



Advisory Council for Aging & Independence Services

April 8, 2024 | 12:00 p.m.

Southeastern Live Well Center
5101 Market St. San Diego, CA 92114
Tubman Chavez Room

Virtual Participation

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AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order:** Stephen Huber, Chair
 - a. Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Guest/Member Introductions
 - c. Confirmation of Quorum (quorum = 11)
2. **Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Council Member, if applicable.** (Possible Action)
3. **Standard Business**
 - a. Public Comment/Announcements: Members or non-members
 - b. Approval of March 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes (Action)*
4. **AIS Director's Items** (Possible action)
 - a. AIS Director's Update
 - b. Board Letter: AIS Fiscal Year 24/25 Revenue (Action)*
5. **Guest Speakers**
 - a. CalAIM Update, *Kristen Smith, Chief, Agency Operations*
 - b. AIS Contracts Unit, *Rorick Luepton, Principal Administrative Analyst*
Delilah Bisase, Registered Dietitian
6. **Executive & Membership Subcommittee Report/Other Business** (Possible action)
 - a. Chair's Report: Stephen Huber, Chair
 - i. Subcommittee Appointments and Updates
 - a) Long Term Care Ombudsman & Facilities Subcommittee:
Appointment of Bradlyn Mulvey (Action)



- b. Membership Report: Wanda Smith, Secretary
 - i. Appoint Richard Spiering to full term (Action)
Seat #17, effective immediately, to expire 4/7/28
 - ii. Appoint Paul Monarrez to partial term (Action)
Seat #28, effective immediately, to expire 9/28/24
- c. Board of Supervisors Annual Visits (Dates posted as confirmed):
 - i. District #1: Vargas [Vacant/Larkins] 10/26/2023
 - ii. District #2: Anderson [Vacant/Nocon] TBD
 - iii. District #3: Lawson-Remer [King/Osborne] 1/16/2024
 - iv. District #4: Montgomery Steppe [Vacant/Vacant]
 - v. District #5: Desmond [Vacant/Vacant]

7. **Ancillary Subcommittee Oral Reports** (Possible action)

- a. LTC Ombudsman/Facilities (met 3/18/24): Dan McNamara, Chair
- b. Healthy Aging (met 3/11/24): Wanda Smith, Chair
- c. Housing (met 4/8/24): Smith Sirisakorn, Chair
- d. Nutrition (met 4/3/24): Susan Mallett, Chair

8. **Other Announcements**

9. **Adjournment & Next Meetings:**

Meetings are held at 5560 Overland Ave. Ste. 310, San Diego, 92123

Virtual meeting details are included on agendas at www.aging.sandiegocounty.gov/AISAdvisoryCouncil

Council Meeting: May 13, 2024, 12 noon

Future Subcommittee Meetings:

- LTC Ombudsman/Facilities: 4/15/24 11:30 a.m. [3rd Mondays]
- Executive & Membership: 4/23/24 9:00 a.m. [4th Tuesdays]
- Nutrition: 5/1/25 1:00 p.m. [1st Wednesdays]
- Healthy Aging: 4/8/24 2:00 p.m. [2nd Mondays]
- Housing: 5/13/24 10:30 a.m. [2nd Mondays]

This meeting is public, and the location is ADA accessible. If you are planning to attend and need special accommodations, please call (858) 495-5885 at least three days in advance of the meeting.

