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Welcome to New Member – The California Disabilities Services Association
2018 Gubernatorial Campaign

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

Kristina Bas Hamilton, Legislative Director
UDW/AFSME Local 3930
Campaign Events

Amanda Ream, Strategic Analyst
UDW/AFSME Local 3930

Blanca Castro-Paszinski, Advocacy and Sacramento Metro Manager
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Jedd Hampton, MPA, Director of Policy - Health
LeadingAge California
Developing Calendar of Events

- **January 25** 6:00 – 7:30 PM Gubernatorial Forum hosted by Latino Community Foundation (LCF) and Univision at UCLA (Royce Hall) ([https://latinocf.org/forum/](https://latinocf.org/forum/))

- **January 26** 6:00 – 8:00 PM Democratic Party Event at AFT Local 2121 hosted by CA Domestic Workers Coalition Local San Francisco

- **February 12 or 13** Event hosted by LeadingAge California in Sacramento

- **March 13** Lanterman Coalition Event in Sacramento

- **April 19** Candidates Debate - Forum on LTSS / LTC, moderated by Ai-jen Poo, hosted by UDW in Los Angeles

- **DATE TBD** Event sponsored by Disability Organizing Network
Question 1: Universal Long Term Care/Universal Long Term Supports and Services

Over the next ten years, the annual cost of long-term care/long term supports and services in California will rise by almost $20,000 per person and the need for long-term care is growing. Contrary to popular belief, Medicare does not cover most long-term care, and Medicaid only covers services for the medically fragile, in need of daily nursing assistance. Medicaid requires families to “spend down” their assets to achieve eligibility. Middle class families must become poor in order to access care. In addition to those challenges, a very small portion of the population has private long term care insurance and the current federal administration is threatening massive cuts to Medicaid. A universal long term care effort in CA would ensure that all Californians are able to access the care they need, in their homes and communities as they age.

Will you commit to supporting the creation of universal long-term care options?
Question 2: Affordability

Will you as the next Governor commit to making home and community based care more affordable to middle class families who today are forced to spend down to poverty level to access Medicaid funded home and community based care or who often give up their own income, giving up their jobs or cutting back on hours, to provide the care themselves?
Question 3: Medicaid Block-granting and Honoring Olmstead

If Congress turns Medicaid into a block grant program or approves a budget that cuts Medicaid, seniors and people with disabilities will face significant funding threats to the services they rely on. This will undermine the promise of the Supreme Court Olmstead Decision which affirms the right to age in place, in our homes and communities, in the least restrictive environment, rather than in a nursing home or other costly institution.

As Governor, will you commit to upholding Olmstead and protecting existing Home and Community Based Services programs supported by Medicaid from any cuts or reductions? And if Medicaid block-granting does occur in California, will you commit to find the funding for these necessary services including raising revenue from those who can afford to pay?
Question 4: Supporting Family Caregivers

California has an estimated 4.4 million family caregivers who serve as the unpaid backbone of our fragmented Long Term Care system. While baby boomers account for approximately 35% of California’s unpaid family caregivers, millennials are assuming a greater role with 39% caring for a parent, grandparent or a child. And women do most of this unpaid caregiving. Family caregivers often struggle to balance work obligations with family caregiving needs- facing job loss or the reduction of hours that make it harder to save and plan for their own future. 80% of long-term care in California is provided by unpaid family members. The financial and emotional stress on caregivers is significant.

Will you commit to support family caregivers, many of whom are juggling child care and elder care?
Question 5: Worker Shortage & Creating Great Jobs

California will need 500,000 additional health care workers by 2020 to meet the growing need. This worker shortfall is the result of inadequate pay and benefits, barriers to immigrant workers from entering the workforce, and the rapidly growing aging population in the state.

