

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, April 28, 2014

12:00 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair  
Supervisor Richard Valle

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

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## Summary/Action Minutes

### **I. Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services Older Adult System of Care**

Lilian Schaechner, Director, Older Adult System of Care, Behavioral Health Care Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Agency's system of care for older adults.

The Older Adult System of Care was created in 2007, due to the "baby boom" generation growing at a faster rate than any other population group. In Alameda County, the 65 and older population is expected to grow to 170% of the current population.

The Older Adult System of Care has developed several programs to meet the needs of older adults including mobile services in North and South County, prevention services, residential services, Geriatric Assessment and Response Team (GART) and adult day care providers.

#### **Purpose:**

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

**Recommendation from the Social Services Committee:** An informational report will be brought to this Committee to report on the level of participation and integration services to maximize services for older adults.

### **II. Update on Alameda County Department of Child Support Services Re-Entry Collaborations and Support**

Matthew Brega, Director, Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Department's 2013-2016 Strategic Planning process and re-entry collaborations.

The Child Support Services Department objectives are:

- 1) Increase the total amount of collections
- 2) Cultivate a Family Centered Services approach to outreach
- 3) Conduct continual process improvement reviews to maximize efficiencies
- 4) Focus on employee performance management and professional development

## Re-Entry Collaborations

As a participant on the Re-Entry Strategic Planning Committee the Department of Child Support Services has collaborated with Centerforce, a community based organization for the re-entry population and the Alameda County Probation Department. The DCSS has developed the “Back to Families” project that assists individuals pre and post release with information and education on reunification.

The DCSS has developed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office to participate in “Re-Entry Expo” events, establish a referral process to incarcerated parents to contact DCSS directly.

The Department of Child Support Services will host a free Father’s Day Event on June 21, 2014 at the Castro Valley Library. Information will be provided to fathers to obtain County services.

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## III. Budget Impact of expanding General Assistance benefits to 4, 5 and 6 month time limits

Lori Cox, Director, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the cost of expansion of the General Assistance benefits to four, five and six month time limits and the elimination of vendor pay. Currently the General Assistance benefits are limited to three months.

### Speakers

Steve Weiss stated that there will be other cost savings by increasing the time limits for General Assistance clients, and increasing the homeless grant will add cost savings in other programs.

Brian Geiser represents the Oakland Tenants Union supports extension of the time limits.

Supervisor Miley stated that this item is informational only and no recommendation will be given at this meeting.

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## PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Geiser, who is formerly an architect, requested the shades be open for the north facing skylights.

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