**Agenda, Regional Coalition Conference Call Summary**

**Thursday, August 7, 2014 – 9:30 to 10:30 AM**

9: 30 AM **Welcome**

**Housing for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities**

Shamus Roller, Executive Director, Housing California, overview of resources and advocacy opportunities

**Housing California:** has afocus on state policy: affordable development, zoning, ending homelessness; they have lobbyists, a communications director, an annual April conference with 1000 people. For more information: [www.housingca.org](http://www.housingca.org)

Last six months: (1) passage of Prop 41, veterans housing, $600 million: focus on the poorest, the homeless, and those with disabilities. Housing will have service component attached. (2) long term spending of cap and trade funds. Produces revenue stream -- $200 to $300 million/year for housing near public transit. Regs for this program are in process – strategic growth planning. Workshops coming up in Fresno, Oakland, and L.A. during August

* Fresno, August 12, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Fresno City Hall
* Los Angeles, August 15, 9:00 – noon; CA DOT District 7 Office
* Oakland, August 14, 1:00 - 4:00; ABAG

For more information and to register, go to: <http://sgc.ca.gov/docs/SGC_AHSC_Public_Workshop_Notice_August_2014_FINAL.pdf>

Housing California started in 2011 – as redevelopment agencies were going out of business. New ideas: Mercy housing in S.F., an affordability project – referrals from hospitals and skilled nursing. (Savings of $29,000 per year per person). Upcoming, a new legislative agenda for special funding.

Rebecca Schupp, Chief, Long Term Services and Supports Branch, DHCS, “811” funding opportunities, PowerPoint slides sent out in advance of the call also on the call: John Mohatra, Urshella Starr, and Joseph Billingsley

[slide 1] $12 million – 330 units – Aug 13 and Aug 20 are webinars to review the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). These housing units will coordinate with Money Follows the Person; services will be provided through Medicaid waivers

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/942237002> to register for 8/13

[https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/864106610 to register for 8/20](https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/864106610%20to%20register%20for%208/20)

For additional information, about 811 funds, visit <http://www.calhfa.ca.gov/multifamily/section811/>

[slide 2] In the works is a five-department effort for L.A. County; another $12 million requested (280 units). Local government will provide 150 Section 8 vouchers --1950i and 1950c waiver; with focus on homeless individuals.

[slide 3] As a result of Medi-Cal eligibility of homeless people, working to provide waiver services to those receiving L.A. county housing assistance. Also, focusing on using Section 8 as part of moving people from institutional care to community housing.

**Discussion**

FYI: Contra Costa: in June met with Senate consultant on housing (Mark Stivers): to advocate including principles of universal design in all future senior housing elements.

Question: the 811 housing projects enroll people age 61 and younger; what happens at 62? Answer: can stay after turning 62; this is a five year project.

Question: are plans for new housing for those older than 62 taking place beyond L.A.? Answer: yes, in some other parts in the state.

Question: around advocacy for low income housing for seniors: our coalition doesn’t have the capacity to become experts, so we work with a local housing advocacy group. Are larger housing advocacy organizations knowledgeable about seniors or do we need our own senior advocacy mechanism? Answer: At Housing California there are developers with senior housing, but they need good data on who’s in need. Housing California is conscious of accessibility issues; help with data on unmet need is something you can bring to the table.

Question: in L.A., are the new projects going to use new or current housing sites. Answer: these are projects being opened or being built now – 24 month clock. On the next NOFA we’ve applied for, we’ll have 48 months, so we will be able to pick some new building sites.

Question: Can Housing California help us be better advocates with a set of webinars, presentations, etc. Answer: consult our Housing California newsletter; invite us to present to your group. [www.housingca.org](http://www.housingca.org)

Question: what is “Over the counter” funding process? Answer: a NOFA can have a final cutoff date or not; “over the counter” is the process when there’s no cutoff date for a proposal.

