



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: June 9, 2015
Board Meeting Date: July 21, 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 Ordinance Regarding the Public Authority Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Adoption of an ordinance adding Section 2.20.100 of Chapter 2.20 (Health System) of Article 2.2 (Health Services) of the Ordinance Code regarding the Public Authority Advisory Committee, previously introduced on July 7, 2015, and waive the reading of the ordinance in its entirety.

BACKGROUND:

On September 21, 1993, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 03508, which, pursuant to Welfare & Institutions ("W & I") Code section 12301.6, established the Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services ("Public Authority"), designated the Board of Supervisors as the Public Authority governing board ("Governing Board"), and created a Public Authority advisory committee ("Advisory Committee").

In light of recent statewide changes regarding In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), the Advisory Committee will focus primarily on issues relating to IHSS provider training and the maintenance of the IHSS provider registry. Various other issues relating to the specific concerns of IHSS providers, which had been considered by the Advisory Committee in the past, will instead be the focus of a separate body that is anticipated to be part of the Health Plan of San Mateo's Cal MediConnect Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION:

Since its establishment of the Public Authority over 22 years ago, this Board has clarified and modified the membership requirements of the Advisory Committee from time to time, most recently in Ordinance No. 04703 dated June 3, 2014.

The Advisory Committee was originally established with eleven members pursuant to W & I Code section 12301.6. Per the latter, the Advisory Committee's purpose included advising your Board (as the Governing Board) on the delivery of IHSS services to ensure the dignity and independence of elderly and disabled consumers of home care.

This amendment clarifies that the Advisory Committee will continue to operate as the mandatory "Public Authority Advisory Committee" pursuant to W & I Code section 12301.6(b)(3)(C), and shall henceforth be referred to as the "Public Authority Advisory Committee".

This amendment also amends the enabling ordinance to modify the number and qualifications of its members, reducing the number from eleven to five, at least half of whom (i.e., three members) shall be: (1) current or past users of personal assistance services paid for through public or private funds, or (2) IHSS recipients. Because of the historical difficulty in maintaining a committee membership with six members who satisfy this requirement, the Advisory Committee has had difficulty in convening a quorum. This modification to the Advisory Committee's total membership will better serve the needs of the Public Authority.

This amendment to the ordinance has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

This amendment to the ordinance contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by improving the operation and efficacy of public input concerning the Public Authority program.

This Ordinance will supersede all prior ordinances and resolutions concerning the Public Authority and the formation and membership of the Public Authority Advisory Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no net county cost associated with the proposed amendment.