2012 Program Report Card: Congregate Operating Subsidy Program (DECD Agency)

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Contribution to the Result: This program ensures the long-term viability of Congregate facilities and the availability and provision of minimal core and expanded core services at these sites, allowing up to 985 frail elderly individuals to age comfortably in their apartment, and avoiding premature placement in a nursing home or other higher level of care facility.

Total Program Funding: \$ 6,884,547.00 State Funding: \$ 6,884,547.00

Federal Funding: \$0

Other Funding: \$0

Partners: Owners of these facilities (which includes 14 local housing authorities and 10 nonprofit corporations) and/or their property managers and resident service coordinators, and the Department of Social Services.





Story behind the baseline: The first congregate was built as a "bridge" between conventional elderly rental housing and nursing home care in order to promote aging in place and prevent premature institutionalization of the elderly. Rhetorically, the average monthly cost to the State for placement in a nursing home is now between \$3,000 and \$8,000 per individual per month. As indicated above, the current monthly cost of maintaining these congregate units is about \$568.

Proposed actions to turn the curve:

Recommend the construction and subsidization of additional congregate units due to the long-term cost savings of residents receiving services in a state-assisted congregate facility versus a nursing home. Savings in nursing home bed expenses can be leveraged into more than 5 times the number of congregate units, and continue to ensure decent safe and sanitary housing opportunities for our aging population

Performance Measure 2:

The Vacancy Rates range from 0.42% to 2.17%, with an average across these facilities at 0.91%. Standard Vacancy Rates range from 5% to 7%.

The Absorption Rates range from 2 months to more than 8 years, with an average across these facilities of more than 4 years. Standard Absorption Rates range from 1 month to 3 months.

Story behind the baseline: There exists both pent up demand and a severe lack of availability of these units. These two measures need to be looked at in concert, as together they show both a need for these specialized units on both the supply side and the demand side.

Proposed actions to turn the curve: Complete the construction and subsidization of 50 additional congregate units approved in previous budget. Review impact.

Performance Measure 3:

Eligibility for occupancy is 62 years of age.

The current average age of residents in these Congregate facilities is 82.3 years of age.



Story behind the baseline: This measure will be used to establish change in average age of residents at these locations, in anticipation of documenting the changing demographic of that population. This chart shows the current average by facility. Average age data will be collected

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annually concurrent with income recertification in order to track changing demographics.

Proposed actions to turn the curve: Service requirements, costs associated with these requirements and usage will be tracked against changing demographics.

Performance Measure 4:

ALSA Component Participation vs Per Month Cost per Participant by Fiscal Year



Story behind the baseline: One of the

components of the subsidies includes subsidizing the cost of assisted living services for those residents who are not eligible for the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders. This measure shows the change in participation in the program as well as the change in cost of that participation.

Proposed actions to turn the curve: Closer

alignment between eligibility for the CHCPE program and the occupancy requirements for the Congregate program have lead to cost savings for the state. However, further analysis is needed before quantifiable conclusions can be reached.