

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, July 24, 2023

2:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor Lena Tam

Location: Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th fl
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Update from the Commission on the Status of Women [Attachment](#)

Nina Senn, Chair and Commissioner, Commission on the Status of Women, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the activities on the Commission on the Status of Women.

The Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women was created in 1975 to help eliminate discrimination and prejudice against women in areas such as housing, employment, health services, childcare, education, transportation, credit, legal rights and community services.

Highlights

- Women's March in Alameda – January 2023
- Women's Hall of Fame & Supervisor Wilman Chan grants – March 2023
- Board of Supervisors Women's History Month Proclamation – March 2023
- Monthly check-ins with Social Services Agency Director – April 2023
- Brown Act & Bylaw guidance from Alameda County Counsel
- Alameda County Conference of Mayors passed the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Resolution

Ongoing/Open Items

- Grant Implementation
- COSW vacancies
- Legislative platform via Personnel Administration Legislation (PAL) Committee
- Formal response to the COSW/CBO letter to the Board of Supervisors, Social Services Agency and the Public Health Department

The Commission on the Status of Women requests that the Board of Supervisors support, pass and begin implementation of an Alameda County Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) ordinance.

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. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Update from the Veterans Affairs Commission**

[Attachment](#)

Omar Farmer, Chair & Commissioner, Veterans Affairs Commission and Michael Gilmore, Commissioner Chair and Commissioner, Veterans Affairs Commission, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Veterans Service Office Services

- Benefits Eligibility Review
- Disability Compensation (development, processing, appeals) (Entitlement, if granted)
- Non-Service-Connected Pension (Need/income-Based Benefit, if granted)
- Death Pension (need/income based, Survivor Benefit, if granted)
- Dependency Indemnity Compensation (Entitlement, if granted)
- Burial Benefits (Entitlement, if granted)
- Health Care Benefits (Benefit, if granted but may be entitlement depending on service-connection of a claimed disability)
- VA Education Benefits (Entitlement, if granted)
- State (CalVet) Education Benefits for Dependents
- Records Assistance
- DMV Verification Forms
- Income Verifications
- Outreach

The Veterans Affairs Commission recommends the following: 1) A stand alone Veterans Service Office and satellite locations, 2) Improvement to their webpage and social media presence, 3) targeted, coordinated outreach efforts, 3) involvement in justice involved veteran program and re-entry population.

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- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

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III. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Elder Abuse/Adult Protective Services Update**

[Attachment](#)

Sonya Frost, Division Director, Division of Aging and Adult Protection, Social Services Agency and Pamela Powell, Program Manager, Division of Aging and Adult Protection, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Elder Abuse and an update on Adult Protective Services.

Adult Protective Services cases – July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

- 7,349 Reports of Abuse Received in FY 22-23
- 1,066 Either did not meet criteria or were
- previously reported allegations
- 5,513 Opened for Investigation
- 584 Physical Abuse
- 743 Neglect
- 117 Isolation
- 3,053 Self Neglect
- 1,390 Financial Abuse
- 841 Psychological Abuse

Home Safe Pilot Program Update

- Housing First Model (Increasing trends in 50+ experiencing homelessness for the first time).
- Supports the safety and housing stability of APS clients who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- Established in 2018 -\$15 million (24 counties)
- Extended through June 2025- two \$92.5 million allocations (all counties).
- 3 Contracted Vendors.
- Engagement with CDSS, Neighboring Counties, & Change Well Project as a support and resource for strategic implementation and QA.
- 229 clients served by Alameda County to date.

Purpose:

- Report progress**
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

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IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: In-Home Supportive Services and Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services Update

[Attachment](#)

Nicole Hayes, Division Director, In-Home Support Services & Executive Director, Public Authority, Adult & Aging Services, Social Services Agency and Vincent Gordon, Program Manager, In-Home Support Services, Adult & Aging Services, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the In-Home Support Services and Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) engages, serves, and supports Medi-Cal recipients who are aged, blind/visually impaired, and/or have a disability. IHSS authorizes domestic and personal care services to be performed by a paid IHSS provider that allow program recipients to reside safely in their own homes.

In-Home Supportive Services currently has over 27,000 eligible recipients and over 29,000 eligible providers.

IHSS caseload has increased twenty-six (26%) percent since September 2016, while the enrollment of providers has also approximately twenty-five (25%) percent.

Purpose:

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- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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