



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: GOVERNING BOARD

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Vote Required:Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors, Acting as the Governing Board of the Area Agency on Aging for the County of San Mateo

From: Louise F. Rogers, Chief, San Mateo County Health
Lee Pullen, Director, Aging and Adult Services

Subject: Submission of the FY 2024-2028 Area Plan 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:

- A) Authorizing the approval and submission of the Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Area Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities to the California Department of Aging; and
- B) Authorizing the execution of the Transmittal Letter to the California Department of Aging required to complete the submission process.

BACKGROUND:

The State requires each Area Agency on Aging (AAA) - including the AAA of San Mateo County - to conduct a needs assessment to identify goals and objectives that reflect services and programs needed within the AAA's geographic service area and to write an Area Plan. In an effort to standardize a needs assessment for statewide implementation, the California Department on Aging (CDA) secured a vendor to develop, conduct, and write a report on needs assessment findings for each AAA. The report, titled "San Mateo County Area Agency on Aging Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults November 2023," was completed. For this Area Plan, the data from this report was presented to various stakeholders to gather feedback.

Two additional surveys were conducted, and data and needs identified were incorporated into the Area Plan for FY2024-2028: 2023 Community Health Needs Assessment compiled by the San Mateo County Health Office of Epidemiology and Evaluation and The Long-Term Care Survey conducted in December 2023 by Ombudsman Services of San Mateo County.

The surveys allowed the County’s AAA to identify four primary goals: 1) continue identifying and implementing methods to distribute information and education regarding supportive services available for older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers; 2) promote community and health services that can assist older adults and adults with disabilities to remain in their communities and “age in place,” 3) strengthen the capacity of caregivers to provide the care needed for their family members to remain safely at home and out of institutionalized care settings; and 4) support programs and services that can address social isolation and depression faced by older adults and adults with disabilities.

Completed Area Plans are submitted to CDA for approval after the County’s Governing Board and the Commission on Aging (CoA) have had the opportunity to participate in the planning process and to review the Area Plan.

DISCUSSION:

Area Plans must be submitted every four years. The CoA has approved the County’s Plan, which is now being brought to this Board for its approval prior to submission to the CDA. Submission of this Plan is necessary for final approval of the Older Americans’ Act (OAA) funding needed to continue to provide senior services that would help older adults remain in the most independent setting possible.

The County Attorney’s Office has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

Through the submission of this Plan and by providing community-based services funded by the OAA, it is anticipated that an estimated 24,500 unduplicated older adults will be served by OAA-funded programs during FY 2024-2025.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2023-24 Estimated	FY 2024-25 Projected
Number of unduplicated older adults served by OAA-funded programs	19,895 unduplicated older adults	24,500 unduplicated older adults

FISCAL IMPACT:

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