Dear ADRC Partners and Stakeholders,

Please see below for updates and information that may be useful to you:

Reminder to Register: Intro to ADRC/NWD

- To bring awareness of the ADRC program and promote statewide expansion, CDA will be hosting an introductory training designed to provide a foundational understanding of ADRC partnerships.
- All statewide AAAs, ILCs, LTSS providers, state and local government organizations, and health care entities are highly encouraged to attend. Please feel free to share the invitation with other stakeholders.
- The training will take place on Wednesday, August 25, 11:00am-12:00pm.
- Link to register: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_REnTuFiyTKmf</u> <u>ynbwy8cKdA</u>
- States and local governments were allocated millions of dollars for COVID-19 vaccine outreach efforts. While these resources are much needed given the impact of the pandemic, it can be challenging to coordinate this work and avoid duplication of effort. The <u>Strategies for Coordinating on Vaccine Outreach</u> handout from the Administration for Community Living provides some practical advice on how to collaborate by applying an Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) huddle model.

2022 HCBA Waiver Renewal 30-Day Public Comment Period and Webinar

On August 16, 2021, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will post its draft 2022 Home and Community Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver renewal application for a 30-day Public Comment Period, from August 16th – September 16, 2021, prior to submitting the HCBA Waiver renewal application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for reauthorization. The HCBA Waiver renewal application, along with a public comment form and email address for submitting written feedback, will be posted to DHCS' website at: <u>https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/HCBA-Waiver-</u><u>Renewal.aspx</u>.

On August 24, 2021, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., DHCS will host a twohour stakeholder webinar to provide an overview of the HCBA Waiver renewal application. During the webinar, DHCS will summarize key takeaways from its HCBA renewal stakeholder workgroup meetings, walk-through key changes to the waiver, and address stakeholder comments/questions.

- WEBINAR INFORMATION: Use the following link and login information to join the 2022 HCBA Waiver Renewal 30-Day Public Comment Period WebEx event:
- Link to join: <u>https://dhcs.webex.com/dhcs/j.php?MTID=m4c203a7b3a24d</u> <u>4740149e4d0230e49b1</u>
- Join by phone: +1-415-655-0001 US Toll
- Event Number: 145 559 0648
- Event Password: welcome

Updates and additional information on the Waiver renewal are posted on the DHCS website, at:

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/HCBA-Waiver-Renewal.aspx.

If disability-related accommodations are required to participate in the WebEx Event, or the materials are needed in alternate formats, please send an email request to <u>HCBAlternatives@dhcs.ca.gov</u>, or call (833) 388-4551.

Background: The HCBA waiver (authorized under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act) provides long-term, communitybased services and supports to Medi-Cal-eligible beneficiaries in the community setting of their choice. These services include private duty nursing, case management, and personal care services necessary to maintain the health and safety of an individual with nursing level of care needs, in a community setting instead of an institution.

Kindest regards,

ADRC Branch Team California Department of Aging

