



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: March 26, 2014
Board Meeting Date: May 6, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: 4/5ths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, 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:

- A) An agreement with the California Department of Aging to provide Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program services for the term of April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$387,417; and
- B) An Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$78,974 from Unanticipated Revenue to Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program.

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 24, 2012, your Board approved the FY 2012-2016 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 resulted in the county receiving state funding to provide Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) services. HICAP is a volunteer-supported program that provides three basic services: community education; lay counseling; and advocacy related to Medicare health insurance. 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, or who are disabled are eligible for HICAP services.

DISCUSSION:

This agreement with the California Department of Aging allows the county to receive HICAP funding from the state and allows AAS to provide direct HICAP counseling services to approximately 5,000 county residents.

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

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by offering HICAP community education, lay counseling and advocacy related to Medicare to San Mateo County residents. It is anticipated that 75% of HICAP service recipients will report that they have gained useful knowledge and that their personal lives have improved as a result of HICAP services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2013-14 Estimate	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percent of HICAP service recipients that feel that they have gained useful knowledge regarding their Medicare coverage as a result of HICAP services	75%	75%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The amount is not to exceed \$387,417 in funding from the California Department of Aging. There is no Net County Cost. Through Board acceptance of this Appropriation Transfer Request, \$78,974 will be appropriated to the AAS FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget. The remaining balance of \$308,443 will be included in the AAS FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget.