Aging & Independence Services (AIS)
San Diego Long Term Care Integration Project (LTCIP)
Update for the Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)
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The goal of the Long Term Care Integration Project (LTCIP) is to improve service delivery for older adults and persons with disabilities. To achieve this goal, three incremental strategies were established: (1) The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) (2) TEAM SAN DIEGO and (3) An Integrated Acute and Long Term Care Service Delivery Model (CCI and Dual Eligible Demonstration).

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)

San Diego's ADRC, a partnership between AIS and Access to Independence (the Independent Living Center for San Diego and Imperial Counties), has been selected as one of two ADRCs in the state to participate in a project funded by the SCAN Foundation. The ADRC will work with Mercer Government Human Services Consulting to develop an ADRC business model, business plan and business agreement language that the ADRC can use to enter into arrangements with health care and other private entities. The Mercer technical support will allow San Diego's ADRC to leverage new business opportunities and learn how to effectively market ADRC services in the community.

The Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP)
On November 14, 2012, the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Aging & Independence Services (AIS) entered into a Program Agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement CCTP in partnership with Palomar Health, Scripps Health, Sharp HealthCare, and the University of California San Diego (UCSD) Health System. CCTP is funded under Section 3026 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). CCTP will target up to 21,390 high-risk, fee-for-service Medicare patients each year in 13 hospitals. CMS announced San Diego's CCTP Award on January 18th, and CCTP services began at UCSD Thornton Hospital on January 22nd and at UCSD Hillcrest on March 4th. CCTP services are expected to begin in the remaining 11 hospitals between Mid-March and May 1st. While contract negotiations continue, AIS has been invoicing CMS for patients who received CCTP services provided by UCSD and AIS. The SDCTP Steering Committee monitors the utilization of CCTP services and the CCTP budget at monthly meetings.

Brenda Schmitthenner and Carol Castillon, the CCTP Operations Manager, will deliver a presentation on March 12th at the American Society on Aging (ASA), Aging in America Conference on the successful partnerships in San Diego that have been established to improve the transitions of care for high-risk patients across multiple payers and providers.

Supporting Transitions in Patient Care Across the Provider Continuum: Reducing Readmissions in San Diego and Imperial Counties
Registration remains open for the second Care Transitions Learning and Action Network (LAN) Event that will be held on Tuesday, March 26th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.at the Scottish Rite Event Center. The Health Services Advisory Group (HSAB) is currently seeking an additional five sponsors for the event. The event is expected to draw approximately 500 attendees.

The LAN will focus on the impact of medication management and behavioral health challenges as well as the importance of community partnerships on reducing readmissions. A CCTP panel, which will include a representative from AIS, Palomar Health, Scripps Health, Sharp HealthCare, and the University of California San Diego (UCSD) Health System, will be facilitated by Dr. Nick Yphantides.

The Beacon Care Transitions Intervention (CTI) Project
The Beacon-funded Care Transitions Intervention (CTI) Pilot will end on March 31st. Through this pilot, AIS Transition Coaches and Social Workers supported chronically ill, indigent patients who were over the age of 18 and were at high risk for a readmission at UCSD Hillcrest, Sharp Memorial and Scripps Mercy with CTI and social service supports. Program data is currently under analysis, and a preliminary summary of the pilot outcomes is expected to be completed at the end of March.

Through the SCAN Foundation's *Dignity-Driven Decision-Making Initiative (DDDM)-Sustainability Analysis Project*, Avalere Health is completing a sustainability analysis on AIS' Care Transitions Program. Avalere Health will complete a qualitative and quantitative analyses of AIS' program, prepare a policy and landscape strategy to support the continuation of the program for high risk patients who will not be served through CCTP, and craft a business case document that will be used to secure future funding from a variety of sources.

TEAM SAN DIEGO

No updates at this time.

Demonstration to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) for the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI): State Demonstration to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals has not been signed to date but is expected to be executed at the end of March. CCI and the Dual Eligible Demonstration Project are expected to begin in the eight counties authorized under SB 208 (including San Diego) in September 2013. AIS continues to meet with the managed care health plans to discuss and support the transition of Dual Eligible beneficiaries into CCI and the Dual Eligible Demonstration Project.

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