

MINUTES
OLDER ADULT SUBCOMMITTEE

June 15, 2011

Embassy Suites SFO Burlingame
Burlingame, CA 94010

Planning Council Members

In Attendance:

Jaye Vanderhurst

John Ryan

George Fry

Viviana Criado

Adrienne Cedro-Hament

Lin Benjamin

Jennie Montoya

Carmen Lee

Planning Council Staff in Attendance:

Michael Gardner

Ann Arneill-Py

Others in Attendance:

Diane Dworkin

Saumitra Sengupta

Michael Rieter

Noting that a quorum was present, the chairperson, John Ryan, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Planning Council Member Issue Requests

There were no issue requests at this time.

Welcome and Introductions

The chairperson, John Ryan, introduced himself and then the rest of the Older Adult Committee, presenters, and guests in attendance introduced themselves.

Review Work Plan

The committee reviewed the workplan and discussed whether there needed to be any changes or modifications to the document. The committee decided that there was no need for any major changes at this time, but agreed that it would be a good idea to check the workplan at every meeting to determine whether or not they are following the plan and if there is a need for modification.

During discussion of the work plan it was mentioned that perhaps time could be reserved at the end for public comment/evaluation of the meeting. It was also thought that allowing time at the beginning of the meeting (perhaps 5-10 minutes) for interested groups to disseminate information to the committee would improve involvement.

It was brought up that perhaps a presentation from EQRO at every meeting would be educational to the committee.

Brief discussion of other items in the work plan helped committee members understand the goals and timelines of future projects.

Report on Follow Up With Pamela Hyde

The chairperson then reported to the committee that he had not followed up with Pamela Hyde but the second letter, asking that older adults be recognized in federal statute, had been sent. He assured the committee that he would follow up.

Report from Department of Aging

Lin Benjamin then gave a report from CDA, but first informed the committee that this would be her last meeting due to MHSA funding cuts.

She reported that funding for the adult day healthcare has been eliminated from Medi-CAL reimbursement. The state is attempting to place individuals into alternative programs but all programs are under review and subject to changes. She then discussed the progress of suicide prevention and the effect on older adults.

Presentation of Research Paper on Older Adult Suicide

Staff then presented the paper on *Gender and Ethnic Differences in Older Adult Suicide*. The committee discussed how to best distribute the findings, develop a mailing list, add a cover letter, and perhaps include some more recent data.

Draft Plan for Distribution of Research Project

Jaye Vanderhurst indicated that she would develop the cover letter as well as a letter explaining the need for more current data. When that is finished, staff will develop a mailing list that includes mental health boards, mental health directors, and other interested parties.

Presentation from CAEQRO

Mike Reiter and Saumitra SenGupta from EQRO gave a presentation based on data including:

- Average number of eligible's per month
- Number of beneficiaries served per month
- Approved claims
- Penetration rate
- Approved claims per beneficiary served per year

This presentation included data specifically tailored to older adults.

Evaluate Meeting/Discuss Next Agenda

The committee thought that the material presented was educational and useful. They hoped that EQRO could do another report at the meeting in Sacramento. Carol Sewell will also be asked to present as well as an update on the follow up with Pamela Hyde.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Gardner