

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' HEALTH COMMITTEE

Monday, April 25, 2016
12:30 p.m.

Supervisor Wilma Chan, Chair
Supervisor Keith Carson

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor
County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Update on Alameda Countywide Plan for Seniors

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Randy Morris, Assistant Agency Director, Adult & Aging, Social Services Agency, Rebecca Gebhart, Acting Director, Health Care Services Agency and Tracy Murray, Director, Area Agency on Aging, Social Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation and an executive summary on the planning process for developing the Countywide Plan for Seniors.

In 2015, Alameda County launched an initiative that requires the Social Services Agency and the Health Care Services Agency work together to broaden the Countywide Plan for Seniors to include both systems of care.

The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in partnership with the Health Care Services Agency coordinated a planning effort that incorporated the following: A planning committee with broad representation from community; A needs assessment of Older Adults; opportunities for public involvement/comment through public meetings and postings of materials. The AAA's goal is to present a plan that reflects learning achieved through the process is long ranging and useful.

Committee membership

Membership consist of partners from AAA, community based organizations, cities, labor, academia, citizen activists, Public Health, Behavioral Health Care Services, and the Community Development Agency. Monthly meetings are held with presentations on nutrition, dental health, housing and elder abuse. The needs assessment has been completed through a series of public forums and focus groups.

Goals established

Goals 1: Engage older adults, community partners and cities in planning for and developing a community framework for older adults

Goal 2: Throughout Alameda County Departments, develop a coordinated approach to designing, delivering and measuring effectiveness of programs for older adults:

Goal 3: Working with community partners, address the growing need of services for older adults by supporting a comprehensive network of providers to provide long-term services and supports (LTSS) that engage older adults and seniors with disabilities in community settings:

Goal 4: Enhance the health, safety and well-being of older adults by offering coordinated services that promote health and wellness, with an emphasis on prevention and early access to behavioral health services.

Goal 5: Enhance programming to create safe communities for older adults by preventing and responding to neglect and abuse of older and dependent adults.

Goal 6: Enhance and increase support for housing and augment the sustainability of housing programs

Speakers

Wendy Peterson, Senior Services Coalition, supports the Countywide Plan for Seniors and thanked the Board of Supervisors for their leadership.

Suzanne Shenfil, Director of Human Services, City of Fremont, thanked the Board of Supervisors and supports the Countywide Plan for Seniors.

Brigitte Lowe, Deputy District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, ACR 71 June 2015, Elder and Vulnerable Adult Elder Abuse Month. DA supports the Countywide Plan for Seniors victim advocates support elders in the community and dependent abuse against neglect and abuse. Working with Adult Protective Services

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Health & Social Services Committees Recommendation or Position
- Other:

Recommendation from Joint Committee: County staff to draft priorities for the Countywide Plan for Seniors and review funding strategies for the for the plan; return to the Joint Committee before being considered by the full Board.

II. Continuum of Care Reform Overview

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Michelle Love, Assistant Agency Director, Children & Family Services, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Continuum of Care Reform Overview.

Continuum of Care Reform was mandated by AB 403, which is a comprehensive framework that supports children, youth and families across placement settings in achieving permanency. The program includes

- Increased engagement with children, youth, and families
- Increased capacity for home-based family care
- Limited use of congregate care
- Systemic and infrastructure changes: rates, training, accreditation,
- Accountability performance & mental health services

Program Vision

- All children live with a committed, permanent and nurturing family
- Individualized and coordinated services and supports
- Focus on permanent family and preparation for successful adulthood
- When needed, congregate care is a short-term, high quality, intensive intervention that is just one part of a continuum of care available for children, youth, and young adults

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

III. Public Authority Update

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Randy Morris, Assistant Agency Director, Adult and Aging Services and Flora Maiki, Executive Director, Public Authority for In-Home Support Services presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Authority update.

The update on the stakeholder process for the PA restructure is continuing. Outstanding issues; PA and staff forwarded staff questions to Human Resources concerning benefits; pension; civil services process; union representation; potential structural change. The agreement is to maintain current advisory board structure and update bylaws.

Flora Maiki, Executive Director, Michelle Rousey, Chair, Public Authority Advisory Board requested the Committee properly address the emergency procedures of people with disabilities (visible & non- visible). Concerns include:

1. Notification: How building staff and clients with a variety of disabilities are notified of a building emergency
2. Way finding: What is the response to a potential catastrophic event?
3. Use of the way: Self, Self with device, self with assistance.
4. Assistance: Whether or not features or systems are provided during an emergency event.
5. What planning, and strategies are in place to ensure "equal egress"?

Speakers

Rose Acampora, Michelle Rousey, Espranza Diaz-Alvarez, June Albor all expressed concern about emergency evacuation procedures from their 3rd floor offices for persons with disabilities.

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Recommendation from Health Committee: Supervisor Carson recommended the Public Authority contact the Sheriff's Office, to participate in the Sheriff's Office Annual Emergency Evacuation Plan.

Supervisor Miley will address emergency evacuation issues at the Eastmont Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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