California's Systems Transformation Grant

Abstract

 Background: The applicant, the California Health and Human Services agency (CHHSA) administers state and federal programs for health care (including Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid program), long-term care, social services, public assistance, and rehabilitation. CHHSA has oversight responsibility for 11 California departments, including California's Medicaid agency, the Department of Health Services, but also the departments of Rehabilitation, Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Social Services, Aging, and Transportation. The Olmstead Advisory Committee will help name a project Advisory Group to provide stakeholder feedback, review data and products, and provide recommendations for project implementation.

Goals of the project: The strategic planning will focus on the 3 chosen transformation goals:
1: Improved Access to Long-term Support Services: Development of One-Stop System;
4: Transformation of Information Technology to Support System Change; and
5: Creation of a System that More Effectively Manages the Funding for Long-term Supports that Promote Community Living Options

Total budget: $3,000,000 over 5 years

How grant will be used to develop or improve community-integrated services:
The proposed preliminary strategies for the systems transformation goals include:
   Goal 1-Creating two new one-stops called CommunityLink Resource Centers (CLRCs) and providing technical assistance to California's two existing ADRCs, especially in IT. The ADRCs/CLRCs will pilot and field test CalCareNet, California's aging and long-term care web portal; establish community connections and collaboration through community kiosks, outreach and training for local health and service providers focusing on increasing awareness of one-stop services and available HCBS, and encouraging consumer referral to the one-stops; work toward developing common tools for intake, screen, assessment and care plans; and pilot and

field test California's anticipated coordinated assessment tool for long-term care.

Goal 4-Build on the developments of the CalCareNet prototype by strategically addressing the identified requirements with accompanying internet and website architecture to facilitate a state-sponsored seamless, consumer-oriented information technology resource.

Goal 5-Systematic analysis of the laws, regulations, policies and procedures that effect long-term care financing resulting in recommendations to the Legislature and Administration for a more effective funding management, and the development of a flexible budget and reimbursement system with reformed payment methodologies.

Outcomes: Implementing the strategies will result in the following outcomes:

Goal 1-Create a more efficient and effective system of providing consumers with information, referral, and assistance through building on the one-stop system.

Goal 4-Create a fully developed prototype of a long-term care web portal for a comprehensive, easy-to-use, consistently updated long-term care web-based system.

Goal 5-Provide guidance and support for funding management reforms that will allow California to rebalance the use of long-term care support services.