

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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AIDS Support Network & SLO Hep C Project
Alzheimer's Association
Area Agency on Aging
CenCal Health
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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
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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/ Behavioral Health
Probation Department
Sheriff
Department of Social Services / Adult Services
Veteran's Services

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AGENDA

8/3/2012

9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(New developments for the population, agency or program changes that affect other agencies or programs)

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minutes or less)

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS:

- IHSS Program Cuts – Kat Lauterback
- Paradox of Plenty: A Community Roadmap for Overcoming Hunger in San Luis Obispo County – Joel Diringer
- Continuum of Care
- Annual Report Planning
- 2012-2013 Membership Directory

CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS

ACTION ITEMS:

COMMITTEE UPDATES AS NEEDED: (10 minutes or less)

- IHSS Update
- Good Neighbor
- POLST Follow up
- Continuum of Care

MEETING LOCATION:

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

NEXT MEETING:

9/7/2012

ASPC Meeting

August 3, 2012

Chaired by Janet Amanzio

Attendees:

Edie Kahn, AIDS Support Network & SLO
Hep C
Sara Bartlett, Alzheimer's Association
Shelly Herdman, Bates Care Management
Janet Amanzio, Behavioral Health/Mental
Health
Krista Vega, CenCal Health
Kathleen Bellefontaine, Commission on
Aging
Gail Tutino, Community Health Centers
Diane Jay, County Medical Services
Program
Sandra Pendell, DSS Adult Services
Rich Smucker, Mariposa Music Therapy
Tiffany Alcantara, Home Instead Senior
Care
joyce ellen lippman, Area Agency on Aging

Jerry Mihaic, Independent Living Resource
Center
Karen Jones, Long Term Care Ombudsman
Services
Susan Warren, North County Connection
Heidi McNichols, Probation Department
Mark Shaffer, Ride-On Transportation/UCP
Mike Bossenberry, Transitions – Mental
Health Association
Joe Hoefflich, Tri-Counties Regional Center
Jessica Deveraux, Wilshire Community
Services
Melissa Sparks, representing Senator Sam
Blakeslee
Susan Devine, Aide to Supervisor Adam Hill
Jean Raymond, French Hospital / Health
Commission

Introductions and Announcements

Mark Shaffer gave information about an upcoming fundraiser for United Cerebral Palsy. The fundraiser promotes healthful walking by using pedometers to track team efforts. Agencies are encouraged to participate. He announced that a new clinic will be opening in SLO to assist children with Cerebral Palsy; funding will be available through some insurances.

Karen Jones reminded that group that it's important that all mandated abusers report suspected abuse. The Ombudsman's office now has an Americorps volunteer to assist in administrative tasks, but they are also looking for addition volunteers to act as Ombudsmen. Finally she reminded the group that long term care and residential facilities must give notice before evicting residents.

Sara Bartlett reported that the Alzheimer's Association will be holding a legal and financial planning seminar on 8/29/2012. The Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place at various locations throughout the County during the months of September, October and November. Finally, announced that the Alzheimer's Association is currently recruiting to fill her position as she has accepted employment with Central Coast Hospice. It was agreed that the job announcement would be forwarded to the ASPC e-mail list.

joyce ellen lippman reported that the Area Agency on Aging would be distributing free coupons that could be used at Senior Farmers Markets to seniors age 60 or over and on a limited income.

Joe Hoefflich of Tri-Counties Regional Center reports that Pam Crabaugh has been promoted to a supervisory position. A replacement has already been hired to fill her vacancy. He noted that he will be working with the Public Health Emergency Services in developing F.A.S.T. teams to ensure emergency shelters are able to accommodate people with special needs.

Public Comment:

None.

Discussion/Information Items

IHSS Program Cuts – Sandra Pendell gave a brief report as Kat Lauterback, who was scheduled to present, was absent. A one-year 3.6% reduction which had been applied to the majority of IHSS recipients in 2011 terminated as of 6/30/2012. In the 2011 reduction certain high needs cases were exempt and did not experience cuts. Benefits were restored for the month of July 2012, however a second 3.6% reduction was again applied effective 8/1/2012. In contrast to the 2011 reductions, no cases are exempt for the current reduction. The reduction has an impact on provider income and in some cases has impacted a provider's eligibility for health plan benefits. Multiple notices were sent regarding the termination of the 2011 cuts, restoration of benefits for July 2012, and the reductions effective 8/1/2012. This generated many questions from IHSS recipients and providers.