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MINUTES - DRAFT

Members		Absent Members	Guests
Attendance	Faye Detsky-Weil Stephen Huber Ted Kagan Shirley King Ethel Larkins Elaine Lewis Susan Mallett Silvia Martinez Dan McNamara Bradlyn Mulvey Molly Nocon John Osborne Casey Reyer (virtual) Jacqueline Simon Smith Sirisakorn Wanda Smith Kristine Stensberg Pualani Vazquez	Mina Kerr Taryn Patterson	Justin Alexander (virtual) Taylor Bandel (virtual) Sharon Beckas (virtual) Nadine Branch (virtual) Knut Brookshier Craig Chapman (virtual) Joshua Chun (virtual) Tamara Degner (virtual) Taylor De Knikker (virtual) Dustin Du (virtual) Sina Farzad (virtual) Mariel Garcia (virtual) Jilaire Hernandez Erik Jensen (virtual) Thomas Johnson (virtual) JP Ledee (virtual) Jenna MacRae (virtual) Carrie McClellan (virtual) David Milroy Carolina Murillo (virtual) Brock Nakachi (virtual) Thuong Nguyen (virtual) Lyle Pavuk (virtual) Trina Pham (virtual) Martha Plazola Julia Quintero Martinez (virtual) Mary Rodelo Jenna Scheuerman (virtual) Richard Spiering Jeffery Stork (virtual) Lexi Striler (virtual) Henry Vasquez (virtual) Sierra Walcott (virtual)
	Staff		
	Kendall Bremner Wendy Garcia Samantha Hasler Julia Homitano Sally Jackson (virtual) Bryan Johnson	Jana Jordan Brynn Viale Long Skyler Moore Matthew Parcasio Kristen Smith	
Outcome			
1. Call to Order	Stephen Huber, Chair, 12:00 p.m. a. Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance b. Guest/Member Introductions c. Confirmation of Quorum: <u>18 present at this time.</u>		

2. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Council Member, if applicable.	None.
3. Standard Business	<p>a. Public Comment/Announcements: Members or non-members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Advisory Council Meeting in April is the annual offsite meeting located at the Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market St. San Diego, 92114. <p>b. Approval of February 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes (Action)* [M/S – E. Larkins / J. Simon (Passed with 17 votes, J. Osborne abstained.)]</p>
4. Area Plan 2024 – 2028	<p>a. Presentation & Discussion Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area Agency On Aging Purpose Area Plan Components Community Input Opportunities Feedback Sessions – Planning Stage Regional Public Feedback Sessions Public Feedback Sessions – Spanish, Arabic, People Living with Dementia Needs Assessment Results Goals and Objectives Service Unit Plan (SUP) Minimum Percentage Aging Roadmap Action Plan Area Plan Ad Hoc Subcommittee <p>b. Public Hearing Comment</p> <p>c. Consideration of Acceptance</p> <p>d. Authorize Chair of Advisory Council to sign Letter of Transmittal (Action)* [M/S – T. Kagan / E. Lewis (Passed with 18 votes.)]</p>
5. AIS Director's Items	<p>a. AIS Director's Update: Brynn Viale, AIS Deputy Director Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naomi couldn't be here today. She is in Washington, D.C. at an Aging Policy Briefing for US Aging, so Brynn will be covering the director's items. Every four years, the Older Americans Act requires each AAA to submit a new Area Plan describing the AAA's future activities over the coming four years and its efforts to identify the needs of older adults, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers. The Area Plan 2024-2028 Board letter set to be heard on April 9th, 2024. Board action is required every four years to authorize submittal of the AIS Area Plan and authorize the Agency Director or designee to sign and submit the following update years. <p>b. Board Letter: Authorize Submittal of the Aging & Independence Services Area Plan 2024-2028 and Authorize the Agency Director or Designee to Sign and Submit Subsequent Area Plan 2024-2028 Documents as Required by the California Department of Aging (Action)* [M/S – J. Osbourne / B. Mulvey (Passed with 18 votes.)]</p> <p>c. Boards, Commissions, and Committees Member Feedback: Term Limits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Diego County Board of Supervisors Policy A-74 states that membership on a Board, Commission or Committee must be limited to two consecutive terms. This is consistent with our own bylaws. For some Boards/Committees, the Board of

