

**MEMORANDUM  
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Adult System of Care**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.  
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Maureen Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

**DATE:** May 12, 2009

**SUBJECT:** 2008 Older Adult Advisory Commission (OAAC) Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Older Adult Advisory Commission (OAAC) respectfully requests that your Board accept and approve its 2008 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 on the status of services for older adults.

In 2008, OAAC goals were focused in two areas: a) completion of an older adult needs assessment; and b) expanding the visibility of the Commission throughout Placer County, including having the Commission become more proactive at encouraging public input.

To meet the needs assessment goal for 2008, the Commission took a leadership role in working with the needs assessment consultant to complete the Older Adult Needs Assessment in April 2008. The assessment was presented to the Board of Supervisors at the August 5, 2008 meeting and highlighted that older adults in Placer County were healthy, thriving, and socially active, that they want to maintain their independence, and that they want help that will allow them to remain independent.

In 2008, the OAAC also explored a number of options for expanding OAAC visibility and to encourage public input. The Commission developed a brochure and purchased a banner to be used at community events, developed and launched the OAAC website, and had a booth at the October 25<sup>th</sup> "Strategy for Successful Aging" conference and resource fair at William Jessup University.

For 2009, the OAAC will continue to explore ways to expand Commission visibility and to encourage public input, such as being represented at community health fairs and senior events, and doing press releases and newspaper articles/stories. The Commission will also host two community forums to present the needs assessment results. In addition, the Commission will prioritize the needs and suggested strategies identified in the Needs Assessment Report and explore current and future resources for implementation of the strategies to meet the needs of older adults in Placer County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This action has no fiscal impact to the County General Fund.

The 2008 Annual Report is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

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