

The 60+ Year Old Population the Other Gold in El Dorado County



Area Agency on Aging

Area Plan for 2020-2024 2021-2022 Area Plan Update

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AREA PLAN UPDATE (APU) CHECKLIST PSA 29

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n/a	B) APU- (submit entire APU electronically only)	\boxtimes]
2, 3, or 4	C) Estimate- of the number of lower income minority older individuals in the PSA for the coming year	\boxtimes	
7	D) Public Hearings- that will be conducted		
n/a	E) Annual Budget]
10	F) Service Unit Plan (SUP) Objectives and LTC Ombudsman Program Outcomes	\boxtimes	
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5	Minimum Percentage/Adequate Proportion		
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9	System-Building and Administration		
9	Title IIIB-Funded Programs		
9	Title IIIB-Transportation		
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20	Title IIIE-Family Caregiver Support Program		
9	HICAP Program		
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14	Notice of Intent-to Provide Direct Services		
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This Area Plan is hereby submitted to the California Department of Aging for approval. The Governing Board and the Advisory Council have each had the opportunity to participate in the planning process and to review and comment on the Area Plan. The Governing Board, Advisory Council, and Area Agency Director actively support the planning and development of community-based systems of care and will ensure compliance with the assurances set forth in this Area Plan. The undersigned recognize the responsibility within each community to establish systems in order to address the care needs of older individuals and their family caregivers in this planning and service area.

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The EI Dorado County Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Planning and Service Area (PSA) 29, developed the 2021-2022 Area Plan Update, the first update to the annual 2020-2024 Area Plan for Senior Services. As required by the federal Older Americans Act and in accordance with direction from the California Department of Aging (CDA), the 2020-2021 Area Plan Update is developed for submittal to CDA. The Annual Update provides the mechanism through which the AAA reports on modifications to the Area Plan as necessary to accommodate changing service needs as well as increases or decreases in grant funding levels and availability of other resources. The Update details the status of annual objective accomplishments and discusses the impact of activities undertaken during the first fiscal year of the 2020-2024 planning cycle.

The information provided by CDA in the Population Demographic Projections by County and PSA for Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) report, the 60+ senior population in El Dorado County continues to steadily increase. The increase from 2018 to 2019 was 1.02%; 5.64% from 2019 to 2020 and is projected to increase 3.91% from 2020 to 2021. The overall increase from 2018 to 2021 are expected to be 10.89%%. The table below details the changes in the demographics for PSA 29.

Demographics	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change from 2018 to 2021
Population 60+	55,406	55,970	59,128	61,438	10.89%
Non-Minority 60+	48,876	49,375	51,790	54,005	10.49%
Minority 60+	6,530	6,595	7,338	7,433	13.83%
Low Income 60+	4,260	4,580	4,880	5,375	26.17%
Medi-Cal Eligible 60+	4,364	4,555	4,592	4,724	8.25%
Geographic Isolation 60+	16,600	16,600	16,600	16,600	0.00%
SSI/SSP* 65+	769	801	823	814	5.85%
Population 75+	16,003	16,164	17,647	18,206	13.77%
Lives Alone 60+	8,525	8,760	8,930	9,675	13.49%
Non-English Speaking	415	530	605	460	10.84%

*Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment

Reviewing the demographic data above, the number of seniors meeting the criteria for need based programs continues to increase. The percentage of low income seniors has increased significantly by 26.17% over the last four years, the percentage of Medi-Cal eligible seniors has increased 8.25%, and the percentage of SSI/SSP eligible seniors increased 5.85%.

The table also identifies 16,600 seniors 60+ living in geographic isolation, which may be misleading due to the nature of our County. The California State Plan on Aging defines geographic isolation as rural areas compared to urban highly densely settled core areas. El Dorado County only contains two cities, Placerville and South Lake Tahoe. Many areas of the County are rural areas but not necessarily isolated areas.

El Dorado County has a myriad of services available to low income seniors. These include In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV), Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Programs, Senior Legal Services, Family Caregiver Support Program, Senior Nutrition Congregate and Home Delivered Meals. The Information and Assistance Program can provide appropriate referrals for seniors, disabled and low income individuals to these programs and others within the community by evaluating their unique needs and helping them make informed decisions about needed community-based programs and available support services.

