

Aging in Place

Innovative Options for Dual-Eligible Austin Seniors

Agenda

1. Project Overview

2. Problem

3. Solution

4. Analysis

The Question

What is the best approach to comprehensive senior care in a multi-ethnic city like Austin?

Project Goals

To explore the opportunities and challenges of providing community care for the most vulnerable in Austin, Texas

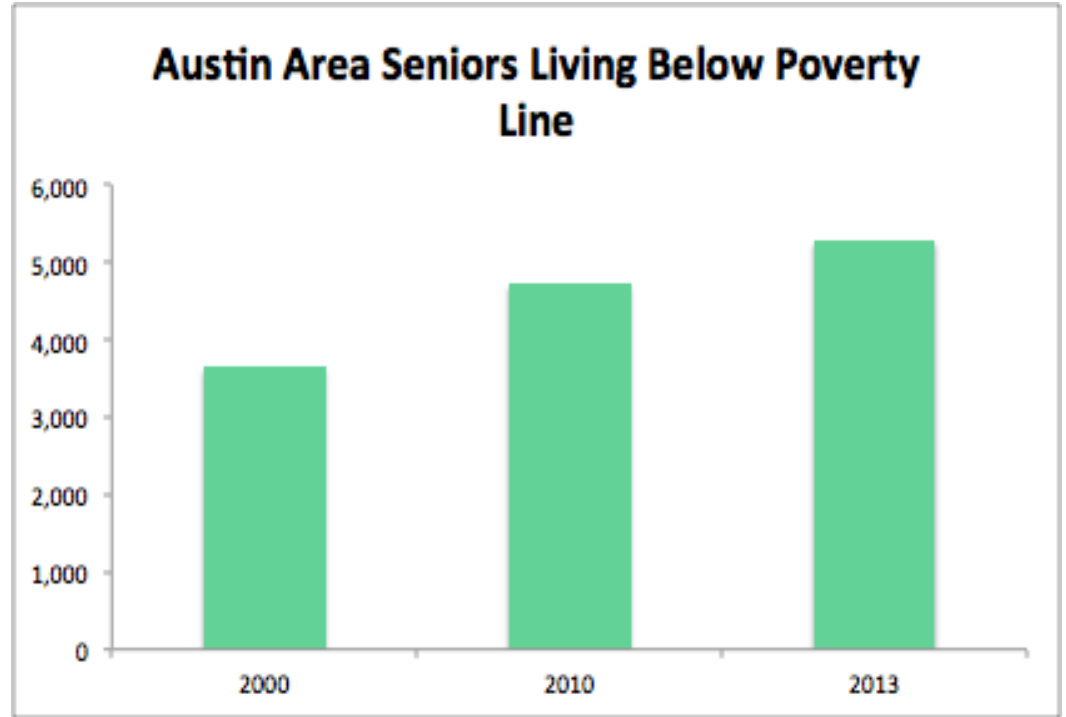
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To identify how experiments in community-based long-term care could be introduced to the City of Austin

The problem

Austin has a rapidly growing population of poor, underserved seniors.

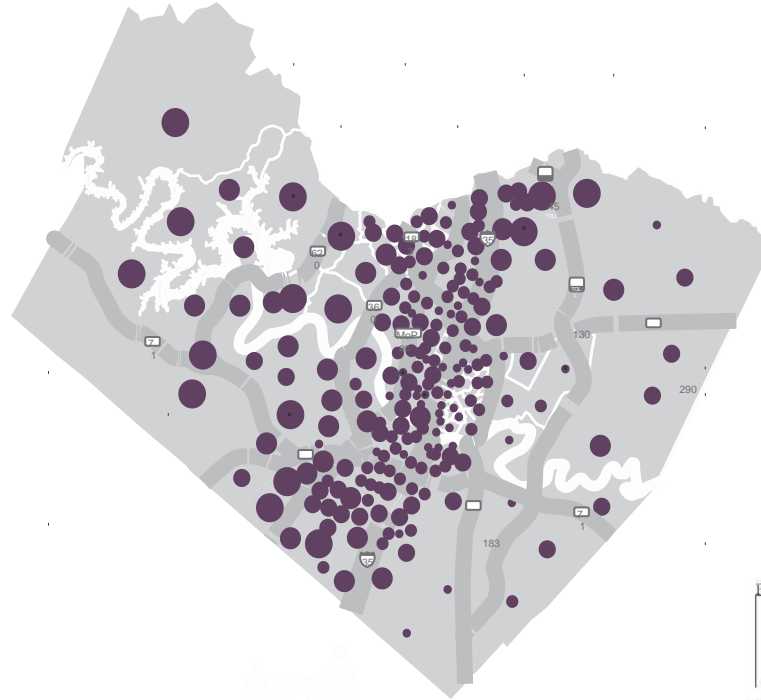
Action is needed to ensure all seniors in the city have access to the housing, health care, and nutritional services they need.



