



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: March 25, 2015
Board Meeting Date: April 28, 2015
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: Amendment to the Agreement with the California Department of Aging for Federal Alignment Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Aging reducing the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program Financial Alignment funds through the Federal Trust Fund Grant for the term December 1, 2013 through May 31, 2016, from the original amount of \$47,178 by \$23,514 to a new amount of \$23,664.

BACKGROUND:

Every four years your Board, as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) of San Mateo County, is required to submit an Area Plan for aging services to the California Department of Aging (CDA). The State also requires that counties submit annual updates identifying revised goals and objectives for the coming fiscal year in order to claim their allotted Older American Act (OAA) funds, which are determined through a statewide formula.

The Area Plan provides a profile of the County's senior population, identifies activities to improve and expand funding for services, develop new programs designed to address current countywide needs, and recommends services to be funded with the County's OAA allocations. On April 9, 2013, your Board approved the AAA FY 2013-14 Update of the Area Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities. This Area Plan, together with the annual budget, fulfills CDA's requirements and generates a contract from CDA for funding.

To carry out goals and objectives of the Area Plan related to advocacy and healthcare, OAA funds are distributed by CDA to subsidize the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), which is provided by the local community-based organization Self Help for the Elderly. The HICAP program is a volunteer-supported

program that provides three basic services: community education, lay counseling, and advocacy related to the Medicare program. HICAP is an integral component of California's community-based long-term care system. Medicare beneficiaries, as well as those under 65 or disabled who are about to become eligible for Medicare, are eligible for HICAP services.

CDA received a financial alignment grant to support local HICAP services in counties that are part of the Cal MediConnect demonstration pilot. Cal MediConnect is a joint effort between California's Medi-Cal program and the federal Medicare program to promote coordinated delivery of medical, behavioral health, long-term institutional, home, and community-based services through a single organized system to older adults and people with disabilities who are dually eligible for both Medi-Cal and Medicare.

OAA/HICAP funds are used to support local community-based organizations in providing outreach, education, and counseling to dual eligible beneficiaries, while expanding the partnership between the San Mateo County Health System, Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM), and San Mateo County's HICAP stakeholders.

DISCUSSION:

This amendment reduces the original agreement amount of \$47,178 by \$23,514 to a new amount of \$23,664, due to HPSM providing some HICAP services instead of the County in FY 2013-14.

The amendment and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

This amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing OAA funding, which allows AAS to provide HICAP services to eligible recipients. In FY 2013-14, 92 percent (239 HICAP service recipients) respondents felt that the HICAP counseling appointment was helpful and necessary to make an informed decision about Medicare coverage options.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2013-14 Actual | FY 2014-15 Estimated |
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| The number and percentage of HICAP service recipient respondents who felt that the HICAP counseling appointment was helpful and necessary to make an informed decision about their Medicare coverage and options. | 92% - Actual number of respondents: 239 | 94% - Projected number of respondents: 294 |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is December 1, 2013, through May 31, 2016. This amendment reduces the previously awarded amount of \$47,178 by \$23,514 to a new amount not to exceed \$23,664. Funding for this agreement has been allocated in the

Aging and Adult Services FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget. There is no effect on net county cost as a result of this action.