



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

File #: 16-205

Board Meeting Date: 6/6/2017

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, 2017, through June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$929,731.

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 25, 2017, your Board approved the updated 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 Medicare health insurance advocacy and counseling.

As an integral component of the County's community-based, long-term care system, HICAP 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% (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:

Measure	FY 2016-17 Estimated	FY 2017-18 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	80% 195 respondents	80% 195 respondents

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020. The amount is not to exceed \$929,731 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 2017-18 Recommended Budget and will be included in future budgets for the remaining term of the agreement