



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADULT SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** July 12, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: Older Adult Advisory Commission Annual Report

ACTION REQUESTED

Receive a presentation to accept and approve the FY 2021-22 Older Adult Advisory Commission (OAAC) Annual Report.

BACKGROUND

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 continued to actively participate in various organizational, advocacy, legislative, educational and needs assessment activities; as well as making significant progress toward successful accomplishment of its goals for the year. The OAAC goals for FY 2021-22 were focused on four of the World Health Organization's eight domains of livability that influence the quality of life for older adults: 1) housing, 2) transportation, 3) communication and information, and 4) community and health information. The OAAC goals aligned with the goals of the Placer County Five-Year Plan to meet the Needs of a Growing Senior Population, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2016. Each OAAC member focused their efforts on updating and accomplishing the goals set forth in in the Five-Year Plan.

The Five-Year Plan concluded in August 2021 and was successful in making Placer County a more livable, age-friendly community for older adults. With a Letter of Support from the Placer County Board of Supervisors, Placer County Health and Human Services shared the work done on the Five-Year plan with The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and applied to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Cities, Counties and States. On February 11, 2022, Placer County was approved to join the Network, and the County's commitment to promoting, creating, and sustaining an environment that gives residents of all ages the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives was officially recognized.

The OAAC continued to advocate for older adults through participation in a vast number of local organizations and committees, including the Social Services Transportation Advisory

Committee, Agency on Aging/Area 4, California Alliance for Retired Americans, California Association of Caregiver Resource Centers, Alzheimer's Association Program Advisory Committee, Roseville Senior Commission, In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee, California Mental Health, Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board, Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras, and many more. In addition, OAAC members were actively involved in the development and successful implementation of the Placer County Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), which was fully designated by the California Department of Aging on September 15, 2021.

The OAAC members also continued to increase their knowledge and understanding of older adult services and resources throughout the county by hosting several guest speakers at the regular meetings. Presentation topics included: Confronting Ageism and Ableism in the Pandemic Wake, Introduction to Aging in the LGBTQ Community, Beautiful Minds – Senior Peer Counseling, Connecting Point 211, Placer County Superior Court – Legal Self-Help, HomeShare American River, and many more.

With the Placer County Five-Year Plan concluded, the OAAC will now be shifting its focus and reportable goals to local implementation of the California Master Plan for Aging (MPA). As a joint project of the Placer County ADRC and the Agency on Aging/Area 4, the OAAC will be using the MPA Local Playbook as a structure and guide for implementation of the goals of the MPA in Placer County.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

The FY 2021-22 Older Adult Advisory Commission Annual Report is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.