Kathleen Bellefontaine asked if there were plans to eliminate or reduce services to individuals being cared for by a family member. She was advised that there were currently no plans to do so. There had been some discussion about eliminating certain services to individuals who live with able-bodied unrelated adults, such as a roommate; however that shared living proposal had been rejected by the legislature. It was noted that a proposal to reduce services by 20% across the board had been halted by a court order and is still being contested. Joe Hoeflich asked that information regarding the 3.6% cuts be sent to Tri-Counties Regional Center for their review.

Paradox of Plenty: A Community Roadmap for Overcoming Hunger in San Luis Obispo County –

Joel Diringer of Diringer and Associates made a presentation about the Hunger-Free Community Project. The Project studied hunger, food production and food distribution issues and developed a plan to end hunger in SLO County. Approximately 15% of people living in SLO County (40,000 people) go hungry or do not know where their next meal will come from. SLO County has a very low participation rate in CalFresh (previously known as "food stamps"); many eligible people do not apply for CalFresh. While there is plenty of healthful food grown in SLO County, the majority is shipped out of the county. In the past two years, the Food Bank has seen a 40% increase in the number of people needing services. The limited availability of nutritious food affects children disproportionately and many residents have to make a choice between buying healthful food or paying for housing or medical bills. A high intake of unhealthy foods, which are less expensive than healthy nutritious foods, results in obesity and other health problems. The Hunger-Free Community Project has developed a plan to increase availability of healthy and nutritious food, increase awareness and utilization of food assistance programs, increase participation in school-related feeding programs, and develop sustainable sources of funding for food assistance programs. The Project also has a goal of improving the nutrition of people in SLO County who have experienced food insecurity, and develop a sustainable local food system that is able to meet the food needs of SLO County residents. This will include increasing opportunities for local food processing, distribution, marketing and sales; enhancing gleaning efforts in SLO County; promoting agriculture as an economic development tool; and protecting and enhancing food production resources. The Project is recommending the establishment of the SLO County Food System Coalition to promote a sustainable food system that is equitable, profitable, resilient, and health promoting in the county of San Luis Obispo. The Project is currently involved in community education and will be making a presentation to the SLO County Board of Supervisors in October 2012.

Mr. Diringler asked the individual agencies in attendance to submit a Declaration of Support and also asked for the support of the ASPC. Jean Raymond moved that an action item be added to the September ASPC agenda to submit a Declaration of Support as requested; the motion was seconded by Tiffany Alcantara and was passed unanimously.

Continuum of Care – A revised version of the Continuum of Care was available for review. Agencies were reminded to check their info and e-mail Sandra Pendell with any needed changes.

Annual Report Planning – Discussion was held regarding the planning of the 2011-2012 Annual Report. The Executive Committee will meet to review last year's report and develop a plan for the new report. Their recommendations will be presented at the September meeting. The membership was reminded that all ASPC prior annual reports are available on the web.

Corrections/Additions to the Synopsis – Corrections needed to the June synopsis were identified. Mark Shaffer moved that the synopsis be approved as corrected; Joyce Ellen Lipmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

None

Committee Updates:

IHSS Update – None.

Good Neighbors – Jessica Devereaux reported that eight new volunteers had been trained over the summer, and that five more would be participating in training on 8/3/2012.

POLST Update – The Central Coast Coalition for Compassionate Care (CCCCC) continues to plan future POLST programs in the community – a small group of members attended a meeting at the Long Term Care Ombudsman office 7/26/12. Jean Raymond reported on the most recent state POLST Coalition Conference call (7/17/12). The POLST form is being updated and the revised form will be available April 2013. The Sierra Vista Hospital representative reported that Dr. Minke WinklerPrins would be giving a presentation for healthcare providers – flyers will be going out. There was a reminder that the latest POLST educational materials can be accessed at www.caPOLST.org.

Prop 30 Survey – Mark Shaffer reported he had gotten surveys back. He stated the next step is to start contacting media to see what they would want to cover. He will be seeking individuals who have been impacted personally by cuts and also individuals from agencies who can speak on the issue. He is hoping that media coverage will begin in October.

The next meeting is September 7, 2012

9:00-11:00 a.m.

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