



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: May 16, 2016
Board Meeting Date: June 21, 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: Agreement with the California Department of Aging for Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Aging to provide Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program services, for the term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$311,098.

BACKGROUND:

Your Board designated the County's Aging and Adult Services division (AAS) as the Area Agency on Aging for San Mateo County to carry out state-funded programs pursuant to the federal Older Americans Act of 1965. On April 26, 2016, your Board approved the FY 2016-2020 Area Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities.

Board approval of the Area Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities allows the County to receive state funding to provide Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) services.

DISCUSSION:

HICAP is a volunteer-supported program that provides three basic services: community education; lay counseling; and advocacy related Medicare health insurance counseling. The HICAP program is an integral component of the County's community-based, long-term care system, because the program connects eligible citizens to Medicare health insurance. Medicare beneficiaries, those under 65 who are about to become eligible for Medicare, and those who are disabled are eligible for HICAP services.

This agreement with the California Department of Aging allows the County to accept HICAP funding and allows AAS to provide HICAP services to County residents.

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing home and community-based services to individuals 60 and above. It is anticipated that 80 percent (195 HICAP service recipients) of respondents will feel that their HICAP counseling appointment was helpful and necessary to make an informed decision about Medicare coverage options.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Projected
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 options	65% 168 respondents	80% 195 respondents

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. The amount is not to exceed \$311,098 in funding from the California Department of Aging. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement. These funds have been incorporated into the AAS FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget.