

ADULT SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL

Working together to meet the health and human service needs of adults and seniors.
Our vision is safe and supported adults & seniors with access to a full continuum of resources & independence wherever they reside.

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Boards, Commissions and Community Groups

Adult Abuse Prevention Council
Commission on Aging
County Board of Supervisors
Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board
Health Commission
Mental Health Advisory Board
SLO Supportive Housing Consortium

Non-Profit Agencies

211 SLO Hotline
AIDS Support Network & SLO Hep C Project
Alzheimer's Association
Area Agency on Aging
CenCal Health
Coast Caregiver Resource Center
Community Action Partnership of SLO County
Community Health Centers / Services of the Central Coast
Hospice of San Luis Obispo County
Independent Living Resource Center
Linkages Care Management
LTC Ombudsman Services of SLO County
North County Connection
Peoples' Self Help Housing
Retired Senior Volunteer Program
Ride-On Transportation
Senior Legal Services Project
Senior Nutrition Program
Transitions/Mental Health Association
Tri-Counties Regional Center
United Cerebral Palsy
United Way of San Luis Obispo County
Wilshire Community Services / Caring Callers / Creative Mediation / Senior Peer Counseling

Private Organizations

Bates Care Management
Client Care Consultants
Family Home Care
Morris & Garritano Insurance
Sierra Vista Medical Center
Trio

Public Agencies

San Luis Coastal Adult School
San Luis Obispo County Departments of:
District Attorney / Victim Witness Assistance
Health Agency: Public Health / Public Guardian / Medical Services
Probation Department
Sheriff
Department of Social Services / Adult Services
Veteran's Services

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AGENDA August 6, 2010 9:00 am – 11:00 am

INTRODUCTIONS	5 min.
DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeff Hamm, Public Health	60 min.
ANNOUNCEMENTS (New developments for the population, agency or program changes that affect other agencies or programs)	15 min.
CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS	1 min.
PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minutes or less)	10 min.
ACTION ITEMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election of Co-Chair• Acceptance of Annual Report• Letter of Endorsement for District Attorney's Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Project (EAAOP)	20 min.
COMMITTEE UPDATES AS NEEDED: (10 minutes or less) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IHSS Update• Good Neighbors/Volunteer Army• POLST Follow up – Jean Raymond, French Hospital• Translation Services	30 min.

MEETING LOCATION:

Department of Social Services
2975 McMillan Road, San Luis Obispo
Suite 164 (Big Conference Room)

NEXT MEETING: September 3, 2010

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Attendees:

Jeff Hamm, County of SLO Health Agency
Cheri Aispuro, Leg. Ass't/Bruce Gibson,
BOS
Sara Bartlett, Alzheimer's Association
joyce ellen lippman, Area Agency on
Aging
Meredith Bates, Bates Care Management
Janet Amanzio, Behavioral Health/Mental
Health
Melanie Frampton, CenCal Health
Patricia Sabella, CenCal Health
Kathleen Bellefontaine, Commission on
Aging
Gail Tutino, CHC
Julia Miller, DSS
Cindy Marie Absey, DA/Victim/Witness
Kathleen Karle, Public Health
Pam Munson, Health Commission

Karen Jones, Ombudsman's Office
Marie Brinkmeyer, RSVP
Michelle Cole, Sheriff's Department
Mike Bossberry, T-MHA/SLO Hotline
Pam Craybaugh, Tri-Counties Regional
Center
Hans Poschman, Rep for Assemblyman
Blakeslee
Joe Hoeflich, Tri-Counties Regional Center
Sandra Pendell, DSS
Jean Raymond, French Hospital
Raye Fleming, CAPSLO
Susan Warren, No. County Connection
Jeanane Taylor, Ride-On Transportation
Elias Nemeh, Senior Nutrition Program
Jesse Sostrin, Wilshire Community Services
Rachel Cementia, United Way

Introductions: Members introduced themselves, but withheld announcements to allow Jeff Hamm to maximize his time here.

Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director: Members indicate they would like information on pertussis vaccine availability and Medi-Cal healthcare changes ahead. Mr. Hamm will forward information on pertussis to Sandra Pendell for distribution to ASPC members (see attached).

Mr. Hamm reviewed the Health Agency's current organizational chart (copy attached). He is Health Agency Director, not Public Health as specified in the agenda. Mr. Hamm stated that the organization has changed significantly over the years. Currently, the Health Agency is the umbrella organization under which Animal Services, Administration, Behavioral Health, Public Health, and Public Guardian are housed. Medical services provided by the Health Agency are now administered by the Health Care Services Division of the Public Health Department, and include the County's contract with Community Health Centers, the County Medical Services Program, and the jail medical care program.

Mr. Hamm reported that he had attended a meeting of the California Health Executives Association of California, which is an affiliate of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) the day before his ASPC presentation. CSAC guidelines are followed in most situations for the sake of consistency throughout California counties. Discussion is currently being held regarding the Section 1115 Waiver.

He explained that the Federal government regulates the Medicaid program (called Medi-Cal in California) and governs states' participation and activities. States must obtain a waiver from the federal government if they want their programs to differ from the federal regulations. California has frequently requested such waivers. Waivers are approved for 8 to 10 years; California's current waiver expires August 31, 2010. The State Department of Health Care Services submitted its proposal to extend the current waiver, but the proposal was not accepted by the Federal Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Work on the waiver continues in Sacramento.

Mr. Hamm provided an update on the state budget with input from Hans Poschman, Representative for Assemblyman Blakeslee. Mr. Poschman indicated that the State is currently predicting a \$20 billion deficit with an 11 month gap. Democratic Leadership in both houses are now unified on their proposed budget. The Democrats' proposal includes tax increases, thus there is a great deal of disagreement. The Republican leadership has not submitted a proposal. A budget will eventually be adopted, but the Governor has objections to the Democratic proposal, and has indicated he won't sign a budget bill that does not include budget and pension reform, even if it means leaving the state without an approved budget until the new Governor takes office in January.

Mr. Hamm stated he cannot predict what will happen in SLO County. He noted that a March for Humanity was held in San Luis Obispo last week, but doesn't know if it will have a political impact. He noted that the difference between the original budget proposed in January and then modified by the May revise is likely to be very different from the one ultimately adopted by the legislature and signed by the Governor. Cuts to core mental health funding are being discussed. The SLO County Health Agency is reviewing options as well as what can be done under the current circumstances, but cannot be specific as the outcome is unpredictable.

Under new Federal healthcare reform some percentage of the people who are currently uninsured will become insured. This is very important, but will not have a huge impact in SLO County. Mr Hamm explained that SLO County is already well served by CHC. No one is denied services based on their ability to pay. He noted that there is difficulty in getting specialists, but overall SLO County is in better shape than many other areas in the state and country. SLO County enjoys the benefits of CHC's good Medi-Cal funding level and the County's efforts to help pay for the care of the uninsured.

Mr. Hamm provided information on coverage initiatives. California is currently not maximizing federal financial participation in the Medi-Cal program. As people who were previously uninsured become enrolled, the program will be expanded and states will see an increase in federal funds. States are being encouraged by the federal government to get a jump start in providing services to previously uninsured. Mr. Hamm noted that SLO County's CMSP program is actually a MISP program, and is not affiliated with the official CMSP coalition which consists of 34 northern California counties. Because the County is independently in control of the program, we may be able to shift funds from direct payments to CHC to allow California to use the County's funds to draw down additional federal dollars.

Because of federal grants and other non-county sources, CHC has done well despite the significant reductions in the County's grant. Mr. Hamm noted that the shifting of funds may look like deductions to the CHC budget, but it will ultimately expand financial contributions to CHC and other providers, and allow access to specialty healthcare

providers. He noted that Supervisor Bruce Gibson is very involved in a Sacramento committee working on the realignment of funds. Unreimbursed state mandates are against the State constitution.

There was a brief general discussion regarding the lack of services available for drug and alcohol issues.

Announcements:

Gail Tutino announced that CHC will have an open house on Tues 8/10 for their new location at 325 Posada Lane, Templeton.

Julia Miller reported that a collaboration called SLO Communities Bridging Poverty is now being developed locally. An Opportunity Conference is being arranged which will connect people in poverty with a "navigator" who can mentor and assist them in finding their way out of poverty. An Opportunity Conference will be held end of February 2011; navigators now being recruited, as well as navigator consultants to assist navigators as needed. There will be navigator training and support. The conference is also looking for general volunteers. The Opportunity Conference will be held at Cuesta College. Childcare will be available as well as activities for young people. Contact Julia Miller to volunteer.

Joyce Ellen Lippman, AAA, reports that the Medicare Part D enrollment is period coming up, so HICAP is hitting a busy period. Community educators are available for presentations. HICAP counselors can assist in identifying correct program based on prescription drugs used. Contact AAA for more information.

