I. Public Authority/Public Authority Advisory Board Annual Update

Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency, gave introductory comments and Marcella Velasquez, Executive Director, Public Authority and Michelle Rousey, Chair, Public Authority Advisory Board, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Authority/Public Authority Advisory Board Annual Update.

Public Authority Structure

State statute mandates Public Authorities, but leaves the Board of Supervisors as Governing Body to structure; The Alameda County structure was established in the mid 1990’s. Changes to structure were made in the of Fall 2017, which authorized the Social Services Agency to hire the Public Authority Executive Director as direct report to the Agency Director. A permanent executive director was hired for the Public Authority in November of 2017 and the Public Authority staff remain in the current structure.

Consumer Provider Registry

- 85% of Consumers in Alameda County hire family/relative or friend providers
- Approximately 15% of IHSS Consumers use Registry services
- The Registry creates a pool of workers who are vetted and ready to work for IHSS Consumers
- The Registry links consumers who need a providers to providers looking for work
- Streamline the Registry provider onboarding process
- Conduct group informational sessions rather than interview
- Utilize a monthly email check-in process for ongoing Registry providers
- Offer continuum of services from regular Registry to Enhanced services
- Engage IHSS Consumers who have been on the program without employing a provider
- Sunset the Urgent Response Program

Public Authority Advisory Board

The Public Authority Advisory Board consists of 11 Board Members when fully staffed. There are currently five members in good standing, two members will be termed out of December 2018 and one new member will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Board has five vacancies to fill and is actively recruiting new members.

Purpose:
- ✔ Report progress
- ☐ Advocacy or Education
Recommendation from the Social Services Committee: The Public Authority Executive Director will determine if the City of Oakland Fire Department can perform a fire drill at the Eastmont Offices of the Public Authority staff located on the third floor.

II. In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) & Homelessness: Bridge Pilot

Randy Morris, Assistant Agency Director, Adult & Aging Services, Social Services Agency and Dr. Robert Ratner, Housing Director, Behavioral Health Care Services, Health Care Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on In-Home Supportive Services & Homelessness: Bridge Pilot.

The Social Services Agency in partnership with the Health Care Services Agency, University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Department of Medicine and Justice in Aging are working to create a pilot program to bridge the homeless support services and In-Home Support Services, as many families are providing supportive services without any resources.

The pilot will identify family or friends for housing support, coordinate with a license4d Health Care Professional to complete the applications processes.

Next Steps

Partners will identify potentially eligible beneficiaries, continue training community/county partners, create a process, document and identify systemic issues.

Purpose:

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

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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