

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, September 27, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair  
Supervisor Richard Valle

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

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## Summary/Action Minutes

### I. Adult Protective Services Overview

#### [Attachment](#)

Charles Edwards, Program Manager, Adult Protective Services, and Faith M. Battles, Assistant Agency Director, Department of Adult & Aging Services, Social Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on Adult Protective Services Overview.

Adult Protective Services (APS) investigates allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Eligible clients are dependent adults and adults ages 65 and over. APS also coordinates linkage to services, not originally intended as long-term case management.

#### Legislation

AB 135 – APS Eligibility Expansion: Beginning January 1, 2022: definition of Elder for APS eligibility will be lowered to 60 years & older; dependent adult age range will be 18 to 59.

The state anticipates an immediate 20% increase in reports to APS as a result of this change, and nearly that increase is sustained for several years. The County will need to hire a significant number of APS Workers to deal with lowering of the age to 60 on January 1, 2022 FY21/22 Budget: \$70 million toward APS statewide expansion of its client base due to the legislative change.

SB 129 – Home Safe eligibility expansion: Concepts that expand on AB 1811 (the Home Safe pilot program) were adopted in Budget 2021-22 trailer bill language. -It includes individuals who are in the process of intake with APS or who may be served through a tribal social services agency and appear to be eligible for APS, directs offering homelessness prevention and other appropriate services to individuals.

In conclusion, Adult Protective Services staff are deeply committed to their work with and on behalf of vulnerable adults. State and federal efforts to strengthen local APS programs require levels of networking and technical know-how that are new to some, and the department is excited about the changes.

#### **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. In-Home Support Services Program Update

### [Attachment](#)

Marcella Velasquez, Division Director, In-Home Support Services, and Faith M. Battles, Assistant Agency Director, Department of Adult & Aging Services, Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the In-Home Support Services Program.

The presentation included an update on Adult & Aging Department's services, staffing and structure and how the COVID-19 shelter in place order has impacted the community and delivery of services. Also included is recent data on clients, caseloads, caregivers, fund allocations, and services throughout the county for the key programs operated by A&A compared to FY 19-20.

Temporary Modification in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Video/Telephonic visits only for initial assessments that meet the COVID-19 criteria
- Reassessments by videoconference or telephone “until the end of the national emergency”
- Health Care Certification (SOC 873) “Good Cause” extension (45 additional days) allowing IHSS services to be authorized prior to the receipt of the HCC
- State Hearings – telephone hearing process
- AAS lobby closure with limited walk-up window services
- Nine-person limit for in-person orientations and State authorization to conduct remote orientations
- Sick Leave for IHSS Providers: Supplemental Paid Sick Leave (SPSL) – January 1, 2021-September 30, 2021 – up to 80 hours of sick leave in addition to the EPSLA due to COVID-19 impacts and includes time for vaccination appointments.

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## III. Aging Disability Resource Connection Update

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Jennifer Stephens-Pierre, Director, Alameda County Area Agency on Aging and Alameda County Veterans Services Office and Faith M. Battles, Assistant Agency Director, Department of Adult & Aging Services, Social Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Aging Disability Resource Connection.

Aging Disability Resource Connections assist consumers regardless of age, disability, or income in making informed decisions by providing reliable information about available long-term services and supports for their choices of care.

Legislative and Fiscal Supports

- Master Plan for Aging – Initiative #98
- ADRC in State Budget - \$5M to home and community services for (one-time)
  - \$9.4M for Older Adults Digital Divide (one-time)
  - \$10M Increase to Local Assistance (FY 22/23, ongoing)
- Medicaid Admin. Claiming (MAC) for ADRC
- Federal partnership aids sustainability
- California Advancing & Innovating Medi-Cal
- Enhanced Care Mgmt., In-Lieu of Services hold promise

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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