ADRC EXPANSION PLAN

Sustainability/Funding Topical Work Team

Scope of Work

## Task Understanding

Current ADRC funding primarily comes from time-limited grants from the Administration on Community Living (ACL), formerly known as the Administration on Aging (AoA). These include: (1)the 2009-12 ADRC Expansion grant which funds approximately one staff person at each of the three new pilot ADRC sites in Washington, with a small amount of technical assistance funding for the state’s original pilot site and then some to the statewide association of Centers for Independent Living; and (2)the 2010-12 Evidence-based Care Transitions Grant which provides funding to two ADRC pilot sites and Qualis Health to implement and expand an evidence-based hospital-to-home care transitions model. While Administration on Aging ADRC Expansion grant funds assist Washington in designing and implementing ADRC sites, the initiative also required the State to develop a plan to sustain the key activities through system redesign, creating efficiencies, expanding partnerships, and determining funding mechanisms.

In the current economic environment, state funding continues to face reductions, sometimes causing whole programs to be at risk. In addition, federal funding may now be diminished due to the budget deficit and proposed legislation. Because prospects for public funding appear bleak for the near future, ADRCs will also face the challenge of assisting customers in making linkages to a diminished menu of services, and uncertainty about the continued viability of services where they are identified. Individuals will need expert assistance in making conscientious decisions about how to economically meet their long-term support and service (LTSS) needs.

AAAs currently provides case management for individuals receiving in-home Medicaid-funded LTSS. However; ongoing care planning is expected to shift over time to organizations that hold risk for the planned services. Independent and objective information and advocacy is a key need as delivery of long-term services and supports are increasingly integrated as part of an overall health benefit managed by health plans. Aging and Disability Resource Centers respond to that need. As medical healthcare dollars migrate from the Aging Network, AAA’s can and should play other key roles.

Beyond the ADRC grant funding, ADSA is pursuing other opportunities to fund the intended expansion and evolution of ADRC services. The Work Team may help in this process, recommending overall pace of implementation relative to funding and assisting with applications. Healthcare reform and state revenue shortfalls mean future resource commitment from the federal and state government is uncertain. Additionally, State budget shortfalls and poor economic conditions also put current funding for services offered through AAAs at risk while the need and demand for public home and community-based services and supports continues to increase.

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This group will create a detailed strategy that helps position Washington State for:

* Additional federal funding (grant or other)
* Disability and aging partnerships: combining forces to increase visibility about shared funding needs.
* Other strategic partnerships
* Prioritization of state dedicated (Medicaid) and General Fund funding for ADRCs
* Private, fee for service payments or sponsorships that would support state and local ADRC efforts

## Deliverables

* Detailed funding strategy and action items
* Threats and opportunities
* Gap analysis
* Funding policies
* Funding evaluation criteria
* Strategies for federal, state, local, and private funding

## Membership

* Greg Daniels, Constituent/Family Caregiver
* Jeannette Burket, Administration on Community Living
* Aaron Van Valkenburg, Pierce County AAA
* Mike Reardon, Southwest AAA (or David Kelley)
* Lori Brown, Southeast AAA
* Eric Mandt, ADSA, MDS Support Services
* James Kettel, ADSA, MDS Forecasting
* Susan Shepherd, ADSA
* Susan Engels, ADSA

## Meeting Plan

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| **Meeting 1**  June  TBD | * Overview, introductions * Discuss current funding situation * Current levels of funding: to where, how, how much? * Estimate level of need * Threats and Opportunities * Gap Analysis |
| **Meeting 2**  July  TBD | * Response to questions – gap analysis * National review of ADRC funding * AOA presentation on trends in ADRC funds * Discuss high level strategy (key issues) |
| **Meeting 3**  July  TBD | * Develop funding policies * Develop funding evaluation criteria |
| **Meeting 4**  August  TBD | * Develop ADRC Funding Strategy * Federal * State * Local * Private |
| **Meeting 5**  August  TBD | * Review and revise strategic plan * Discuss next steps |