	Supervisors can waive A-74 and reappoint members beyond term limits – this would be for Supervisor-appointed seats only. However, the foundational code for our Council does not allow this. County Counsel is seeking input from members of our Council on this topic, specifically if they feel that this causes challenges in maintaining membership and if there is an interest in removing the language that restricts the Board from waiving A-74 for our Council.
6. Executive & Membership Subcommittee Report/Other Business	<div>a. Chair’s Report: Stephen Huber, Chair</div> <div><div>i. Subcommittee Appointments and Updates</div><div>a) Convene the Budget Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Action)*</div><div><div>- Role: Review the AIS Fiscal Year (FY) 24/25 Budget Build and provide input into the AIS FY 24/25 Budget presentation.</div><div>- Term: March 11, 2024, through approval of the AIS FY 24/25 Budget.</div><div>- Membership: Elaine Lewis, Susan Mallett, Silvia Martinez, Smith Sirisakorn, and Kristine Stensberg</div></div><div>[M/S – E. Larkins / J. Simon (Passed with 18 votes.)]</div></div> <div>b. Membership Report: Wanda Smith, Secretary</div> <div>c. Board of Supervisors Annual Visits (Dates posted as confirmed):</div> <div><div><div>i. District #1: Vargas</div><div>[Vacant/Larkins]</div><div>10/26/2023</div></div><div><div>ii. District #2: Anderson</div><div>[Vacant/Nocon]</div><div>TBD</div></div><div><div>iii. District #3: Lawson-Remer</div><div>[King/Osborne]</div><div>1/16/2024</div></div><div><div>iv. District #4: Montgomery Steppe</div><div>[Vacant/Vacant]</div><div></div></div><div><div>v. District #5: Desmond</div><div>[Vacant/Vacant]</div><div></div></div></div>
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8. Other Announcements	<div>a. No announcements.</div>
9. Adjournment & Next Meetings	<div>Meeting adjourned: 1:50 p.m.</div> <div>Next Council Meeting: April 8, 2024, 12:00 p.m.</div> <div>Southeastern Live Well Center, 5101 Market St. San Diego, 92114</div> <div>Future Subcommittee Meetings:</div> <div><div>➤ LTC Ombudsman/Facilities:</div><div>3/18/24</div><div>11:30 a.m.</div><div>[3rd Mondays]</div></div> <div><div>➤ Executive & Membership:</div><div>3/26/24</div><div>9:00 a.m.</div><div>[4th Tuesdays]</div></div> <div><div>➤ Nutrition:</div><div>4/3/24</div><div>1:00 p.m.</div><div>[1st Wednesdays]</div></div> <div><div>➤ Healthy Aging:</div><div>3/11/24</div><div>2:00 p.m.</div><div>[2nd Mondays]</div></div> <div><div>➤ Housing:</div><div>4/8/24</div><div>10:30 a.m.</div><div>[2nd Mondays]</div></div>

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julia Homitano.



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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First District

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Fourth District

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Fifth District

DATE: April 30, 2024

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF OLDER ADULT SERVICES REVENUE AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, AND GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRAMS SERVING OLDER ADULTS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has demonstrated a long-term commitment to enhancing programs focused on the safety and well-being of older adults and persons with disabilities. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) serves as the region's federally designated Area Agency on Aging and administers these programs. On May 2, 2023 (4), the Board approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 revenue agreements to fund various programs supporting older adults and persons with disabilities, allowing them to remain safely in their homes and access needed community resources. On January 23, 2024 (2), the Board approved an additional FY 2023-24 revenue agreement to further support and expand these programs and services. These services support the goals and objectives established in AIS' 2024-2028 Area Plan which was approved by the Board on April 9, 2024 (6). Additionally, these services align with the Aging Roadmap, the County's regional plan to ensure that the region has programs and communities that equitably support the needs and leverage the contributions of all older adults in San Diego County. This item requests the Board authorize acceptance of \$31,420,829 of federal, State, and grant revenue agreements and memorandums of understanding for FY 2024-25 to support these programs and services.

If approved, today's actions would authorize the acceptance of grant funding, authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute revenue agreements and memorandums of understanding upon receipt, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to pursue future funding opportunities. These actions support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by ensuring the County will continue to receive federal, State, and other funding to administer needed programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities.

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RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Waive Board Policy B-29: Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Full Cost Recovery, which requires full cost recovery of grants and revenue contracts.
2. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute, upon receipt, the following revenue agreements, memorandums of understanding, and grants:
 - California Department of Aging Agreements
 - Area Plan Agreement (AP-2425-23)
 - Older Californians Act Modernization (OM-2223-23 & NM-2324-23)
 - Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HI-2425-23)
 - SNAP-Ed/CalFresh Healthy Living and CalFresh Expansion (CF-2223-23)
 - Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MI-2425-23)
 - Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MS-2425-07)
 - California Department of Aging Memorandum of Understanding for Area Plan services, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act Programs (AAA-2425-23)
 - San Diego Gas & Electric (Cool Zone program)
 - Fee for Service Contracts
 - Veterans Administration San Diego Healthcare System (Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Service Program)
 - San Diego State University Research Foundation/Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program
 - University of California San Diego – Dementia Aware
3. Authorize the Clerk of the Board, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to execute all required documents related to the revenue agreements, memorandums of understanding, and grants in Recommendation 2, including any extensions, amendments or revisions thereto that do not materially impact either the program or the funding level.
4. Authorize acceptance of the grant from the Corporation for National & Community Service for the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program.
5. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to apply for future funding opportunities that support programs serving older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

There are approximately 710,000 San Diegans over the age of 60, and by 2030, that number is expected to grow to more than 850,000. Additionally, the county's population over the age of 85 is projected to diversify and grow faster than any other age group. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) provides a wide array of services to meet the needs of this growing population and ensures the welfare of older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities. To understand and respond to the needs of

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the community, in Fall 2023, AIS conducted 17 community feedback sessions with older adults, caregivers, persons with disabilities, and service providers across a range of topic areas and localities throughout the county. Translation services for the feedback sessions were made available in San Diego County's threshold languages and were held at senior centers, community centers, and similar locations with support from partner and service organizations. AIS will continue to seek community input and feedback through public hearings held annually during the annual update of the Area Plan, a planning document required by the California Department of Aging to receive Older Americans Act funds. Community input and collaboration is also obtained through Aging Roadmap community teams, comprised of community members, subject matter experts, and County staff to develop and implement goals in the 10 priority areas of the Aging Roadmap. Today's recommendations will allow the County to continue administering vital programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities, improving the quality of life for equity-seeking groups of all ages including Black, Indigenous, and people of color, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, and the LGBTQIA+ community.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Working with partners to improve and expand programs and services that contribute to the safety and welfare of older adults and persons with disabilities will advance the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being of everyone in the region. Specifically, programs and services provided with this funding allow older adults and persons with disabilities to remain safely in their homes and access needed community resources. Additionally, the funded programs help meet the needs of caregivers, reduce isolation and increase social connections. These efforts are designed to improve overall health and well-being and reduce barriers for underserved populations, which benefits individuals as well as the community at large, including younger generations today and as they age.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs of \$32,154,112 and revenue of \$31,420,829 in FY 2024-25. The funding sources are:

- State General Fund, Federal Medicaid Program;
- Titles III and VII of the Older Americans Act;
- Older Californians Act Modernization;
- Federal and State Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program;
- Federal SNAP–ED/CalFresh – Healthy Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;
- Health plans and other healthcare entities;
- San Diego Gas & Electric;
- Veterans Administration San Diego Healthcare System;
- San Diego State University Research Foundation; and

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- Corporation for National & Community Service.

A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. B-29 costs are \$733,283 for FY 2024-25 and will be funded with existing General Purpose Revenue allocated for these programs. The public benefit for providing these services, which allow older adults and those with disabilities to remain safely in their homes and access resources, far outweighs these costs. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

The Aging & Independence Services Advisory Council reviewed this item at their regular meeting on April 8, 2024 and recommended _____.

BACKGROUND

According to the California Department of Finance's population projections, of the nearly 3.3 million people currently residing in San Diego County, approximately 710,000 are adults aged 60 or older. By 2030, the number of adults 60 years and older in San Diego County is expected to increase to more than 850,000. Additionally, the fastest growing age group in San Diego County, those 85 years and older, is projected to increase from an estimated 72,600 in 2024 to nearly 87,600 in 2030. The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has maintained a commitment to programs that ensure the welfare of older adults and persons with disabilities in San Diego County. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) administers these programs. Today's actions request authorization to continue to receive annual funding from the following revenue agreements, memorandums of understanding, and grants for various programs benefiting older adults and persons with disabilities throughout San Diego County:

AREA PLAN AND OLDER CALIFORNIANS ACT MODERNIZATION AGREEMENTS (\$23,233,243)

