



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: July 17, 2015
Board Meeting Date: September 1, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Lisa Mancini, Director, Aging and Adult Services

Subject: Agreement with the California Department of Aging for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Aging to receive Multipurpose Senior Services Program funds for the term of July 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$228,531.

BACKGROUND:

Funding from the California Department of Aging (CDA) for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) allows the County's 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 clients are some of the County's most at-risk population and may require a skilled nursing level of care.

MSSP's primary objective is to avoid the inappropriate 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, as well as arrange and monitor the delivery of services. A client becomes ineligible for MSSP when MSSP's services are no longer sufficient to enable the individual to remain safely at home. Though many clients stop participation because of necessary institutionalization, many others are able to avoid institutionalization altogether through MSSP's services, living at home for the remainder of their lives.

DISCUSSION:

CDA provides these funds for 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, service delivery, education, counseling, and advocacy to clients and family members. Through this agreement, CDA also provides funding for home modifications, the purchase of durable medical equipment and other supplies, attendant care, respite care, housing assistance, meal services, protective services, and transportation services.

San Mateo County is one of eight California counties participating in the State's Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), focused on coordinating the care for Medi-Cal and Medicare dual eligible clients. Beginning April 1, 2014, all dually eligible In-Home Support Services recipients under the CCI receive their long-term care, medical, and behavioral health services (including home and community-based services) through the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM). HPSM will reimburse the County for up to 160 dually eligible recipients enrolled in HPSM and receiving MSSP services.

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 assisting residents to live in the community with MSSP services and avoid Intermediate Care Facility/Skilled Nursing Facility placement. It is anticipated that 159 MSSP clients per month will be able to live in the community and avoid Intermediate Care Facility or Skilled Nursing Facility placement.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Estimated	FY 2015-16 Projected
Number of clients per month that are able to live in the community with MSSP and avoid Intermediate Care Facility/Skilled Nursing Facility placement.	159	159

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$228,531 for the 4-month term. Since the County is the recipient of these funds, there is no net county cost associated with this agreement. The payment provisions and levels of service in this contract are essentially the same as prior contracts. Funds for these services have been included in the AAS FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget.