

**Olmstead Advisory Committee Workgroups**  
**Briefing Document for March 11, 2015 Olmstead Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Executive Summary**

California's Olmstead Advisory Committee is composed of knowledgeable stakeholder representatives to advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services and relevant state departments on how California's long term services and supports can better enable older adults and people with disabilities to live in the community. Since June 2012, the Committee has had workgroups on its identified priorities: data, transportation and housing.

This briefing document takes stock of the progress made by the workgroups through presentations for the full Olmstead Committee, cultivating relationships with key staff at relevant state departments, and identification of opportunities for further input and program improvement. This document also identifies options for maintaining a focus on these issue areas moving forward.

**Data Workgroup**

Full Olmstead Committee Presentations Resulting from the Workgroup's Work:

- Standing Updates on the Coordinated Care Initiative, Including the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Universal Assessment (Department of Health Care Services, Department of Social Services, California Department of Aging, March 2015, November 2014, July 2014, March 2014, November 2013)
- California Medicaid Research Institute (CAMRI) Home and Community-Based Services Research (California Medicaid Research Institute (CAMRI), August 2013);
- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Universal Assessment Update Presentation (The SCAN Foundation, March 2013);
- State Experiences with Uniform Assessments (The SCAN Foundation, August 2012)

State Department Relationships Built: Department of Health Care Services, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

The Data Workgroup has been interested in ensuring that there are data collected on long-term services and supports programs—with a focus on assessment and program evaluation. The Workgroup has reviewed the UCLA Helping Older-Adults Maintain Independence (HOME) Study and California Medicaid Research Institute's (CaMRI's) work with linking Medicare and Medicaid data.

The Workgroup has identified topics for further exploration including: collecting websites that have long-term services and supports data into an easy-to-access location and identifying metrics to assess long-term services and supports program changes and whether they are meeting *Olmstead* goals.

## **Housing Workgroup**

Full Olmstead Committee Presentations Resulting from the Workgroup's Work:

- Section 1115 Waiver Renewal (Department of Health Care Services, March 2015);
- Section 1115 Waiver Renewal Housing/Shelter Workgroup (Department of Health Care Services, November 2014);
- California Community Transitions Program (Department of Health Care Services, July 2014)
- California Community Transitions Program (Department of Health Care Services, August 2013);

State Department Relationships Built: California Department of Housing and Community Development, California Housing Finance Agency, Department of Health Care Services

The Housing Workgroup considered innovative approaches to meeting the housing needs for individuals transitioning from nursing homes to their home communities and individuals seeking to remain in the community. Highlights include the state's U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 811 Grant and the Department of Health Care Services California Community Transitions Program, both of which will enable individuals to transition out of nursing facilities into the community. Furthermore, the Workgroup's dialogue with the Department of Health Care Services has helped inform the department's development of a Housing/Shelter Workgroup for its Section 1115 Waiver Renewal.

## **Transportation Workgroup**

Full Olmstead Committee Presentations Resulting from the Workgroup's Work:

- California Transportation Plan 2040 (California Department of Transportation, July 2014);
- California State Plan on Aging, 2013-2017 (California Department of Aging, August 2013)

State Department Relationships Built: California Department of Transportation, California Department of Aging.

The Transportation Workgroup has identified mobility barriers impacting people with disabilities and older adults. These important discussions led to a productive exchange between members of the Workgroup and the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) on its Transportation Plan 2040. This included engagement will continue with the California Department of Aging and Department of Rehabilitation, serving on the Transportation Plan 2040's advisory body to advocate for the transportation needs of people with disabilities and older adults are made central to the California Transportation Plan 2040.

## **Moving Forward/Transitions**

Sustaining Committee member involvement in these Workgroups has proved challenging. Moving forward, alternatives to the Workgroup structure, which would maintain a focus on data, transportation, and housing include:

- Establish standing agenda items on Data, Transportation, and Housing to be addressed by the Committee at each full Olmstead Committee meeting.
- Designate a Committee member to serve as Leads or Vice Chairs for Data, Transportation, and Housing to assist the Chair and staff in developing the agendas for meetings.
- Request that the Olmstead Committee departments (Departments of Health Care Services, Social Services, Aging, Rehabilitation, and Developmental Services) provide updates on each issue area during the standing Department Updates at each Committee meeting.