The Area Plan agreement of \$19,415,830 contains State and federal revenue (Titles III and VII of the Older Americans Act (OAA)) and \$3,817,413 of Older Californians Act Modernization funding disbursed by the OAA. This agreement requires County matching funds of \$699,810. Funding from the two agreements will be utilized in several contracts, as well as through direct services provided by AIS, to fund various OAA and Federal Administration on Aging services and programs for older adults, including nutrition, social support, preventive health services, and the local Ombudsman and Family Caregiver Support programs. This funding supports more than 1.5 million nutritious home-delivered meals and congregate meals to more than 8,000 participants annually; investigation of approximately 1,000 cases by the Long-Term Care Ombudsman to resolve complaints related to care or personal rights at long-term care facilities or other licensed

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facilities; support services for older adults such as legal services, transportation, and visits at long-term care facilities to provide companionship; instructors for health promotion activities such as chronic disease self-management and Tai Chi programs for more than 300 individuals; and supports to family caregivers such as respite services, support groups, educational assistance, legal services, and home modifications. In addition to this Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 revenue agreement, previously accepted and executed revenue agreements are being amended to include funding for multiple fiscal years. The California Department of Aging is intending to transition from revenue agreements to a multi-year Memorandum of Understanding for the Area Plan. In accordance with the requirement of the California Department of Aging, the amended revenue agreements and memorandums of understanding require execution by the Clerk of the Board.

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM AGREEMENT (\$714,308)

The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) is a State and federally funded volunteer-supported program that assists individuals and families with Medicare and other health insurance concerns. AIS also oversees the HICAP program for Imperial County through a contracted service provider. This revenue funds the HICAP program to conduct over 90 community education forums about healthcare-related issues and provide counseling and advocacy to assist over 5,300 individuals with health billing claims and insurance annually. The \$714,308 allocation was determined by the State. The California Department of Aging is intending to transition from revenue agreements to a multi-year Memorandum of Understanding for HICAP. In accordance with the requirement of the California Department of Aging, the revenue agreement and memorandum of understanding require execution by the Clerk of the Board.

SNAP-ED/CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING and CALFRESH EXPANSION AGREEMENT (\$728,811)

In FY 2022-23 SNAP-Ed/CalFresh Healthy Living and CalFresh Expansion funding were combined into one agreement and included funding for multiple federal fiscal years. The CalFresh Healthy Living (known federally as SNAP-Ed) federal funding provides nutrition education for CalFresh-eligible populations. The FY 2024-25 funding will allow AIS to provide nutrition education and physical activity programs for new cohorts and reach approximately 250 older adults through different virtual offerings and in-person at various older adult service sites. AIS will also provide training and technical assistance to community partners on implementing policy, system, and environmental changes to improve older adults' access to healthy food and physical activity. CalFresh Expansion, as part of the FY 2018-19 State Budget Omnibus Trailer Bill, Assembly Bill 1811, expanded CalFresh benefit eligibility to include persons receiving or authorized to receive both Supplemental Security Income program and State Supplementary Payment program benefits, provided all other eligibility criteria are met. In FY 2023-24, funds were used to provide information regarding the expanded CalFresh eligibility and application assistance to approximately 2,000 older adults in San Diego County. The FY 2024-25 funding will allow AIS to not only provide outreach and application assistance, but also voter registration information. The \$728,811 allocation, which includes \$564,645 for SNAP-Ed/CalFresh Healthy Living and

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\$164,166 for CalFresh Expansion were determined by the State. The original FY 2022-23 agreement for \$448,546 was amended to include the FY 2023-24 allocation of \$1,050,569 and FY 2024-25 allocation of \$728,811 for a total revised contract amount of \$2,227,926 covering three federal fiscal years. In accordance with the requirement of the California Department of Aging, the amended revenue agreement requires execution by the Clerk of the Board.

MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT AGREEMENT (\$281,195)

The Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) provides federal funding for outreach to Medicare beneficiaries who are likely to be eligible but are not currently receiving supplemental Medicare benefits. This revenue allows AIS, through a contract with a community-based organization, to provide outreach activities to enroll eligible Medicare beneficiaries countywide into the Low-Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Program, enroll beneficiaries residing in rural areas in Medicare Part D benefits, provide education on disease prevention, and increase the awareness of expanded Medicare wellness and benefits. The current FY 2023-24 funding provides for approximately 700 Low-Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Program applications for enrollment of new beneficiaries. The \$281,195 allocation was determined by the State. The California Department of Aging is intending to transition from revenue agreements to a multi-year Memorandum of Understanding for MIPPA.

MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM AGREEMENT (\$3,679,572)

The Multipurpose Senior Services Program provides State and federal funding for case management for eligible older adults aged 65 and over who receive Medi-Cal and are at-risk for institutional care. The program allows these frail older adults to remain in their homes safely at a lower cost than nursing homes. The program maintains a caseload of approximately 690 older adults and serves these clients for as long as needed. The \$3,679,572 allocation was determined by the State.

SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC AGREEMENT (\$35,000)

The County's award-winning Cool Zone program provides relief from the heat for hundreds of individuals throughout San Diego County through funding from San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E). Working with local community establishments, the program focuses on older adults, persons with disabilities, or anyone looking to escape the extreme heat during the summer, particularly those living in inland communities where summer temperatures are highest. Funding is utilized to pay for contracted phone staff who help identify Cool Zones for the public and to cover the cost of mailing electric fans to those who qualify. During the summer months of 2023, nearly 700 electric fans were distributed, and nearly 300 calls were received by Cool Zone phone staff. The \$35,000 allocation was determined by SDG&E.

FEE FOR SERVICE CONTRACTS (\$27,550)

AIS enters into revenue agreements with hospitals, health plans, and other healthcare entities to improve coordination of care and chronic disease self-management for vulnerable residents.

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Currently, AIS has a revenue agreement with Partners in Care Foundation to provide evidence-based fall prevention and chronic disease self-management education workshops for older adults and caregivers. Participants may be referred directly by Partners in Care Foundation or through collaboration with a network of other partners. Through this agreement, AIS serves approximately 100 participants per year. The \$27,550 allocation was determined based on a fixed rate per participant per class and the number of classes projected by AIS.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AGREEMENT (\$2,440,572)

This funding allows AIS to continue to provide a veteran-directed care program serving veterans of any age who need assistance with activities of daily living, are isolated, or whose caregiver is experiencing burden. Through federal funding, the program provides the opportunity for veterans to receive home and community-based services to avoid institutionalization and to continue to live in their homes and communities. Currently, an average of 45 veterans are served by the program on a monthly basis. The increase in funding for FY 2024-25 will allow the program to expand and serve up to 90 veterans per month. The \$2,440,572 allocation was determined by the Veterans Directed Home and Community Based Service program.

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY/GERIATRIC WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (\$125,000)

This funding allows County staff to support the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) and efforts facilitated by a federal grant received by San Diego State University's (SDSU's) San Diego Imperial Geriatric Education Center (SDIGEC). A subgrant to AIS in the amount of \$125,000 is budgeted for County staff to participate in the SDIGEC Leadership Team meetings, to provide dementia-friendly and related training to local service providers, and to create and update a dementia caregiver guide as well as sector specific guides containing information and tips for recognizing and working with people who may live with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. The \$125,000 allocation was determined by SDSU based upon the GWEP award.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO/DEMENTIA CARE AWARE (\$44,000)

The Dementia Care Aware funding allows AIS staff to contribute to outreach, engagement, referrals, and caregiver support, in addition to providing expertise pertaining to local dementia aligned initiatives and training of service providers. Dementia Care Aware provides a statewide standard of care for dementia screening in California through equity-focused, culturally appropriate training for primary care providers across all payers, including Medicare, Medi-Cal, and other coverage. The \$44,000 allocation was determined by the University of California San Diego based upon the overall allocation of Dementia Care Aware funds for the San Diego region.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT (\$111,578)

This federal grant funds the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, which encourages older adults aged 55 and older to participate in their communities through volunteer service opportunities. AIS administers the program, which currently has 994 volunteers who record over 214,000 volunteer

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hours annually. This grant requires County matching funds of \$33,473. The \$111,578 allocation was determined by the Corporation for National & Community Service.

In addition to requesting authorization to continue to receive annual funding for the programs listed above, today's actions request authorization to pursue future funding opportunities to further support goals and priorities within the Aging Roadmap and ensure communities support the health, safety, and wellness of residents of all ages.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan Initiatives of Sustainability (Resiliency), Equity (Health), and Community (Quality of Life), and the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision by continuing services that assist vulnerable older adult, disabled residents, their caregivers, and military veterans of San Diego County.

Respectfully submitted,

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