

County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**
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Department: Health Services

4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
10/27/2009

Deadline for Board Action:
10/27/2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Aging Adults Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Director of Health Services to accept Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant Number 1H79SP016276-01 for September 30, 2009 to September 30, 2010, and execute all related agreements, documents and amendments that do not significantly change the scope of work (\$190,000).

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the FY 09-10 Final Budget within the Special Revenue Fund – Department of Health Services in the amount of \$159,757 (requires 4/5 vote).

Resolution amending the Departmental Allocation List – Department of Health Services – adding 1.15 FTE positions.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES:

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

Estimated Cost	\$190,000	Contingencies	\$0
		(Fund Name:)	
Amount Budgeted	\$0	Unanticipated Revenue	\$190,000
		(Source: SAMHSA Grant)	
Other Available Appropriations	30,243	Other Transfers	(30,243)
(Explain Below)		(Source: Health Realignment)	
Additional Requested	\$159,757	Additional Funds Requested	\$159,757

Explanation (if required): Grant funds of \$30,243 will reduce the draw on Realignment. The Department is appropriating \$159,757 of the total grant award (\$190,000).

Prior Board Action: None.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Lost opportunity to receive federal funding to support a substance abuse prevention project focused on aging adults in Sonoma County.

Background:

The proportion of the U.S. population aged 50 or older is increasing as the last of the persons born between 1946 and 1964 reach age 50. Sonoma County is already experiencing disproportionate growth in the older adult population. According to US Census data (1990 to 2000) Sonoma County’s population as a whole experienced a growth rate of 18.1%, while the population of those aged 85 and older grew at a rate of 64.7%. This segment of the Sonoma County population also grew faster as compared to the State growth rate of 42.3%.

Table 1: California Department of Finance Population Projections for Growth Rates Between 2000 and 2010

Population Growth Rate 2000 - 2010		
	Sonoma County	California
Total Population	12.5%	15.8%
60+	48%	35.1%
85+	75.5%	47.8%

Source: US Census data for 1990 and 2000.

As the older adult population increases, it is expected to place additional demands on the substance abuse treatment system. Studies project the number of substance dependent and abusing adults aged 50 or older will climb from approximately 1.7 million in 2001 to 4.4 million by 2020. This trend is already evident in admissions to substance abuse treatment, where nationally, older adult admissions (aged 50 or older) increased from 143,900 to 184,400 (from 8 to 10 percent of all admissions) between 2001 and 2005. The number of people age 60 or older who entered publicly funded substance abuse treatment programs in Sonoma County in FY 07-08, increased by 29% from the previous year; the increase from FY 07-08 to FY 08-09 was over 100%.

In spring 2006, the Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Board convened a Senior Substance Abuse subcommittee to explore issues related to senior alcohol and other drug use. A group of community members, and local agencies with staff support from the Department of Health Services (Department), volunteered their time to research the issue and held a series of community forums, presentations, and three annual conferences to raise community awareness. In February 2009, the Department, on behalf of this dedicated group, submitted a request to Senator Diane Feinstein’s office asking for an appropriation of one-time funds to support local planning, data collection, and the formation of partnerships with senior services providers as a first step toward developing local system change to address this emerging issue.

On March 9, 2009, Congress passed the Omnibus Appropriations Act 2009, which included funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The County of Sonoma Department of Health Services was selected to receive SAMHSA funds in the amount of \$190,000 to support a local older adults substance abuse and misuse prevention effort including:

- Formation of an Aging Adult Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition to plan and implement key prevention strategies. Coalition membership includes individuals who represent the consumer population (older adults), family members and caregivers of older adults, organizations/agencies that serve the older adult populations, primary care providers, and alcohol and other drug treatment providers.
- Development of a local public information campaign to increase awareness of the issue and build support for policies that promote early identification of potential substance abuse problems among aging adults.
- Development and delivery of training for family members, caregivers, doctors, treatment providers, and social service providers to support early identification of substance abuse in aging adults through screening and referral.
- Sponsorship of a Sonoma County conference focused on addressing substance abuse in the aging adult population to increase awareness about the issue and the work of the Coalition.

Combined, these strategies will increase awareness of senior substance abuse/misuse and prepare our community to respond to the increasing demand for support and substance abuse treatment services by older adults. If successful, the strategies will address the long term AOD Advisory Group goals of increasing the number of healthy productive years of life, decreasing rates of illness and death due to substance abuse/misuse, and reducing costs of treating substance abuse

related health issues. The project will be evaluated using process measures including the types and numbers of trainings delivered, levels of participation in trainings, presentations, workshops, and conferences, and numbers of providers implementing routine substance abuse screening into their practice.

To implement the proposed program the Department will fund a 0.75 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Health Information Specialist II and a 0.4 FTE Senior Office Assistant to facilitate the development and maintenance of the Aging Adult Coalition, oversee the design and implementation of the public information and provider training components, set up data collection and evaluation processes, and plan and develop the 2010 Sonoma County Aging Adults and Substance Abuse Prevention conference. These positions mitigate layoffs created by the reductions in the FY 09-10 State Budget Reductions approved by the Board on 10/06/2009.

The \$159,757 increase in appropriations includes funds for staff to administer and conduct project activities (\$140,259), with the remainder for operating expenses, services, and supplies required to complete program activities (\$19,498).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Of the \$190,000 in SAMHSA grant funds, the Department is appropriating \$159,757. The remaining \$30,243 will reduce the draw on public health realignment funds. There is no contribution from the General Fund.

Attachments: Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment in the amount of \$159,757; Resolution amending the Departmental Allocation List.

On File With Clerk: SAMHSA Grant Notice of Award.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")	Vote:
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