*Will you commit to address this workforce shortage and make providing long term care in community based settings a profession that attracts and retains a workforce needed to meet the demand?*
PROPOSED COLLABORATIVE STRATEGY

- Provide input and agree to utilize the 5 Key Candidate Questions
- Between now and June, invite each candidate’s campaign to Collaborative meetings and ask them the 5 questions
- Create Campaign page on our website with Calendar of Events
- Ask each Collaborative member organization to commit to attending at least (2) campaign events and ask one of the five questions
- Coordinate a sign-up sheet for each event so that we can track participation and each of the five questions are systematically covered
- Send participants an electronic After Action report when they ask questions, to track candidate responses
- Use Collaborative meetings to get regular reports and share information on actions and outcomes
DISCUSSION

Use the “Raise Your Hand” Feature

OR

Type “I Have a Question” in Questions Pane or Chat Box
2018 Member Policy Priorities

Susan DeMaroïs, Director of State Policy
The Alzheimer’s Association
Update on Collaborative Activities

Mariya Kalina, Senior Project Director
CCLTSS Staff Team
The State Budget Will Be The Focus of Our Next Meeting

- Sue North will provide an overview of LTSS impacts in the Governor’s Budget Proposal

- We will have a Round Table discussion (please speak up, and practice unmuting yourself!)

- We will hear from member organizations with a budget proposal who are seeking the Collaborative’s support, and we will take a position on those requests

- Please email Laurel if you have a budget item you’d like to be considered in the process and included in the Collaborative’s annual letter of support

- To have a budget item considered for inclusion, it must be sponsored or co-sponsored by a Collaborative member
2018 Workgroups

- These are two workgroups the Collaborative approved at the December annual meeting: Policy Workgroup and Strategic Planning.

- The Policy Workgroup will meet via teleconference on alternate Fridays (when the Collaborative isn’t meeting), at 9:00 am.

- It will only meet when there are policy issues to discuss. Its role will be to vet policy issues for Collaborative approval, make recommendations about our spring Advocacy Day, decide when to deploy Collaborative resources in the policy process, and assess the Collaborative’s policy impact.

- Members who are interested in this workgroup please email Laurel. We especially need members who are lobbyists to participate. We also ask that you plan to attend the meetings if you sign up.

- As the Collaborative decided in December, last year’s members of the Strategic Planning workgroup will be asked to serve again this year. We anticipate this group will meet quarterly. We’ll soon be in touch with workgroup members with a doodle poll to select dates.
Inclusion of Regional Coalitions

- As you recall, another decision at our December annual meeting was to include The SCAN Foundation’s Regional Coalitions in the Collaborative.

- Regional Coalitions are meeting soon to elect one representative from northern California and one from southern California. These two elected representatives will join the Collaborative as voting members in February, to serve as a voice for Regional Coalitions on the Collaborative.

- As you requested, we have also opened up “Local and Affiliate Membership” to all the Regional Coalitions. These local members will participate in all activities except for voting. We’ve already received three applications, from Alameda, Los Angeles and Inland Empire. We will affirm these new applicants as Local and Affiliate Members, at our next Collaborative meeting.

- Finally, in alignment with the Strategic Planning workgroup’s recommendation to strengthen our policy and thought leadership role with a wider, public audience, we are opening up the ability to ”attend” and listen to meetings, to a wider audience of interested guests. We will utilize Executive Sessions more frequently for internal Collaborative business.
A Couple of Other Changes

- We are going to streamline our minutes (Meeting Summaries) slightly, putting less detail in the written summaries. The recordings of meetings will remain available.

- Instead, we will be developing the best of our policy discussions into Blog Posts, which we will post on our website. This is also intended to increase our influence, thought leadership, and reach a wider audience to increase education about LTSS.

- We will try these changes for awhile and then check in with members to see how that is working.

- In addition, you will now begin to see that meeting notifications will usually be sent out by Crista Nicholas, so please whitelist Crista’s email address so that notices don’t end up in your spam filter.

- Finally, we are closing our Annual Satisfaction survey next Tuesday. You’ll receive one more reminder with the link, to participate.

- And that’s all for now!
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please Take a Minute When You Sign Out to Rate Today’s Meeting!

And please email suggestions for meeting topics or speakers to Mariya Kalina
Upcoming Meetings

Friday, January 19
Friday, February 2
Friday, February 16
Friday, March 2

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