



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: March 25, 2016
Board Meeting Date: April 26, 2016
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: Submission of the FY 2016-20 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 2016-20 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 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 NBC was 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 this goal was the development of a long-range plan for a continuum of services that would be responsive to the NBC's consumer needs, while acknowledging and incorporating 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 County Commission on Aging (CoA), and the County Commission on Disabilities (CoD), as well as by various community-based organizations in the County.

The Area Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities (Plan) serves as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Plan that is required by the California Department of

Aging (CDA) to receive Older Americans Act (OAA) and Community-Based Services Program funding. The Plan, which typically spans a four-year term, is for the period July 1, 2016-June 30, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with CDA, one component of the proposed Plan is a needs assessment consisting of a community survey, stakeholder forums, and a review of secondary data from other previously conducted needs assessments. The Plan's community survey was distributed to over 9,000 County residents at senior centers, community-based organizations, senior living communities, etc. and was available in both hard copy and via Survey Monkey. The survey revealed the top issues for older adults and adults with disabilities to be: learning about services/benefits for older adults, remaining in home, financial security/money to live on, understanding Medicare, dental needs, accessing and enrolling for service, disaster preparedness, accidents in the home (falls), affordable housing, and dependence on others. This information was used to develop the Plan's goals and objectives, which will be monitored by the NBC and NBC Steering Committee going forward.

In accordance with the OAA, the Plan has been approved by the CoA, which serves as the AAA's advisory body.

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 for services that help these individuals remain in the most independent setting possible. It is anticipated that approximately 4,911 at-risk individuals will be maintained in a least restrictive setting through case management.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Estimated	FY 2016-17 Projected
Number of clients maintained in the least restrictive setting through case management	4,751	4,911

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with your Board's approval of the Plan.