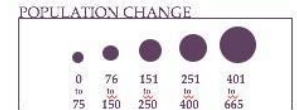
Why now?

Over the next 5 years, Travis County's senior population is expected to grow by 39%. There's no better time to address how to care for our aging population

Austin lacks affordable assisted living environments, leaving a gap in available affordable care for vulnerable seniors.



AGE 65+ BY
CENSUS
TRACT, 2014-
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Source: Nielsen 2014.1 Pop-Facts Premier

The solution

Aging in Place: comprehensive, integrated care for Austin's most vulnerable seniors

We've identified two options for Austin:
STAR+PLUS and
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

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Who?

55 or Older

Dual eligibility (Medicare, Medicaid)

Able to live safely in the community

Nursing home eligible

How?

Must receive services from local PACE site with open slots - all existing sites have a waitlist

There are 3 PACE sites in Texas

Payments are capitated - the consumer does not see a bill

What?

Wide range of available care:

- Primary care
- Specialists
- Behavioral health
- Access to adult day center
- Non-emergency transportation
- Prescriptions
- Restorative therapies
- Personal care and assistance
-and much, much more!

STAR+PLUS (Dual Eligible)

Who?

STAR+PLUS is the Medicaid provider for Texas

We're looking specifically at dual-eligible seniors who would qualify for PACE

How?

To get services you must apply; no waitlist

Managed care organization

Medicaid capitated payments

Medicaid pays the Medicare co-pays

What?

STAR+PLUS provides service coordination and many services similar to PACE.

However, you don't have your care team all in one place

Program Differences

<u>PACE</u>	<u>STAR+PLUS (Dual Eligible)</u>
Covers non-medical emergency transportation	Does not cover non-medical emergency transportation
Covers co-insurance, deductibles, and wrap services	Co-insurance, deductibles, and wrap services covered by Medicaid.
Currently serves 1,112 Texans, more authorized for FY2016-17	Serves dual-eligible seniors in Bexar, Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Hidalgo, and Tarrant Counties
Serves nursing home-eligible Texans only, majority Medicaid + Medicare dual-eligible	_____

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Our Method

Process and Progress

- 
- Determine most appropriate model(s) for analysis

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- Establish Cost and Impact parameters of each model

(January)

- Conduct qualitative research at a robust PACE site

(February)

- Collect data on the monetary values associated with economic cost models

(March)

- Investigate potential catalyst in the Austin Community

(April 12)

- Analyze models and present qualitative and quantitative findings at Eldercare Summit

4 PERSPECTIVES

4 MODELS

Perspective	Analytical Model	Metric
State	Economic Costs	Cost Per member per month (\$) PACE vs. STAR+PLUS
Federal	Economic Costs	Cost Per member per month (\$) PACE vs. STAR+PLUS
Provider	Economic Costs	Annual Profit (Annual Revenues less Annual Costs) (\$) PACE
Client	Cost Consequence	Member outcomes (Individual or Aggregate) PACE vs. STAR+PLUS

The story so far...

What have we found?

There is an urgent need for comprehensive, integrated care for dual-eligible seniors in Austin.

STAR+PLUS and PACE stand out as feasible, relatively low-cost options

However, neither of these options address another pressing issue-- the need for affordable housing...

Connecting with Affordable Housing: Rebekah Baines Johnson Center

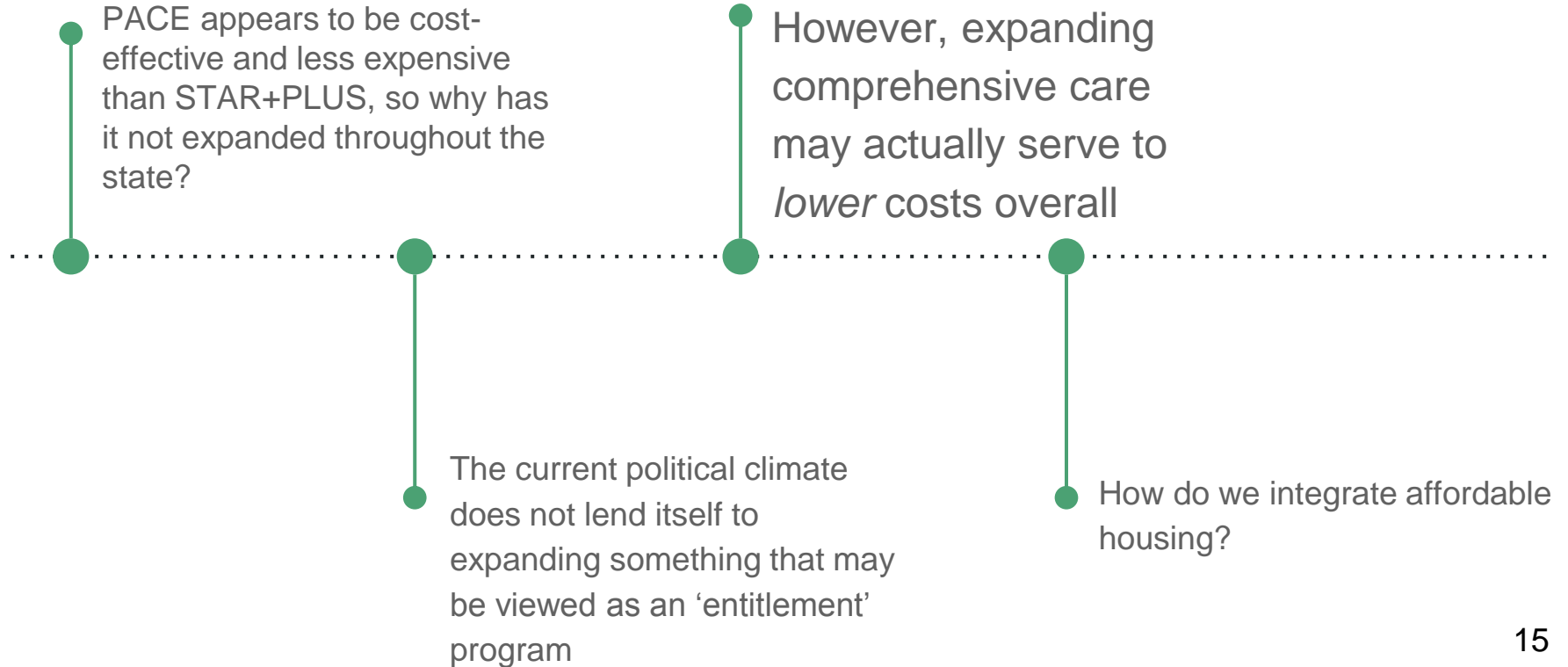


RBJ is in the midst of a major expansion project, presenting an opportunity to align health care with affordable housing.

Source: RBJ website



Policy implications and political challenges: Where do we go from here?



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Eldercare Summit Invitation

April 12, 2016

2:00 – 5:00 pm

LBJ School of Public Affairs

Bass Lecture Hall

The University of Texas at Austin

Comments and Questions

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