**Regional Coalition Conference Call Sumary**

**Thursday, August 6, 2015 – 9:30 to 10:30 AM**

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**Topics for 2016 Regional Conferences**

Background: Rather than a  spring statewide Community of Constituents conference, the thinking is to hold two Northern California and two Southern California sessions, bringing half of the regional coalitions together for each.  The goal would be to have a full day of discussion without the need for overnight travel.

Kali Peterson: We’re planning on regional meetings of coalitions in order to provide more time with each other: establish alliances for joint work and share best practices. We will continue to have a fall conference (September 2016) the day before or day after the Summit. In place of a spring conference, we would have a NorCal and SoCal session in February/March (with possibility of third location); also a set of regional summer one-day meetings. These will be in different locales. We hope these are meetings that don’t require overnight stays.

Goal: bring smaller number of people to explore subject matter, share information, discuss/describe projects, and design regional activities. Will start planning the spring discussions soon.

Discussion: Possible Topics and Regions

Anne Hinton: there are communities where advocacy doesn’t seem as strong, although there are best practices for building advocacy.

Christine Chow: SoCal is planning a Sept. 17 session; all new grantees are welcome. For our first meeting, we are discussing *how* we can work together.

Sheila Allen: likes Anne Hinton’s suggestion – best practices and sharing information on building/improving advocacy. Also, need to look at sustainability.

Forest Harlan: CFILC uses a NorCal, SoCal, and rural/mountain/desert set of divisions. Is that a good idea for us?

Marilou Cristina: sustainability; looking longer term on keeping coalitions going effectively.

Ana Acton: would like to identify at least one issue that we can work on together as a region; so we could spend some time during the regional conferences talking about our strengths and weaknesses then identify a project.

Wendy Peterson: likes idea of using fall to find statewide action. Also, the Bay Area does have a regional sensibility – a Bay Area council of governments exists. Good for us to think of ourselves as a group. Advocacy will be easier within an area where the county governments are already working together.

Elsa Quezada: Monterey Bay doesn’t think of itself as part of Bay Area…

Sheila Allen: Requesting more opportunities to discuss ADRC development; also looking for best practices in dementia care.

Ana Acton: Understanding different regions may require some discussion as an entire group. Within C4A, they are finding that all the organizations have a lot to share with each other, large and small, north and south, rural and urban.

Renee Dar-Khan: during regional meetings, can some of the agenda be standardized? Then, when we come together statewide in the fall or on monthly calls, we can share ideas and results.

Katherine Kelly: Some common ground around agenda items would be helpful; likes the idea of aligning with government alliances.

Nancy Volpert: Danger of dividing into too many smaller pieces; recommend single agenda across multiple regional discussions.

Dianna Olsen: Stanislaus has benefitted greatly from working with Anne Hinton and Bill Haskell from S.F.

Forest Harlan: Does acknowledge that urban/rural exchanges can be beneficial.

Anne Hinton: we have replicated a lot of things that we’ve learned from rural areas. Innovation may come from rural/smaller counties.

Sue Tatangelo: likes having time to discuss regional issues as well as a focus on statewide advocacy and policy efforts. Ventura County does learn from large and small counties.

Marilyn Baker-Venturini: May discover during 2016 what works better in planning regional conferences. The smaller conferences will help us get to know each other better – pays off in statewide advocacy efforts or broader projects.

Kali Peterson:

* Geographic breakout probably will determine the number of geographic locations for regional one-day conferences.
* Conference content also reflect the proposals and scopes of work that groups submit.
* Number of regional breakouts will partly depend on logistic resources.
* Please continue to send us your ideas (kpeterson@thescanfoundation.org and jack@gacinstitute.org).
* Also, coalitions are doing things that can be supported and connected through these regional meetings.

Jenel Lim: development business acumen to work with health plans: a topic for meetings.

