



AGING & INDEPENDENCE SERVICES

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ■ HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

LONG TERM CARE INTEGRATION PROJECT

HOLD THE DATE

May 15, 2009

LTCIP PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Please join us on Friday, May 15, 2009 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM at UCSD Extension Mission Valley Center, 404 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 102, Room 27, San Diego, CA 92108 for the next Long Term Care Integration Project (LTCIP) Planning Committee Meeting. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION. At this meeting, the importance of including long term care in comprehensive health reform will be discussed. As key lawmakers including Sen. Ted Kennedy look at what's in and what's out of a national health reform plan, long-term care is gaining attention. Sen. Kennedy has vowed not to support any plan that does not include long term care.

Findings and recommendations from the newly released AARP Public Policy Institute's Survey and Report, "Chronic Care: A Call to Action for Health Reform," will be presented. The report calls for initiatives to improve care for people with chronic conditions as part of comprehensive health reform. The AARP survey highlights the lack of coordination that exists within the U.S. health care system. More than one in five (21 percent) chronically ill patients felt their health care providers did not do a good job communicating with each other; nearly as many (20 percent) said their health had suffered as a result. Uncoordinated care, among other factors, resulted in medical errors for nearly one in four patients (23 percent). The problems identified in this national survey are why TEAM SAN DIEGO was developed and implemented. In fact, it is as though TEAM SAN DIEGO was created in response to this report.

As you recall from past meetings, TEAM SAN DIEGO is a community education initiative that was created with your input to change the way services are delivered through a local culture shift where a person's providers, caregivers, and the individual take joint responsibility as a "team" for improved chronic care outcomes. TEAM SAN DIEGO is aligned with national efforts to improve care coordination for people who have chronic illnesses.

If you have not already done so, join the TEAM by registering for TEAM SAN DIEGO at <http://extension.ucsd.edu/programs/customprogram/team-san-diego.cfm>.

More information about TEAM SAN DIEGO and general LTCIP information are available at www.sdltcip.org. Please do not hesitate to contact Brenda Schmitthenner at brenda.schmitthenner@sdcounty.ca.gov or (858) 495-5853 with questions.