Riverside County, Richard Smith, Executive Director, Independent Living Partnership and The TRIP program executivedirector@livingpartnership.org

Presents national findings about the numbers and percentages of people who have limited transportation resources

In Riverside County: a survey in 1990s: people wanted free service, 24 hours/7 days a week, that is a rider-centered program. This survey gave rise to the TRIP program. The AAA (through county government) has provided support, including screening those requesting services.

Key elements:

 Riders can select their own drivers from among friends

 Eliminated dispatch requirements – riders make their own relationship

 Reimbursement is 32-cents a mile: sent monthly to the rider

 10,000 trips each month for 600+ riders

 Usual cost is $5 to $6 per trip; much cheaper than taxis or paratransit

 There are about 30 TRIP programs around the country – e.g., eastern L.A.;

San Joaquin and Ventura are in the planning process

 ilpconnect.org has model documents and more information

 The main hurdle is to find stable funding

Voters in Riverside County like this option.

 For more information about TRIP:

* + See: <http://ilpconnect.org/triptrans/>
	+ See: <http://ilpconnect.org/trip-riverside/>

Discussion:

Susan Fent, Aging Services Collaborative of Santa Clara County, sfent@ioaging.org Equity and fairness resonate in Santa Clara County. Ours has focused on senior nutrition transportation. “Livable community concept” guides us. “Mobility management” has a range of services – wanted to go beyond door-to-door ADA services. Added gas cards and bus passes. Are thinking now of retrenching to a narrower target population of the most vulnerable.

Riverside: we have made sure that transportation officials are on the LTSS coalition; this has helped with both knowing where funds are and technical assistance to apply for those funds. Now doing “Car Fit” a preventive measure – a traffic safety program as well as training in efficient use of cars. Having transportation as a primary focus has been greatly rewarding.

Question: Is the social model of transportation (Lyft, Uber) changing things? Responses: in Contra Costa, we use a lot of volunteer drivers, but they rarely can accommodate wheel chairs; so the funds are used to fill gaps, such as transporting someone who uses a power chair. In Riverside, by having people select their own drivers means that power chairs and other wheelchairs are accommodated. A challenge for mobility management is to have the options available to accommodate all needs. Uber and Lyft probably don’t help TRIP clients, who are of low income. Statewide, there is discussion about accessible travel: Uber pushing back; Lyft is recruiting drivers offering more accessible vehicles; so are some taxi companies.

San Mateo: we have been working with local transit district; the district has been represented on the regional coalition. We’re applying for “New Freedom” grants from the San Mateo transportation district. When we applied, we also found out about resources already present that we weren’t aware of. “Mobility management” is now part of the SamTrans plan. Doing a lot of inquiry now into various ideas. Look into the “V link” on line service.

Los Angeles: 5310 program funding. Answer: “Map 21” money was available but seems to be drying up. A new round of funding is available in L.A.

For more information: <http://www.fta.dot.gov/map21.html>

What happens in cases when drivers don’t want to accept funds? Answer: this is rare in our experience.

**Overview of coalitions’ 2014 goals and projects**:

Ventura Evidence-Based Health Promotion Coalition

Mentoring from San Francisco has helped a great deal in our defining our work. E.g., building brides around LTSS delivery between senior and disability community. Forming an ADRC became a joint effort between AAA and ILC. Right now we’re in a “planning to plan” state; this process brings more people to the table.

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

We are also working on an ADRC. Mental health issues are a primary focus, including interviewing those in institutional settings to ask if they want to move to a more community-based setting. We are the local Community Transitions/Money Follows the Person contact as well, so that helps in this effort.

**General Question for Coalitions in Non-CCI Counties**:

Is there a need in non CCI counties for background information about the CCI? Responses: in Contra Costa County, we haven’t had those kinds of calls from constituents. We can go to CalDuals.org for background about the CCI

From Riverside: be prepared in Orange, Alameda, and Santa Clara for how managed long term services and supports (MLTSS) will be administered.

**SCAN Foundation Update**

No major updates – get those quarterly reports in

Thanks to planning committee and co-chairs of the October 1 Community of Constituents conference

**Collaborative Update**

* November 14 county by county look at CCI rollout – 9:00

Note: Phone and PIN for Friday Collaborative discussions are same as for this call.

* April 2, 2015: the next Community of Constituents Conference, Sheraton Grand, Sacramento; planning is under way on third Fridays at 10:30
* October 27-28, 2015: the next LTSS Summit and the fall Community of Constituents conference: please add to your calendars now

**Announcement:**

The next calls, Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30:

* *December 4*
* *January 8 (note, this is the second Thursday)*
* *February 5*

**Participants:**

Alameda County: Wendy Peterson, Sheri Burns

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