FYI: see this new report, *Housing is the Best Medicine, Supportive Housing and the Social Determinants of Health*: <http://www.csh.org/resources/housing-is-the-best-medicine-supportive-housing-and-the-social-determinants-of-health/>

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

San Diego – Brenda Schmitthenner. Since 1999, we’ve been working as a coalition. Two special projects this year:

(1) – HCBS broker model – our coalition convened a team that developed a guide for putting together a brokerage of HCBS.

(2) – A toolkit is on the coalition’s website. Communications workgroup created a virtual resource toolkit. - <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/ais/ltcip/> or [www.sdltcip.org](http://www.sdltcip.org) You’ll find flyers, fact sheets, and more.

Nevada, Ana Acton

We are the first rural county with an ADRC designation: the ILC and AAA

One of our major focuses is the need to prevent rehospitalization: what are others doing to reduce hospital readmissions? They are finding that home delivered meals are an important service.

Contact Marilyn and Marsha

**Aging Services Collaborative of Santa Clara County: sustainability project,** Marilou Cristina

We are going from a funded model to an unfunded model. We’re looking at sustainability – they are going to send a survey today to 17 coalition primary contacts and ask you reply by August 18 to ten questions. Will share results.

**SCAN Foundation Update**

Erin Westphal, Program Officer, A new TSF request for proposal

New Linkage Lab Academy project – focus is to support the development of new partnerships between plans and HCBS providers; there will be up to 15 projects funded, with priority for dual demonstration counties.

Here is the information from yesterday’s TSF e-blast: Request for Proposals: Linkage Lab Academy  The SCAN Foundation seeks proposals from organizations that provide services in California's eight Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) counties to participate in the second cohort of the Linkage Lab Academy.  Through this Academy, the Foundation provides support to community-based organizations that are committed to developing contractual partnerships with health plans for the benefit of vulnerable older Californians.  Organizations planning to submit a proposal under this Linkage Lab Academy RFP must submit an email expressing their intent to apply, to Erin Westphal ([ewestphal@thescanfoundation.org](mailto:ewestphal@thescanfoundation.org)) by August 29, 2014.  The email should include the organization's name, geographic location, and contact information (phone and email) for the potential project lead.

Click here for more information or cut and paste this URL in your browser: <http://www.thescanfoundation.org/open-requests-proposals?utm_source=8-6-14+%28RFP+Linkage+Lab%2C+Health+Affairs+Article+on+Medicare+Part+D%29&utm_campaign=8-6-14&utm_medium=email>.

An optional conference call is scheduled for Aug 15 at 10:00 am.  If you wish to join the optional call please notify  Erin prior to Aug 11 and she will provide access information.

Proposals are due by September 18, 2014 at 2:00 pm (PST).

**Collaborative Update**

* August 8 discussion of managed care in rural areas
* August 15 county by county look at CCI rollout
* Registration now open for LTSS Summit (September 30). There is no limit to the number of people from your coalition who can attend the Summit; however, registration is getting close to the maximum capacity of the event, so people should register this week, if possible. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-california-summit-on-transforming-long-term-services-and-supports-registration-11458618035>
* The Community of Constituents conference is October 1. Coalitions are limited to two or three delegates, coordinated by coalition leaders.

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

Notes:

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

* *September 4 – Focus on Universal Assessment*
* *October 2 – no call due to October 1st Conference*
* *November 6 – Focus on Transportation*
* *December 4*

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

**Participants:**

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San Francisco: Cindy Kauffman

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Riverside: Renee Dar-Khan, Anna Schwartz, Mike McConnell, Lisa Hayes, Martha Durbin

L.A.: Carol Lee Thorpe, Dawn Lovelace, Sherry Revord, Nancy Volpert, Amber Cutler

Santa Clara: Marilou Cristina, Nayana Shaw, Sonali Parnami

Yolo: Sheila Allen and Fran Smith

Chico Area: Sarah May

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