



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: April 5, 2012
Board Meeting Date: April 24, 2012
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: Submission of the FY 2012-16 Area Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities to the California Department of Aging

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing:

- A)** Submission of the FY 2012-16 Area Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities to the California Department of Aging; and
- B)** Execution of a Transmittal Letter to the California Department of Aging required to complete the submission process.

BACKGROUND:

In July 1992, Aging and Adult Services (AAS) convened a broad-based group of persons with disabilities, seniors, caregivers, and service providers to form the New Beginning Coalition (NBC). The purpose of the Coalition is to improve the quality of life of San Mateo County's diverse population of older persons and adults with disabilities. The primary vehicle for achieving that goal was the development of a long-range plan for a continuum of services that would be responsive to the needs of its consumers and would acknowledge and incorporate the diversity that exists in San Mateo County.

In 1995, after a lengthy planning process involving more than 500 individuals and organizations, the first Strategic Plan for Services to Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities was officially adopted by your Board, the Commission on Aging (CoA), and the Commission on Disabilities (CoD), as well as by community organizations throughout San Mateo County.

The Area Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities (Plan) serves as the Area Agency on Aging Plan that is required by the California Department of Aging (CDA) to receive Older Americans Act (OAA) and Community-Based Services Program (CBSP) funding. The Plan generally spans a period of four years and is for 2012-2016.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with CDA, the proposed Plan is a four-year plan for which a needs assessment of the community was conducted. The needs assessment consisted of a community survey, stakeholder forums, and a review of secondary data from other community needs assessments conducted. The community survey was distributed to over 5,900 residents at senior centers, community-based organizations, senior living communities, churches, etc., and was available in hard copy, online and via Survey Monkey. The survey had a 31% overall response rate and revealed the top issues for older adults and adults with disabilities as being: accidents in the home, employment, money to live on, crime, taking care of another person (adult), household chores, transportation, obtaining information about services/benefits, taking care of another person (child), isolation and receiving services/benefits. This information was used to develop the goals and objectives for the Plan. The NBC and the NBC Steering Committee will work on and monitor the progress of addressing the goals and objectives of the Plan.

In accordance with the OAA, the Plan has been approved by the CoA, which serves as the advisory body for the Area Agency on Aging.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

The Plan contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing demographic and statistical information that allows AAS to determine the services most needed for at-risk individuals. Submittal of the Plan is necessary for final approval of the OAA funding needed to continue to provide senior services that would help them remain in the most independent setting possible. It is anticipated that 95% of at-risk individuals will be maintained in a least restrictive setting through case management.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2010-11 Actual	FY 2011-12 Projected
Percent of at-risk individuals maintained in a least restrictive setting through case management	99%	95%

* The FY 2010-11 performance exceeded the division's expectations in this measure

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost resulting from the approval of the Plan.