I. Public Charge

Anissa Basoco-Villarreal, Policy Director, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Defining Public Charge.

The Federal Administration has drafted policies that challenge the funding levels of the County’s social safety net programs and are not immigrant friendly.

Implications of these polices changes include individuals and families may be afraid to attend appointments and families may disenroll in programs.

In response to the proposed change, Alameda County officially opposed the rule change in October 2017 and has released two media advisories in collaboration with Supervisor Wilma Chan. The Social Services Agency has developed an Immigrant Resources web page.

Purpose:

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

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. Disaster Preparedness Update

Michael Osborn, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation the Social Services Agency Disaster Emergency Preparedness Program.

The Social Services Agency takes a lead role in Mass Care and Shelter for the unincorporated areas of the County and supports or coordinates the Operational Area (Alameda County) Care and Shelter efforts in large-scale declared emergencies or disasters.

The Agency participates in planning and training that occurs at the Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Services (OES) to ensure the role may be adequately filled in an emergency.
The Agency provides support where able, to surrounding jurisdictions, such as the incorporated cities in building their Care and Sheltering capabilities with Support from the American Red Cross, and OES.

**Purpose:**
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**PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.

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