

Monterey Bay Region Long Term Care Integration Project

Meeting Summary – January 15, 2003

Attendees: Santa Cruz – Rama Khalsa, Carmen A. Robles, Majel Jordan
Monterey – Elliott Robinson, John O'Brien, Kalah Bumba, Mary Goblirsch
Alliance – Alan McKay, Barbara Flynn
Consultant – Larry Blitz, Blitz & Reckmeyer

The Project Action Steps, approved by the Partners at the October 16, 2002 meeting, have included presenting and adopting an action plan which creates several possibilities for program integration pilots. At the January 15th meeting, Step # 3 of the Project Action Steps was completed. The Project team formally provided several recommendations for program integration pilots. Five pilot recommendations were approved.

The five pilot recommendations are: creating a working relationship between the Alliance and the Chronic Disease Management Program at Stanford University Medical Center in order to create a tool for effective care management of seniors; provide a feasibility plan for the possible integration of MSSP and the Alliance (IHSS integration possibilities were discussed but was deemed as futuristic rather than a viable pilot); work with "Linking Ages" program in order to bring the internet to congregate setting for senior and disabled populations; develop appropriate data collection and analysis models that will support existing and future programs; and assess the need for additional Adult Day Health Care Centers and review models that would integrate ADHCs and Health Clinics. In addition, several other program considerations were discussed.

The present state budget crisis, realignment, and the State Development Grants continue to be discussion items and important concerns of all the participants. Larry Blitz reported that Step #4 of the Project Action Steps calls for the Project Team to begin to organize each of the Pilots and begin the preparation of the State Development Grant. The next Partners meeting is to be February 19 in Pajaro. It was also recommended that the meeting with Carol Freels from the State Office of Long Term Care be delayed until a later date.