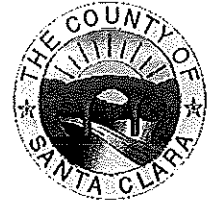


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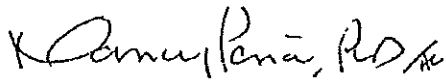


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TO: Children, Seniors & Families Committee

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Report on the County's Older Adult Summit Implementation Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report relating to implementation of Santa Clara County's Older Adult Summit Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to the County General Fund associated with the acceptance of this report; it is an informational item only.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

On December 19, 2011, the Children, Seniors and Families Committee (CSFC) considered recommendations from the Mental Health Department (MHD) regarding the Santa Clara County Older Adult Summit that convened on June 1, 2011. The CSFC accepted the report and Supervisor Cortese requested that, following Board approval, the MHD work with key system partners and senior stakeholders to develop a plan for implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Older Adult Summit Report. Supervisor Cortese requested that the MHD provide a status report to the CSFC on the Older Adult Summit implementation plan. The CSFC forwarded the Older Adult Summit Report to the Board of Supervisors for approval and it was adopted on January 10, 2012. This report provides an overview of the plan to be developed to implement the recommendations of the Summit Report.

5. Implement Adult Protective Services Pilot Assessment and Crisis Mental Health Services;
6. Develop FY13 Senior Services budget, collaborative agreements and related work plans; and
7. Status reports to CSFC and to others through the FY13 Budget process.

July – June 2013

1. Implement FY13 work plans;
2. Convene Senior Advisory Committee and Partners Implementation Task Force to oversee and facilitate implementation;
3. Report on implementation progress and outcomes, obtain input and guidance from Senior Advisory Committee and Partners Implementation Task Force;
4. Complete FY13 Year End Report and FY14 Plan; and
5. Provide regular status reports to CSFC and Board of Supervisors.

July – June 2014

1. Implement FY14 strategies;
2. Convene Senior Advisory Committee and Partners Implementation Task Force to oversee and facilitate implementation;
3. Report on implementation progress and outcomes, obtain input and guidance from Senior Advisory Committee and Partners Implementation Task Force;
4. Complete FY14 Year End Report and FY15 Plan; and
5. Provide regular status reports to CSFC and Board of Supervisors.

CHILD IMPACT

Children of Santa Clara County will be positively impacted by this report to the extent that the findings include both intergenerational and child-specific findings that will improve the family, community and social environment of children in Santa Clara County.

SENIOR IMPACT

The seniors of Santa Clara County will be positively impacted by this report since it will improve the County's mental health services for seniors based on comprehensive community input received at the Older Adult Summit. In addition, as a result of this report, the Mental Health Department will work closely with other County departments and other governmental

and community agencies that serve seniors to help improve the overall well being of seniors residing in Santa Clara County.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action balances the three elements of the Board of Supervisors sustainability goals for a Vibrant Economy, Healthy Environment and Social Equity by promoting: 1) a workforce that is trained to meet the needs of seniors; 2) improvement of public health, safety and recreation for seniors; and 3) a more inclusive community where the mental health needs of seniors are addressed in a more responsive manner.

BACKGROUND

The Older Adult summit was the result of a “call to action” made by Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President, Dave Cortese during his State of the County address in January 2011. Specifically, President Cortese requested the Mental Health Board, with the support of the Mental Health Department, convene a summit to address the unmet mental health needs of seniors in Santa Clara County. On June 1, 2011, 348 members of the community, including seniors and their families, caregivers, advocates, service providers, community leaders and government officials throughout Santa Clara County, attended the Santa Clara County Older Adult Summit.

The Summit Report outlines six key recommendations:

1. **Education** - Implement community education strategies to increase public awareness regarding older adult mental health needs and concerns;
2. **Outreach** - Implement outreach, engagement and access strategies that will improve the connection of older adults served through County systems to needed mental health-related services and supports;
3. **Service Integration** - Increase mental health funded services that improve mental health outcomes through integration with critical health, social service and community based organizations.
4. **Training** - Implement training strategies to improve the capacity of health, mental health and social service providers to address the holistic social, cultural, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of seniors.
5. **Caregiver and Peer Support** - Implement strategies that empower and enhance natural support systems to care and provide for the elderly, their loved ones and caregivers.
6. **Policy** - Champion and implement policies that improve benefits and resources that impact the well-being of older adults.

Specific strategies were identified by summit attendees that are rolled up under the above recommendations (see Attachment A – Older Adult Summit Report). Upon convening the Seniors Advisory Committee and the Partners Implementation Task Force, specific annual objectives, along with resource needs, and individual work plans will be developed for each strategy and will be prioritized for implementation, subject to available resources.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Negative action will delay the implementation of the Older Adult Summit Report findings that are needed to improve the quality of mental health services for older adult residents of the County.

ATTACHMENTS

- Santal Clara County Older Adult Summit - Final Report