


COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Departmental Correspondence

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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Charlene A. Silva, Director, Aging and Adult Services 

SUBJECT: Approval of the New Beginning Coalition's Strategic Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities for 2000-2005

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Supervisors to submit the New Beginning Coalition's Strategic Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities for 2000-2005 to the California Department of Aging (CDA)

Background

In 1992, the San Mateo County Aging and Adult Services (AAS) Division convened a broad-based group of persons with disabilities, seniors, caregivers, and service providers to form the New Beginning Coalition. The Coalition's initial focus was the development of a long-range plan for a continuum of services that would meet the needs of its consumers and acknowledge and incorporate the county's diversity. In 1995, the Strategic Plan for Services to Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities was officially adopted by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, the Commission on Aging (CoA), and the Commission on Disabilities (CoD), as well as by community organizations throughout San Mateo County.

In 1997-98, the Coalition conducted a variety of activities to review the Plan to ensure that it continued to reflect and meet the needs of the community, including a series of community forums, public hearings, and a half-day conference. These activities resulted in the "fine-tuning" of the Plan, with major portions remaining unchanged, obsolete objectives and action steps deleted, and new objectives and action steps added to address six major areas of concern—Affordable/Accessible Housing, Transportation, Access to Information, Senior and Dependent Adult Abuse, Emergency Preparedness, and Health.

Discussion

In June 1999, the New Beginning Coalition, in collaboration with the CoA and the CoD, began the development of a new Strategic Plan to replace the existing Plan, which would expire on June 30, 2000. Organizations throughout San Mateo County were invited to submit copies of needs assessments, reports, and studies that impact seniors and adults with disabilities in San Mateo County. In addition to information submitted, resource materials from the Department of Finance and a variety of organizations addressing the target populations were reviewed and presented at the New Beginning Coalition's Baseline Conference in October 1999. The baseline material formed the foundation upon which the new plan was constructed. It included projections regarding San Mateo County's population of seniors and adults with disabilities; provided information on key indicators

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such as poverty, housing, and health issues; and expanded information related to adults with disabilities.

From October 1999 through January 2000, representatives from the New Beginning Coalition, the CoA and the CoD, and AAS facilitated a series of 31 community forums targeting seniors and adults with disabilities with a broad variety of perspectives. The increased number of forums from previous planning cycles enabled more consumers to participate in the planning process.

In January 2000, a group of 80 providers and consumers participated in the Strategic Planning Conference, reviewing the input from the community forums and recommending strategies for addressing the issues related to Health, Transportation, Affordable/Accessible Housing, Emergency Preparedness, Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse, Access to Information, and Services and Supports (including Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Nutrition, Caregiver Support, and language/cultural issues).

In the months following the Strategic Planning Conference, members of the New Beginning Coalition, the CoA and the CoD reviewed the recommendations from the conference and developed the seven goals and related objectives that formed the working portion of Strategic Plan 2000. CoA and CoD committee workplans are a part of the Strategic Plan workplan. Individual service providers in the aging and disabilities networks were contacted to identify activities they would be undertaking that corresponded to Strategic Plan goals and objectives. Their inclusion in the plan provides a more comprehensive view of support and services available in San Mateo County.

The Strategic Plan serves as the countywide umbrella plan for all other plans regarding older adults and adults with disabilities, including the Area Agency on Aging Area Plan. In addition, it is a multipurpose document that fulfills CDA's requirements for the annual submission of an Area Plan/Area Plan Update and Year End Report for the Planning and Service Area served by San Mateo County. While CDA only required an annual update for FY 00-01, San Mateo County had already completed the process for a new Strategic Plan for FY 2000-05. In order to ensure that the new Strategic Plan complied with changes in the state-required FY 2001-05 Area Plan, San Mateo County delayed its FY 2000-01 submission until it received and reviewed the Guidelines for the FY 2001-05 Plan to ensure that all required elements were included.

The completed plan has been reviewed and approved by the New Beginning Coalition, the CoA, and the CoD before submission to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for adoption. A transmittal letter signed by the President of the Board of Supervisors is required to complete the processing. There is no fiscal impact on the County resulting from the approval of this plan.

RECOMMENDED


HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE NEW BEGINNING COALITION'S
STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH
DISABILITIES FOR 2000-2005

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of
California, that

WHEREAS, this Board has designated itself as the Area Agency on Aging of San Mateo
County to carry out a program pursuant to the Older Americans Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that the Area Agency on Aging submit the
Strategic Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities, which is required for
final approval of Title III, Title V, and Title VII Older Americans Act Funding to provide senior
services; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been presented with the Strategic Plan for Services for Older
Adults and Adults with Disabilities for 2000-05 and has reviewed and approved the plan:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Strategic Plan for Services for Older
Adults and Adults with Disabilities for 2000-05 is hereby approved, and the President of this
Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign and submit the aforesaid Plan for
and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the Clerk of the Board shall attest the President's
signature thereto.