There is also an increase in non-English speaking seniors. The non-English speaking senior population has increased 10.84%. The Area Agency on Aging will continue to meet the needs of the non-English speaking population; the Information and Assistance Program has Spanish speaking assistance available Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 4:00pm. Program Staff also have access to interpreters and translation services to assist with languages other than English and Spanish.

Local statistics suggest that older adults in El Dorado County are an increasing demographic group, reflecting that older adults are "aging in place." Examples of this are in the 75+ population which increased 13.77%, as well as seniors living alone which increased 13.49% from 2018 to 2021.

COVID-19 and the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order required the AAA be creative and change the way services were delivered. Many of the objectives within the Area Plan have been placed on hold. All in-person activities were cancelled effective March 2020 and remain closed. Governor Newson has stated that the economy will be re-opening on June 15, 2021. What this means for AAA programs and other services provided to seniors is still unknown. The new "normal" is yet to be discovered.

AAA and Senior Program staff reconfigured many programs and significant accomplishments were achieved by the El Dorado County AAA during the first year of the 2020-2024 planning cycle. These accomplishments and activities demonstrate the AAA's commitment to assess the needs of older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers in the community and make responsive improvements to enhance the service delivery system. These accomplishments include:

Increased Meals Served by Senior Nutrition Services

Due to COVID-19, the Senior Nutrition Congregate Meal Program closed all of its dining rooms. Senior Nutrition created a drive through Take-Out Meal program at the congregate sites. Two of the six sites were determined to be unsafe for the drive through Take-Out meals due to traffic patterns. The remaining six sites provide daily hot lunches to seniors. Contactless delivery is available. The Take-Out meals provide staff an opportunity to check in with seniors on a regular basis.

The Home Delivered Meals Program remains unchanged. The resilience of our volunteers, many of them seniors, continue to remind us of their dedication to serving others. They deliver daily and weekend frozen meals to vulnerable home bound seniors. Outreach efforts for additional volunteer drivers are conducted on a regular basis.

Senior Nutrition Services continues to maintain the health and wellness of older adults through good nutrition and an important safety net to help older adults remain independent and connected to their communities. The Senior Nutrition program has increased significantly since the closure of congregate sites in March 2020. During the week of the March 16, 2020, (first week of the closure), 449 Take Out meals were provided to 122 unduplicated seniors. During the week of March 22, 2021, 1,721 Take-Out Meals were provided to 423 unduplicated seniors. Home Delivered Meals during the week of March 16, 2020, 2,350 provided meals to 453 unduplicated seniors. One year later, during the week of March 22, 2021, 3,102 home delivered meals were provided to 525 unduplicated seniors!

Senior Nutrition Program	Week 3/16/2020	Week 3/22/2021	Increase	Percent
Congregate/Take Out Meals Provided	449	1,721	1,272	283%
Unduplicated Seniors Served	122	422	300	246%
Home Delivered Meals Provided	2,350	3,102	752	32%
Unduplicated Seniors Served	453	525	72	16%

This herculean effort is not possible without the dedicated staff of our Senior Nutrition Program and our volunteers.

Grocery Boxes

The AAA received additional funding from CDA and created a grocery box program for seniors. Each week, seniors were provided with a grocery box of staples such as butter, eggs, cheese, fruits and vegetables that could be combined to create several meals during the week, thereby reducing the need for seniors to go to the grocery store and risk potential exposure to COVID-19. The grocery boxes were available to seniors during the Take-Out meal pick-up and provided with the home delivered meal program. Since the program began in May of 2020, the AAA Senior Nutrition Program has provided 17,107 grocery boxes. Our funding has been expended and the program has ended.

Phone Appointments

AAA programs, such as Senior Legal Services and Family Caregiver Support, changed their service model to telephone appointments only until CDA and the El Dorado County Public Health Officer determines it safe to resume in-person services. Senior Legal Services has received an increase in calls regarding evictions, both from seniors who are being evicted and from landlords who are dependent upon the property rent as a source of income to pay the mortgage and other living expenses as well as an increase in requests for restraining orders. Family Caregiver Support Program has received an increase in requests for respite care.

COVID-19 Vaccine Line

Due to the rural nature of EI Dorado County, many seniors do not have access to reliable and affordable internet services. Appointments for vaccines are made on-line and those seniors without internet, computer skills or family members to assist them, are unable to make appointments to receive the vaccine. Spearheaded by the AAA's Information and Assistance (I&A) program, a vaccine line for seniors was created. I&A staff provide one-on-one appointment assistance to qualified seniors. Within 24-hours, the Vaccine Line received 658 calls. On the second day of operation, the Vaccine Line received an additional 588 calls.

Accomplishments of the Commission on Aging (COA)

The COA is an integral part of the AAA and assists in the development and completion of many of the goals and objectives contained within the Area Plan. In addition to the Area Plan goals and objectives, highlighted below are several COA accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022.

Zoom

All in-person meetings have been cancelled as of March 2020. The COA meetings converted to the virtual platform, Zoom. Commissioners were provided training on the different features and have increased their expertise in virtual meetings. In addition, the various committees are meeting via Zoom. This will continue until it is considered safe to once again meet in-person.

COA Retreat

The COA held its annual retreat on February 18, 2021. This retreat was held via Zoom and attended by a majority of the COA Commissioners. Although the format was different, the COA focused on developing the priorities and direction for 2021. New committees have been created to focus on the priorities established during this retreat.

New Committees

Four new committees were developed during the retreat: Aging in Place/Caregiving, Communications, Housing for Seniors, and Lifelong Learning. The COA looks forward to once again being out in public, meeting with other seniors to learn more about needs, challenges, and advocating for solutions within El Dorado County.

Rack Cards

The Outreach and Education Team created rack cards for distribution to various offices and agencies within the community. These rack cards were also provided to the Placerville Police Department. The rack cards contain information on the Commission on Aging and senior services provided within the county.

Disaster Preparedness HAM Radio Program

As a rural county, PSA 29 is subject to Public Safety Power Outages (PSPS) and wildfires. During a PSPS, internet and cell phone is often interrupted and/or not available. A Commissioner worked closely with the local Amateur Radio Club (ARC) to install repeaters in different areas of the county that, in the event of an emergency, will broadcast factual information regarding the status of the emergency.

Bilingual Services Available Through the Information and Assistance Program

Of those community members seeking services who are non-English speakers, Spanish continues to be the predominant language spoken. Bilingual services for Spanish speaking older adults and their families are available Monday through Friday, 7:00am – 4:00pm through the Information and Assistance Program.

AARP Tax-Aid Program

Due to COVID-19, the AARP Tax-Aid program re-invented their service model. Instead of office appointments, clients drop off their tax documents to tax preparers in the parking lot.

The taxes are prepared in the office while the client waits in their car. Once the tax filing is complete, the AARP tax preparer returns the documents to the client in the parking lot. Due to social distancing requirements, the number of available voluntary AARP tax preparers has been significantly reduced.

Volunteer Appreciation Gift Bags

Volunteers are the cornerstone of our AAA services. Many of our programs rely on volunteers to maintain their current levels of excellent service. In order to show our appreciation and gratitude, instead of an in-person event, staff will be creating 220 individual volunteer appreciation gift bags for distribution.

Section 7: Public Hearings

Due to COVID-19 and the State of California's Shelter-in-Place Order, the Public Hearing for the 2020 – 2024 Area Plan was held as a Zoom meeting in conjunction with the Commission on Aging meeting. An overview of the goals and objectives developed as a result of the community needs assessment were presented at the public hearing to solicit public input and insure opportunities for older adults to provide oral and written testimony to the development of the Plan.

In June 2020, the public notice for the 2020 - 2024 Area Plan was posted in the Mountain Democrat Newspaper and the on-line newspaper in the South Lake Tahoe area.

July 7, 2020 Via Zoom Virtual Meeting El Dorado County Commission on Aging Meeting

SECTION 7 PUBLIC HEARINGS

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At least one public hearing must be held each year of the four-year planning cycle. CCR Title 22, Article 3, Section 7302(a)(10) and Section 7308, OAA 2006 306(a)

Fiscal Year	Date	Location	Number of Attendees	Presented in languages other than English? ¹ Yes or No	Was hearing held at a Long-Term Care Facility? ² Yes or No
2020-2021	7/7/20	Zoom Virtual Meeting	23	Νο	No
2021-2022	4/15/21	Zoom Virtual Meeting	22	Νο	No
2022-2023					
2023-2024					

The following must be discussed at each Public Hearing conducted during the planning cycle:

1. Summarize the outreach efforts used in seeking input into the Area Plan from institutionalized, homebound, and/or disabled older individuals.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman was a key participant in the development of goals and objectives in the Area Plan. The Commission on Aging distributed copies of the Needs Assessment Survey to various agencies throughout the county. The Needs Assessment was also distributed to all home delivered meal participants. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 additional outreach efforts were not conducted.

