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## **Monterey Bay Region Long Term Care Integration Project**

### **Summary – October 16, 2002 Partner Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Kalah Bumba and John O'Brien (Monterey), Rama Khalsa, Cecilia Espinola, Majel Jordon, and Carmen Robles (Santa Cruz), Alan McKay (Central Coast Alliance) and Larry Blitz (Blitz & Reckmeyer)

The Project Team (Bumba, Robles, Blitz) proposed a Project strategy tied to building an action (business) plan based on a consensus common vision and progress steps taken on an agreed upon time schedule. The progress steps that are to be taken will provide programmatic and integration pilots, prototypes, initiatives, and coalitions that work together toward common goals and vision.

A work plan was presented to the Partners detailing deliverables and time frames. The initial task is to identify and create programs, services, and opportunities that will result in pilots in order to gain experience and build an integration model that will improve the lives and well being of seniors and disabled in the Monterey Bay Region. The Project Action Steps document recommends six steps to be taken during the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Completion of Step #3 will result in the Partners reviewing several possibilities for action steps. This review will commence at the January, 2003 Partner meeting.

Alan had several recommendations for project and pilot consideration. These suggestions included providing insurance benefits for IHSS workers, provide improved case management services, update and possibly combine the gap analysis of Santa Cruz and Monterey, and assist in the federal and state waiver process. Other suggestions included examining the feasibility of The Alliance assuming MSSP responsibilities, the possible combination of ADHD and clinic services, creating additional ADHDs, and reviewing existing technologies that would enhance case management capabilities. Cecilia and well as Larry expressed concern regarding geriatric mental health issues.

Rama suggested a combined effort to interpret existing data through Tim Reilly and other sources. John reemphasized his concern of providing a compelling case as this project moves on. Firm and convincing data is an important component of the Project's work.

The Partners agreed to adopt the Action Steps as recommended by the Project Team. The next Partner meeting is scheduled for 1:00- 3:30 on **January 15, 2003.**