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Supporting Quality and Innovation in Adult Day Services

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The A.L.E. Board of Directors met six times in 2010, including a joint planning retreat with the Board of the California Association for Adult Day Services.

## GRANT-FUNDED PROJECTS

### CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

#### *Core Operating Support (Year 2)*

The California Community Foundation (CCF) awarded the A.L.E. a 24-month \$102,000 core operating grant effective July 1, 2009.

The initial goals of the grant were modified to address implications of health care reform and the state of California's dire fiscal situation on adult day services, beneficiaries, families and providers.

Key activities during Year 2 of the grant focused on the following:

#### **Monitored Federal and State Health Care Reform**

##### **Federal Reform**

The Affordable Care Act passed by Congress in 2010 made significant changes to healthcare policies and benefits including home and community-based long-term care.

The impact on Adult Day Services was not immediately clear, but A.L.E. staff identified areas of potential opportunities for the future and continued to monitor information and policies as they emerged from the federal government. Staff participated in national conference calls to discuss policy development.

##### **State Reform**

The 2009-10 California State Budget gave the state the authority to expand the existing 1115 Hospital Financing Waiver to include mandatory enrollment into managed care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries classified as Seniors or Persons with Disabilities. It is expected that in 2012 the state will seek approval to pilot test better coordination of Medicare and Medicaid benefits for persons eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

It was initially unclear how these changes might impact beneficiaries and ADHC.

The A.L.E. obtained outside consulting assistance to begin analysis of the waiver proposal as it was developed by the administration. Staff wrote a policy paper that was submitted to the Department of Health Care Services on ADHC as a medical home option. Another technical assistance paper was written for providers to encourage them to begin building relationships with managed care plans and physician groups in the affected counties, in preparation for the mandatory managed care transition.



**Dawn Myers Purkey**, participant and family member from Yolo Adult Day Health Care attend a media event at the State Capitol.

Staff participated in informal work groups and monitored progress of the 1115 waiver through the legislative process. **Dawn Myers Purkey** was appointed as a member of the state's Dual Eligibles Work Group. Final approval of the waiver was granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) at the end of October.

The proposed dual eligibles pilot project in four counties was delayed by CMS, giving A.L.E. staff more time to provide technical assistance to the state and providers about this next phase.

## **Continuation of Adult Day Health Care as a Medi-Cal Benefit**

With valuable technical assistance from RF Communications, Inc., A.L.E. staff garnered numerous media stories and two editorials to support CAADS' advocacy efforts to retain ADHC as a Medi-Cal benefit.

This public education campaign relied on participants and families to tell their story and providers to invite the media in to their centers to understand firsthand the importance of retaining this vital service for the community.

## **CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** ***Tracking Outcomes for Program Success***

The Tracking Outcomes for Program Success (TOPS) system pilot project was initiated by the California Community Foundation (CCF) in 2008 in collaboration with Vital Research and eight adult day program and adult day health care providers. The goal was to design a common data set and internet based system for collecting and benchmarking key data across all adult day services models. The two year project ended on June 30, 2010.

The CCF then asked the A.L.E. to begin managing the TOPS system for ADS programs starting in 2011 in order to continue developing the system and adding additional providers willing to collect program data about participation conditions, outcomes and satisfaction.

The TOPS data warehouse allows ADS sites to compare their specific program data to the information from other programs in the data warehouse.

In September, A.L.E. staff participated in planning and then participated in a public unveiling event in Los Angeles to educate program providers, funders and local policy makers about the TOPS system.

The goal of the project is to obtain industry-wide information that eventually will be made available for educating policy makers, establishing quality benchmarks and providing data for future analytical projects.

Funding is being sought to continue the project, which is expected to eventually be self-funded through user fees.

## **Initial Pilot Sites Funded by CCF in Los Angeles County:**

**HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION**  
Bell Gardens

**LIFE STEPS FOUNDATION**  
Culver City

**OPICA ADULT DAY CARE CENTER**  
Los Angeles

**PRESBYTERIAN INTERCOMMUNITY HOSPITAL / A DAY AWAY...ADHC**  
La Mirada

**RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER / RANCHO ADULT DAY SERVICES**  
Downey

**ST. BARNABAS SENIOR SERVICES**  
Los Angeles

**WLCAC ADULT DAY SUPPORT CENTER**  
Los Angeles



**September 29, 2010 TOPS Event, Los Angeles**  
Pilot site leaders, CCF and A.L.E. staff, current and prospective funders, and adult day services providers gather at demonstration of online outcomes assessment.

**THE CALIFORNIA WELLNESS FOUNDATION**  
***Adult Day Health Care Redesign (Year 3)***

The A.L.E was awarded this three year grant in 2008 to address the significant implementation issues initiated by SB 1755 (Chesbro) signed into law in 2008.

- Education regarding **separately billable services** (SBS) continued for providers by integrating cost report and SBS training into one training course.
- A.L.E. staff continued to work with the ADHC Forms Committee to design a **standard history and physical form** to be used by the industry.
- Work began this year to design a **self-audit tool for ADHC** providers to use in lieu of an on-site audit by state medical reviewers. The self-audit tool, developed collaboratively with representatives from the Department of Health Care Services Medical Review Branch, Utilization Management Division, and the Department of Aging was being field tested in the fall, and expected to be released to ADHC providers by the end of calendar year 2010.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

A.L.E. relies on grant funds and donations for its operations. A.L.E. financial records were audited in 2010 for 2009 by Thompson Noble Company, LLC, a Sacramento-based CPA firm.

AUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
As of December 31, 2009

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		
Current Assets	\$	86,885
Total Assets		\$ 86,885
LIABILITIES		
Deferred Grant Income	\$	88,450
Total Net Assets	\$	(1,565)
Total Liabilities & Assets		\$ 86,885

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

REVENUE		
Grants	\$	59,952
Other Income	\$	2,655
Total Revenue		\$ 62,607
Total Expense		\$ 73,116
Changes in Net Assets		\$ (10,509)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		\$ 8,944
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR		\$ (1,565)

Auditors: Thompson, Noble Company, LLC, Sacramento, CA