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Aging & Independence Services (AIS)
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The goal of the Long Term Care Integration Project (LTCIP) is to improve the delivery of health care and long term services and supports for older adults and persons with disabilities. This report includes updates on some key LTCIP activities.

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)

The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), a partnership between AIS and Access to Independence, the Independent Living Center for San Diego and Imperial Counties, provides persons of all ages, abilities, and incomes, their caregivers and service providers with free, comprehensive information about LTSS in San Diego County and delivers care transition support, care management, and options counseling. San Diego County's ADRC is the *no wrong door* access to important entitlement programs, resources, planning and communication tools. The ADRC Advisory Committee, a subcommittee of the AIS Advisory Council, held their quarterly meeting on Monday, March 14th. The meeting agenda included updates on San Diego County's ADRC core services.

The Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP)

CCTP was established under Section 3026 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2011 as a 5-year demonstration to link community based organizations with hospitals to improve care that high-risk Medicare patients receive as they transition across different care settings, reduce the readmission rate for high risk patients and reduce Medicare spending. The San Diego Care Transitions Partnership (SDCTP), a partnership between AIS and Palomar Health, Scripps Health, Sharp HealthCare and the UCSD Health System (13 hospitals) has provided comprehensive, person-centered, health care and social services to over 45,800 high-risk, fee-for-service (FFS) Medicare patients across thirteen participating hospitals since its inception in January 2013. The SDCTP's success has resulted in an extension of the Program Agreement with CMS through June 30, 2016. The SDCTP is one of only 34 of the original 101 CCTPs across the country that remains funded. There is some discussion at the federal level and among legislators regarding possible extensions for the remaining sites.

The SDCTP is working collaboratively to identify ways in which person-centered, coordinated, acute and post-acute care transition services may continue to be delivered to high-risk FFS Medicare patients as well as to other high-risk patient populations across the county after the demonstration project concludes.

The Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI)

San Diego County is one of seven counties in California selected to implement the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), an improved delivery system that provides coordinated health care and long term services and supports (LTSS) to dual eligible and Medi-Cal only beneficiaries in the county. As the 2016-2017 Regional Aging and Disability Service and Advocacy Coalition for San Diego County funded by The SCAN Foundation, the LTCIP has been actively engaged in the implementation of the CCI by supporting both the CCI Advisory Committee and CCI Communication Workgroup. The next CCI Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

According to the latest enrollment figures published by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) there were 15,595 duals in San Diego County actively enrolled in Cal MediConnect (CMC) as of March 1, 2016. Overall enrollment in CMC in San Diego County is holding steady at 33%, meaning that 67% of duals have either opted-out or have disenrolled from CMC. On April 7, 2016 DHCS announced a number of proposals to improve and strengthen the program in the areas of care coordination, continuity of care, and overall beneficiary experience. DHCS is also proposing to expand enrollment, engagement, and education efforts in an effort to sustain the program. All proposals are open for stakeholder comment, which is due by Friday, April 22nd. DHCS expects to release the final proposals in May.

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