Karen Jones announced that the LTC Ombudsman is looking for a German translator. Training for new Ombudsmen will be coming up in September. AB1629 has been approved and is expected to be approved by Governor. AB65 is still being considered, but the projected outcome is still unknown. If passed, it would be good for LTCO funding. Karen attended hearings on LTCO program and elder abuse in Sacramento this past week.

Jeanane Taylor gave information and flyers on Paul Wolff Accessibility awards. Jeanane is Ride-On's mobility manager and works with Medi-Cal recipients, Veterans and others with special transportation needs.

Marie Brinkmeyer, RSVP, has raffle tickets for an annual RSVP fundraiser.

Cindy Marie Absey reported that the Elder Death Review Team will be meeting next week. The team is getting used to the review process and benefits will become more apparent as time goes on. The Elder Death Review Team will be making recommendations to ASPC in the future. Cindy Marie is currently working on grant for Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Project (EAAOP) and she will likely be asking for ASPC members for data and information.

CenCal representatives announced a new program that provides text messages to expectant mothers reminding them of resources and recommended activities.

Jesse Sostrin, Wilshire Community Services provided information on the "Embracing Aging" community conversation scheduled for 8/18.

Rachel Cementina, United Way, has cards for prescription discount cards for uninsured residents.

Sandra Pendell asked for assistance in verifying the accuracy of ASPC's updated address book sign in sheets. She provided an update on the local Expedited SSI group and noted that progress is being made in putting together an SSI Advocacy program based on the Santa Cruz model.

Kathleen Bellefontaine says the Commission on Aging will be presenting a speaker who has dealt with hearing deficit issues for many, many years. The presentation will be made on 8/20 at Vet's Hall during the next COA meeting.

Jean Raymond reports that she is the new representative of the Health Commission.

Hans Poschman reported a unified Democratic proposal came out this week. It is unlikely to pass as is, but is a starting point for negotiations. There are quite a few steps left before it will come to a vote. Current argument has to do with fiscal effects of proposed tax increase. There is no timeline yet on when budget is likely to pass, but progress is being made. Hans encouraged members to contact him to discuss specific issues and ideas.

Corrections/Additions: Synopsis – References to "Victim's Witness" should be corrected to Victim/Witness. A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Cindy Marie Absey; the motion was seconded by Jean Raymond. The group voted unanimously to approve the corrected minutes.

Public Comment: None.

Annual Report:

A review of final report was completed and changes were recommended. Joyce Ellen moved that the annual report be approved as changed; Kathleen Karle seconded the motion; the group voted unanimously to approved the report with modifications as discussed by the group. A subsequent discussion arose regarding including info from the proposed letter to endorse the District Attorney's Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Project (EAAOP) It was moved by Pam Munson and seconded by Kathleen Bellefontaine to reopen discussion of annual report. That motion was approved unanimously. Unanimous. Discussion was held regarding adding specific language to the report from the letter. It was moved by Marie Brinkmeyer; and seconded by Janet Amanzio that the language be added to the Annual Report. The membership voted unanimously to approve the revised final report.

Letter of Endorsement for District Attorney's Elder Abuse Advocacy and Outreach Project (EAAOP):

Karen Jones moved to provide the letter of endorsement to the District Attorney's office as written; it was seconded by Janet Amanzio. The member voted unanimously to provide the approved letter to the District Attorney's office for inclusion in its grant application.

Action Items:

Kathleen Bellefontaine moved that Marie Brinkmeyer be nominated as co-vice chair for the ASPC 2010-2011 year; joyce ellen lippman seconded. The membership unanimously elected Marie Brinkmeyer to serve as Co-Vice Chair.

Committees Updates:

- IHSS: 97% of providers now enrolled. Possible provider fees now being discussed; fees would be reimbursed to providers by federal government.
- Good Neighbor/Volunteer Army update by Marie Brinkmeyer. Community Partners has decided it is not a good time to expand program into SLO County and has withdrawn from the Good Neighbor program. The group will continue to work on the project; Wilshire Community Services may be interested in supporting the program. Receipt of preventative health grant is an issue to be resolved. Discussion held regarding Lotsahelpinghands.com program
- POLST Follow up – Jean Raymond reports that large group of medical providers met in June and July. A follow up meeting will be held on September 20 at the Arroyo Grande Hospital from 3.30 – 5.00 to discuss setting up a program to promote POLST. Info on POLST is getting published in local medical providers' newsletters.
- Translation Services: No updates at this time.

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