



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HEALTH

**File #:** 21-308

Board Meeting Date: 4/20/2021

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Louise F. Rogers, Chief, San Mateo County Health  
Lisa Mancini, Director, Aging and Adult Services

**Subject:** Submission of the FY 2020-21 Area Plan Update for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities to the California Department of Aging

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Acting as the Governing Board of the Area Agency on Aging for the County of San Mateo, adopt a resolution authorizing:

- A) The approval and submission of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Area Plan update for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities to the California Department of Aging; and
- B) The execution of the Transmittal Letter to the California Department of Aging required to complete the submission process.

**BACKGROUND:**

In July 1992, Aging and Adult Services 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 was to improve the quality of life for 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 the County.

The NBC, in coordination with the Commission on Aging (CoA) and the Commission on Disabilities (CoD), develops and implements a comprehensive process for involving consumers and agencies in the development of each new Area Plan. Participation includes representatives from key private, non-profit, and governmental agencies that provide services for older adults and adults with disabilities, consumers, and representatives from minority communities, with the ongoing involvement of the CoA and CoD.

Completed plans are submitted to the California Department of Aging for approval after the Governing Board (the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors) and the Advisory Council (the CoA) have had the opportunity to participate in the planning process and to review and comment on the Area Plan. Area Plans are updated annually, with new Area Plans submitted every four years. The most recent Area Plan for the County is for 2020-2024.

**DISCUSSION:**

The proposed Area 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 forum, and a review of secondary data from other community needs assessments. Over 3,000 copies of the community survey were distributed to older residents at senior centers, community-based organizations, senior living communities, and electronically via Survey Monkey. The survey results revealed that the top issues for older adults and adults with disabilities are: remaining at home and living independently, obtaining dental care, avoiding accidents in the home, learning about and enrolling in services/benefits, depending on others, preparing for disasters, understanding Medicare, finding friends/social activities, and achieving financial security.

This information was used to develop the goals and objectives for the Area Plan. The NBC and its steering committee will work on addressing the goals and objectives of the Area Plan.

In accordance with the Older Americans Act (OAA), the Area 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.

Submission of the annual Area Plan update is necessary for final approval of the OAA funding needed to continue to provide senior services that help older adults remain in the most independent setting possible. By submitting this Area Plan update and providing community-based services funded by the OAA, it is anticipated that an estimated 41,000 unduplicated older adults will be served by OAA-funded programs.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2020-21 Estimated	FY 2021-22 Projected
Number of unduplicated older adults who will be served by OOA-funded programs	41,000 adults	41,000 adults

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no Net County Cost associated with the approval of this Area Plan update.