



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: June 4, 2013
Board Meeting Date: July 9, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Lisa Mancini, Director, Aging and Adult Services

Subject: Agreement No. MS-1314-13 with the California Department of Aging

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Aging for the provision of Multipurpose Senior Services Program funds for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$685,600.

BACKGROUND:

Funding from the California Department of Aging (CDA) for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) allows Aging and Adult Services (AAS) to offer a high-level case management program. This program provides comprehensive social and health care management services to Medi-Cal-eligible fragile elders. These individuals are some of San Mateo County's most at-risk population and may require skilled nursing level of care.

The primary objectives of MSSP are to reduce the unnecessary placement of fragile older persons in nursing facilities and to foster independent living in their own communities. MSSP provides a care management team of social workers and a public health nurse to assess client eligibility and care need, and to arrange and monitor the delivery of services. A client becomes ineligible for MSSP when the program's services are no longer sufficient to enable the individual to remain safely at home. Though many clients stop participation because of increased care needs, many others are able to avoid placement in nursing facilities altogether through MSSP's services and are able to remain at home for the remainder of their lives.

DISCUSSION:

This agreement includes funds for the MSSP social workers and nurses to provide care management services covering a full range of social and health services. These services include eligibility, assessments, care plan development, service coordination,

and service delivery. Staff also provides information, education, counseling, and advocacy to clients and family members. Funds from this agreement also provide for home modifications, attendant care, respite care, housing assistance, meal services, protective services, and transportation services. Funds can also be used to purchase durable medical equipment and other supplies.

AAS requests your Board to authorize the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing MSSP funding which will allow AAS to provide MSSP services that foster independent living for Medi-Cal-eligible fragile elders in order to avoid inappropriate placements in nursing facilities. It is anticipated that only 22 of the 275 clients served through MSSP will require placement in a skilled nursing facility.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Estimate	FY 2013-14 Projected
Number and percent of MSSP clients placed in a skilled nursing facility	22/8%	22/8%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. There is no Net County Cost. The maximum funding amount for this agreement is \$685,600. These funds have been included in the AAS FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget.