**Regional Coalition Call Summary**

**Thursday, September 4, 2014 – 9:30 to 10:30 AM**

9: 30 AM **Welcome**

**Universal Assessment,** Megan Juring, Program Officer, The SCAN Foundation

Megan Juring introduced herself and provided an overview of the state’s universal assessment project.

As a program officer at The SCAN Foundation, Megan supports California’s progress toward a universal assessment of individuals’ LTSS needs. The SCAN Foundation views a universal assessment process as one of the cornerstones of developing a person-centered model of care planning and integral to building a system of care that can describe how individuals’ needs are being met throughout the system, and conversely how they may not be being met.

Today’s discussion is an introduction to the topic that will be discussed in depth at the Community of Constituents conference on October 1. Panelists for that breakout session will be able to answer more specific questions. The universal assessment effort is overall the work of the State of California and TSF is a funding partner in the development of the draft tool.

Megan described that within the current construct, assessments of individuals’ functioning relating to long term services and support needs are program-specific, and completed when an individual applies for a particular program’s services. The assessment results from one program do not necessarily translate to eligibility or qualification for services of another program. When California’s Coordinated Care Initiative legislation was passed, it included provisions for the development of a new universal assessment process and tool to be used across LTSS programs and to be used by managed care entities implementing CCI.

She acknowledged that many of the people participating on the call may have attended the stakeholder meetings that have been held to kick this effort off. The departments that are primarily engaged with stakeholders in this planning and development effort include State Department of Social Services, the Department of Health Care Services, and the Department of Aging. These departments oversee the programs and service delivery models that will pilot a new universal assessment process and tool, including the Community Based Adult Services (CBAS), Multi-purposed Senior Services Program (MSSP), In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and managed care plans. Stakeholder engagement includes providers of these programs and services as well as advocacy organizations and consumers.

Progress to date:

* Meetings
* Contract with a research team comprised of UCLA, UCSF and USC experts in the field
* An upcoming meeting will dig deep to identify a proposed set of elements for core components of a UA tool within four domains:
  + Health elements
  + Cognitive/social-emotional and behavioral dimensions
  + Functional assessment, including identification of individuals’ goals and preferences
  + Background information / environmental assessment / caregiver assessment element
* The proposed elements for a core assessment, together with those that may be considered as supplemental or program-specific elements will be brought forward to through the stakeholder process established last year.

The statute that calls for a universal assessment instrument is Welfare and Institutions Code 14186.36. It requires development of an instrument that managed care programs will use and that can be used by multiple programs.

The topic of universal assessment is an afternoon breakout session at the Community of Constituents conference on October 1.

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

Los Angeles Dawn Lovelace

Dawn provided information about LAAAC’s follow up with legislators after the annual summit. The summit included focuses on finding ways to take action and finding ways to achieve sustainability.

San Mateo Marsha Fong

The New Beginnings Coalition has hosted a series of sessions – e.g., accidents in the home (the most popular to date).

Looking ahead – bring statewide speakers to San Mateo sessions; plus, hope to engage with other regional coalitions coordinating future programs

Quarterly meetings of the coalition have about 45 people – Marsha and Marilyn are interested in how to attract more participants. (A possible call topicf.)

In November, we will hear from Fresno, Ventura, and Service and Advocacy Coalition; in December, from Monterey Bay and Contra Costa.

**SCAN Foundation Update**

* Kali Peterson provided an update on the annual LTSS Summit (September 30), the networking dinner that evening, and the Community of Constituents conference on October 1.
* She encouraged outreach to each other via the Google Group or to specific individuals.
* She identified “how to increase membership” as a future call topic.

**Collaborative Update**

* September 12 county by county look at CCI rollout

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

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

Is there a need in non-CCI counties for background information about the CCI?

The general consensus is yes, perhaps a FAQ.

Jack will draft some frequently asked questions and circulate them.

If you have some thoughts about which questions to include, please let him know.

**Other Announcements**

Marilou Cristina, from Santa Clara County’s Aging Services Collaborative: She has a report on the findings coalition by coalition of their sustainability survey. If you want the breakout, contact Marilou

Jenel Lin: there’s a new lawsuit to halt the CCI; Jenel will forward a press report

10:30 **Adjourn**

Notes:

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

* *October 2 – CANCELED 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:

Alameda County: Wendy Peterson, Sheri Burns, Tracy Murray, Patricia Osage

Orange County: Christine Chow, Elizabeth Billie

San Francisco: Melissa McGee, Cindy Kauffman

San Diego: Janel Lim, Louis Frick

Bay Area Senior Health Policy: Katherine Kelly

Riverside: Renee Dar-Khan, Robin McCall

L.A.: Carol Lee Thorpe, Dawn Lovelace, Sherry Revord

Santa Clara: Marilou Cristina, Nayana Shaw, Sonali Parnami

Yolo: Sheila Allen, Fran Smith, Cheryl Yee, Valerie Olson, Amy Thurman

Chico: Forest Harlan

Central Valley: Terri Deits

Stanislaus: Dianna Olsen, Maria Profeta, Erlinda Bourcier

Nevada County: Ana Acton, Pam Miller

Monterey Bay: Clay Kemfp

Ventura County: Sue Tatangelo, Monique Nowlin

San Mateo: Marsha Fong, Marilyn Baker-Venturini

Service and Advocacy: Jo Black, Jennifer Griffin, Kathy McMillion

Co. Co. Co.: Debbie Toth

The SCAN Foundation: Rene Seidel, Kali Peterson, and Megan Juring

GACI: Jack Hailey