

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sitting/Acting as (if applicable) Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: Sept. 13, 2016 **Approx Start Time:** 10:30 **Approx Length:** 30 minutes

Presentation Title: Clackamas County Area Plan

Department: Health, Housing and Human Services

Presenters: Brenda Durbin, Richard Swift

Other Invitees:

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD? Review of Area Plan and approval to place on a Board of Commissions business meeting agenda as submitted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Every four years Clackamas County Social Services, the Area Agency on Aging for Clackamas County, is required to develop an Area Plan that describes how the agency will use federal Older American Act (OAA) funding and Oregon Project Independence (OPI) funding to assist residents of Clackamas County to remain independent, healthy, and engaged in their communities for as long as possible.

The Plan includes an overview of the agency, county demographic information, current services and programs available to seniors and their caregivers, an assessment of the need for services for older adults and adults with disabilities, and a detailed timeline of goals and activities that will be accomplished during the four year Plan period.

Detailed goals and activities for the following areas are included in the Plan:

- Information and Assistance
- Nutrition Services
- Health Promotion
- Family Caregivers
- Elder Rights
- Behavioral Health for Older Adults
- Volunteerism
- Age Friendly Communities
- Transportation

Successfully accomplishing the activities outlined in the Plan will help the county address Social Determinants of Health and create more Age Friendly Communities.

Demographics

Since the last Area Plan, Clackamas County's overall population has grown, including an increase in the number of older adults from 12.7 percent in 2010 to 16.7 percent today. While the overall number of people living below the poverty line is lower, the number of people aged 60 and older living in poverty has increased from 4,521 to 5,603. Similarly, the number of people with a disability has declined since the last Area Plan in all age groups except for those aged 65 and older, which increased from 18,717 to 19,692

While showing a modest increase, the minority population remains quite low, which creates challenges to providing culturally appropriate support. The lack of adequate public transportation continues to create challenges for seniors and people with disabilities who need to access services.

Service Delivery Network in Clackamas County

Clackamas County is a large and diverse county, covering 1,879 square miles with 17 incorporated cities and towns, as well numerous unincorporated communities. The more urbanized northern section of the county contrasts with the rural southern and eastern portions. In order to serve older adults residing in all areas, Clackamas County Social Services (CCSS) utilizes a single entry approach, working with a comprehensive network of ten Senior, Adult or Community Centers, to ensure that every older adult has easy access to information and services.

Another key access point for services for older adults and persons with disabilities is the Aging and Disability Resource Connection, or ADRC. ADRCs utilize the skills of trained Information and Assistance Specialists to answer questions and direct older adults, caregivers and family members to services and supports. In operation since 2010, in 2013 the Clackamas Resource Connection became part of the regional Metro Aging and Disability Resource Connection and was renamed the Clackamas Aging and Disability Resource Connection.

In addition to the services and programs offered by CCSS, the service delivery system includes a Senior Citizens Council, Clackamas County Behavioral Health, four branch offices of State Department of Human Services/Aging and Persons with Disabilities, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (Title V) and Legal Aid Services of Oregon. CCSS has contractual relationships or active MOUs with all of these organizations.

Planning and Review Process

Clackamas County Social Services (CCSS) conducted a needs assessment for older adults and persons with disabilities from the fall of 2014 through winter 2016. In partnership with other social service agencies, advisory committees, and adult community centers, CCSS documented individual needs and identified ways to make communities more age-friendly.

Scope of Need

The community assessment found common challenges for older adults and persons with disabilities in both urban and rural communities in the areas of transportation, housing, warmth, social inclusion and food security. Poverty is an underlying cause of housing and food insecurity, and under-funded public transportation programs are creating challenges for many to access the services and supports they need to remain living independently in the community of their choosing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing): The submission of an Area Plan is a requirement for continued receipt of Federal Older American Act and State General Fund funding for services for older adults and persons with disabilities.

Is this item in your current budget? YES NO

What is the cost? \$ None

What is the funding source? Federal and State funds

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- How does this item align with your Department's Strategic Business Plan goals?
The services and supports offered to residents of Clackamas County as a result of the funding received through the Older Americans Act and State General Fund programs align with the Department's goals of promoting, assisting individuals, families and communities to be safe, health and to thrive. Easy access to information, home delivered meals, transportation, health promotion activities, and home care, are just a few of the programs made possible due to the efforts of Clackamas County Social Services in its role as an Area Agency on Aging.

- How does this item align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals?
The Area Plan helps to ensure a safe, healthy and secure community by providing older adults and their caregivers to services and supports they need to remain living safely in the community of their choosing.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

The state of Oregon requires a Board adopted Area Plan as a condition of continued receipt of Federal Older American Act and State General Funded programs that serve older adults and persons with disabilities.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

The Draft Area Plan has been posted on the Social Services' website to facilitate public comment.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Adopt the Area Plan as presented at a Board of Commissioners business meeting when it is submitted for adoption.
- 2) Request changes to the Area Plan and those changes will be incorporated into the plan when it is submitted for adoption at a Board of Commissioners business meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Health, Housing and Human Services Department recommends adoption of the Area Plan as submitted.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Area Plan
Executive Summary

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____
Department Director/Head Approval _____
County Administrator Approval _____

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