TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority
SUBJECT: OAAC Annual Report and Placer County Five-Year Plan to Address a Growing Senior Population Third Annual Update

ACTION REQUESTED

BACKGROUND
Approximately 19 percent of Placer County residents are age 65 and older and that number is expected to rise to 27 percent by 2040. This demographic change presents challenges relative to the dignity, independence, health, safety, and overall quality of life for our older adults and for our Placer County Community. This change requires governmental, private, and nonprofit entities to reassess what is currently being done to address the challenges and to reconsider how together we can participate in a cooperative collaboration that is able to meets the needs of our older adults and our community.

The OAAC was established by the Board of Supervisors in 2004 to provide a voice for older adults in county government and to advise the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the creation and delivery of services promoting well-being and quality of life for older adults. Commission responsibilities include submitting an Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors.

The OAAC has been actively involved in various organizational, advocacy, legislative, educational and needs assessment activities. Commission members continued to be engaged in the development and implementation of an Aging Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) as a mechanism to meet the needs of older adults. The OAAC co-sponsored the fourth annual Placer County Elder Abuse Awareness Event “Preparing is Caring” to increase community awareness of elder abuse and the resources available to older adults. Commission members have increased their knowledge and understanding of older adult services and resources throughout the county by hosting several guest speakers at the regular meetings. Through its participation in a number of local organizations, committees, and workgroups, the OAAC has continued to advocate for older adults.

To respond to the growing older adult population, the Health and Human Services (HHS) Adult System of Care developed a Five-Year Plan for Meeting the Needs of a Growing Senior Population in Placer County. The OAAC participated in the creation of the Plan and the initial emphasis was to address the needs of older adults in Placer County by researching and promoting a method to consolidate services and establish a single point of entry for long term services and supports. In developing the plan, the World Health Organization’s (WHO) eight domains were used as the framework to assess age-friendliness and inform how Placer County can best address the growing senior population. The plan was further developed through outreach to local communities and groups, participation in various needs assessments, and research into strategies and best practices. Included in the Five-Year Plan are recommendations and implementation strategies that are intended to be dynamic and informed by ongoing community participation.

In year two the OAAC took a lead role in developing and supporting the implementation of the Five-Year Plan. The OAAC has engaged in discussions to clarify what is possible in our communities and determine
action steps. The OAAC goals were focused on four of the eight WHO domains selected as priority based on critical needs in Placer County; 1) housing, 2) transportation, 3) communication and information, and, 4) community and health information. Each OAAC Commissioner selected a domain and these groups have focused their efforts on updating and accomplishing the goals set forth in the Five-Year Plan for older adults in Placer County.

HHS has continued to support the OAAC and take steps to implement the Plan through the course of its work in the prioritized domains. With recent direction from the Board of Supervisors, HHS is moving forward with the implementation of a 2-1-1 information and referral system. This system will provide a sustainable, centralized point of entry for information and assistance that is greatly needed by older adults and people with disabilities in Placer County. The January 2019 Placer County Point in Time Count found that 16 percent of those counted were adults 60 years or older. HHS continues as a leader in homeless outreach, intake, and assessment and manages several unique programs that serve older adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Programs include Whole Person Care, Full Service Partnership and the new Adult Protective Services grant program Home Safe. Home Safe provides short-term housing crisis intervention services such as rental assistance, deep cleaning for hoarding situations, mental health treatment, intensive case management, and more. Home Safe launched on July 1, 2019 and has assisted 10 clients and spent approximately $10,000 to circumvent homelessness for vulnerable adults. HHS continues to administer the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program which helps pay for care services provided to approximately 3,498 older adults and people with disabilities in Placer County, so that they can remain safely in their own home. HHS also administers the IHSS Public Authority, which acts as the employer of record for approximately 3,407 care providers in Placer County and maintains a Registry that matches IHSS care providers to consumers.

HHS is a member of the OAAC Executive Committee and actively participates in monthly OAAC meetings and events. In addition, HHS is a member of the Placer County Aging and Disability Resource Connections (ADRC) Steering and Advisory Committees. Further, HHS is a member of Placer PROTECT (Providing Resources & Outreach to Elderly Citizens Together) and participates in monthly PROTECT meetings and events. These integral connections support a coordinated, collaborative effort to identify and address the needs of the older adult population in Placer County.

The HHS Adult System of Care respectfully requests that your Board review and accept the Five-Year Plan for Meeting the Needs of a Growing Senior Population in Placer County - Recommendations and Implementation Third Annual Update, and we ask for your continued support in implementing the strategies.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

The Older Adult Advisory Commission FY 2018-19 Annual Report and the Five-Year Plan for Meeting the Needs of a Growing Senior Population - Recommendations and Implementation Third Annual Update are on file with Clerk of the Board for Review.