

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Departmental Correspondence

Date  
Hearing date

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Charlene A. Silva, Director, Aging and Adult Services  
SUBJECT: Application to the State of California Department of Health Services for the Long Term Care Integration Development Phase Grant

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing Aging and Adult Services to submit an application in conjunction with the Health Plan of San Mateo to the State of California Department of Health Services (DHS) for the Long Term Care Integration (LTCI) Development Phase Grant

Background

Aging and Adult Services (AAS) and the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) have been collaborating to develop a Long Term Care Supportive Services Project (LTSSP) since 1995. The goal of LTSSP is to provide a comprehensive continuum of long term care services for seniors and adults with disabilities. The project will remove barriers to services by blending funding across all levels of care: acute, long-term, primary care, and home and community-based services. In 1992, AAS convened a broad-based group of seniors, persons with disabilities, caregivers, and service providers to form the New Beginning Coalition (NBC). The Coalition's focus is the development of a long-range plan for a continuum of services that meet the needs of its consumers and acknowledge and incorporate the county's diversity. LTSSP is a goal of the NBC and supported by the Commission on Disabilities and the Commission on Aging. Your Board approved the NBC Strategic Plan on October 17, 1995.

In 1995, California State legislation was enacted to authorize and implement the LTCI Pilot Program. The Welfare and Institutions (W & I) code 14139.05 et seq. directed DHS to select pilot sites to participate in LTCI. At this same time Assembly Member Byron Sher introduced legislation for San Mateo County to develop LTSSP. San Mateo's legislation was withdrawn when the statewide legislation was introduced.

On March 30, 1999 your board authorized AAS to submit an application for the first round of planning grants issued by DHS through its Office of Long Term Care. On August 19, 1999 your board approved an agreement with DHS for a \$50,000 planning grant. On March 28, 2000 your board again authorized AAS to submit an application for the second round of planning grants, and on October 17, 2000 your board approved an agreement with DHS for a second \$50,000 planning grant.

The first grant was used to develop a menu of services for LTSSP services, including pre-admission assessment and eligibility criteria, protocols for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Adult Day Health Care, and a plan to enhance communication among consumers, primary care providers, and care coordinators. The second grant is being used to plan for projection of a rate and payment structure and a technology assessment to assure appropriate screening of patients before they enter a SNF.

### Discussion

DHS has issued a Request for Application (RFA) through its Office of Long Term Care. Grants of \$150,000 will be awarded to organizations that received planning grants last year and wish to continue with LTSSP's development process. The San Mateo County Health Services Agency and the Health Plan of San Mateo plan to apply for these funds to develop a care coordination system that will link primary care providers, hospital discharge planning, SNFs, Adult Day Health Care Centers, and home and community-based services. The purpose of the care coordination will be to avoid unnecessary institutionalization by linking the client to home and community-based services. Funds from the new grant will be used to continue working on the following three goals currently in progress:

Goal 1 To develop an eligibility screening process

Goal 2 To develop an assessment and care management process.

Goal 3 To develop a plan describing how service authorization will work.

DHS requires a resolution from the Board of Supervisors stating your commitment to the vision for Long Term Care Integration, that is, a capitated program that provides the full continuum of integrated medical, social and supportive services to its eligible population in order to process the application for the development grant. County Counsel has reviewed and approved this application.

### Fiscal Impact

As a condition for receiving the funding, the Health Services Agency and HPSM will be required to provide a 20% (\$30,000) match to the grant either in cash or in-kind contributions. AAS and HPSM will meet this condition by providing in-kind contributions of time, space, equipment, and support. There is no impact on the county General Fund as a result of this action.

RECOMMENDED

  
HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGING AND ADULT SERVICES IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH THE HEALTH PLAN OF SAN MATEO TO APPLY TO THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE  
LONG-TERM CARE INTEGRATION DEVELOPMENT PHASE GRANT

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

WHEREAS, this Board supports Long Term Care Integration, that is, a capitated  
program that provides the full continuum of integrated medical, social, and supportive  
services to its eligible population, and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the development of a continuum of care that  
fosters independence, and self-reliance and maintains individual dignity, and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the goal that allows consumers of publicly  
funded long term care services to remain an integral part of their family and community  
life, and

WHEREAS, this Board encourages the consumers and their families to become  
partners in developing and implementing the Long Term Care Integration Pilot Project

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that this Board authorizes Aging and  
Adult Services in conjunction with the Health Plan of San Mateo to apply to the State of  
California Department of Health Services for the Long Term Care Integration  
Development Phase Grant