**Coalition by Coalition Look: 2014 Accomplishments/2015 Projects**

Sheila Allen **- Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance**:

* Yolo Senior Adult Referral Form: comes from their collaborative committee – open to all (now at 65 organizations). Includes an annual cross training. This is the form for cross referral. There’s no patient-specific information that would fall under HIPPA. Sheila has sent it to all.
* MOU: “to be listed on this form, come to bi-monthly collaborative committee meeting and promise to respond to a referral within seven days.
* Hosted a summit in October 2014 – a community summit for 100 people. Consumers, providers, elected officials, etc. Used that information for strategic planning in 2015.
* Advocacy committee: the Yolo coalition is a 501(c)(3). Hosted a candidates’ forum two years ago. Will be doing it again. Starts with an overview of the issues that the candidates listen to; then the candidates speak; then voters ask questions.

Elsa Quezada – **Monterey Bay Aging and Disability Resource Coalition**

* Received a grant from State Independent Living Council for developing an ADRC. $50,000 for three months. July through September. Two AAAs and the ILC working together with their coalition on this project.
* County Organized Health System (COHS) is active member in her coalition – encourages all to include their health plan(s).

**SCAN Foundation Update**

Summit registration is open. The event is open to anyone. Registration is separate for the Summit and the Community of Constituents conference (Oct. 27 and Oct. 28). **Coalitions leaders should provide to Jack the names of their delegation to the Oct. 28 Community of Constituents conference**. That registration will open soon.

To register for the Summit: <http://www.thescanfoundation.org/news-events/register-now-2015-ltss-summit-october-27-2015>

Please start your applications for next year’s grant cycle

**Collaborative Update**

No meeting tomorrow; regional coalition members welcome to join the weekly Collaborative discussins.

Ideas for 2016 Collaborative priorities:

Ana Acton:

* Study and support some recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on aging and long term care: especially the creation of a Department of Community Living
* Traumatic brain injury: underfunded and has an insufficient network. Current program sunsets in 2018.

Sheila Allen

* Funding for ADRCs
* SSI/SSP grants

Sue Tatangelo

* Caregiving issues --

Letter to CHCF re: CalQualityCare.org

Note: this letter will go to California Health Care Foundation as a consensus document listing all 18 regional coalitions as supporting bridge funding for CalQualityCare.org while UCSF finds a state agency to take over the site. **Please let Jack Hailey know if you do not want your coalition listed in the letter.**

Communications workgroup request: send your media contact lists to Jack Hailey for use in getting out stories about aging and disability

Notes:

The next calls, first Thursdays of the month, from 9:30 to 10:30:

* *September 3, guest will be Wendell Primus, Office of Representative Nancy Pelosi*
* *October 1, guest will be Professor Karen Davis, Johns Hopkins University*
* *November 5*
* *December 3*

Participants:

*Alameda County: Wendy Peterson, Karen Grimsich, and April Monroe (from the office of Michael Galvan)*

*Orange County: Christine Chow*

*San Francisco: Anne Hinton and Cindy Kauffman*

*San Diego: Jenel Lim*

*Bay Area Senior Health Policy: Katherine Kelly*

*Riverside: Renee Dar-Khan*

*L.A.: Tammy Nguyen, Nancy Volpert, Sherry Revord, and Elizabeth Hernandez Santa Clara: Marilou Cristina*

*Yolo: Sheila Allen, Pam Miller, and Fran Smith*

*Chico: Sarah May and Forest Harlan*

*Central Valley: Marlene Hubbell*

*Stanislaus: Dianna Olsen and Linda Lowe*

*Nevada County: Ana Acton and Pam Miller*

*Monterey Bay: Elsa Quezada*

*Ventura County: Sue Tatangelo and Blair Craddock*

*San Mateo: Cristina Ugaitafa and Marilyn Baker-Venturini*

*Service and Advocacy:*

*Co. Co. Co.: Gerald Richards, Ella Jones*

*TSF: Kali Peterson*

*GACI: Jack Hailey*