Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organization Name: California Department of Aging

Project Title: Aging and Disability Resource Center Initiative

Total Project Period: 7/1/2004 – 6/30/2007

Total Award Amount: \$799,998

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Project's Overall Design:

California will establish a Resource Center in Del Norte County and San Diego County, in partnership with the Area Agencies on Aging, to simplify access to long-term care services. The Resource Centers will identify systems improvements related to access, conduct public awareness activities, target outreach to underserved or hard-to reach populations, identify modifications to the Network of Care website, and partner with physicians who will link with social services. California will evaluate the effectiveness of the two Resource Centers based on geographic, cultural and sociodemographic differences.

Target Population:

- Year One Persons 60 and older
- Year Two and Three All populations (San Diego), Persons 60 and older and individuals with physical disabilities (Del Norte)

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Physicians and other professionals refer their patients and clients to the Resource Centers.
- Center locations are non-stigmatizing public places frequented by a diverse range of people.
- Information and assistance is accessed by private pay and public pay individuals.
- Clients are referred to needed medical care as well as social supports.

Involvement of Community Based Organizations and Other Stakeholders:

 Advisory Committee: Health and Human Services Long-Term Care Council (Departments of Aging, Developmental Services, Consumer Affairs, Health Services, Housing and Community Development, Mental Health, Rehabilitation, Social Services, Transportation, Veterans Affairs, Office of Statewide Planning), Olmstead Advisory Group, LTC Council Executive Subcommittee.