² A translator is not required unless the AAA determines a significant number of attendees require translation services. 3 AAAs are encouraged to include individuals in LTC facilities in the planning process, but hearings are not required to be held in LTC facilities.

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COVID-19 restrictions remained in place during FY 2021-2022 update period and it is not deemed safe to hold an in-person public hearing with institutionalized, homebound and/or disabled individuals. The Public Hearing for the APU was held virtually in conjunction with the Commission on Aging.

- 2. Were proposed expenditures for Program Development (PD) and Coordination (C) discussed?
 - Yes. Go to question #3
 - Not applicable, PD and C funds are not used. Go to question #4
- 3. Summarize the comments received concerning proposed expenditures for PD and C
- 4. Attendees were provided the opportunity to testify regarding setting of minimum percentages of Title III B program funds to meet the adequate proportion funding for Priority Services

Yes. Go to question #5

- Summarize the comments received concerning minimum percentages of Title III B funds to meet the adequate proportion funding for priority services. None
- 6. List any other issues discussed or raised at the public hearing.

There was a concern regarding Objective 4.1, Explore the feasibility of creating a Volunteer Coordinator position within HHSA. It was noted that this is very needed due to the high number of volunteers utilized within HHSA. A Volunteer Coordinator is needed to be the central point of contact, tracking volunteer applications, process required documents, and record volunteer hours.

FY 2021-2022 Area Plan Update: The Commission on Aging requested two additional accomplishments (Rack Cards and the Disaster Preparedness HAM Radio Program) be added to the Commission on Aging accomplishments.

7. Note any changes to the Area Plan which were a result of input by attendees. There will be no changes to the Area Plan as a result of the Public Hearing.

FY 2021-2022 Area Plan Update: The additional Commission on Aging Accomplishments will be added to the Significant Accomplishments Fiscal Year 2020-2021 section.

Section 9: Area Plan Narrative Goals and Objectives

The Area Plan outlines the strategies the AAA will use to achieve its top priority issues. The Plan includes five goals, each encompassing strategic objectives that focus on the AAA's response to identified needs of older adults and caregivers. The planning process seeks to improve the lives of our most vulnerable people in need, to build on the County's capacity to provide comprehensive aging and disabled services, and to use allocated resources effectively and more efficiently. The plan serves to educate and inform the public, service providers, and local officials. It also guides aspects of AAA decision-making and budget development.

The 2020-2024 Area Plan Update was developed with a particular focus on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning and delivery of a continuum of aging services. Through the implementation of this plan, the AAA seeks to provide far-reaching education and understanding of the choices and opportunities that exist to enhance the quality of life of El Dorado County's older residents. The five goals and 31 objectives of the four-year plan, have been updated with their 2021-2022 status.

COVID-19 has presented many challenges to the way the AAA has historically provided services and required modifications to our existing programs and services to safely provide services to our seniors. As development and implementation of organizational activities evolve, revisions will be made as necessary in response to the ever-changing landscape of our community and the persons we serve.

The 60+ Year Old Population ... the Other Gold in El Dorado County celebrates successful aging in our community and provides direction to the AAA and Commission on Aging in addressing the identified needs of older adults and their caregivers. We are confident that our coordination across service systems will continue to make El Dorado County a desirable place in which to live and age with dignity.

Section 9 - Area Plan Narrative Goals and Objectives

Goal # <u>1</u>____

Goal: Outreach

Rationale: The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) offers many services within the Planning Service Area (PSA) that can be of benefit to many seniors. In order to maximize the awareness and usage of programs, effective outreach is necessary. This will enhance the ability of older adults to make decisions regarding appropriate and available services.

List Objective Number(s) and Objective(s) [Refer to CCR Article 3, Section 7300 (c)]	Projected Start and End Dates	Title IIIB Funded PD or C ³	Update Status ⁴
1.1. Create a marketing campaign and schedule to increase identity in the community and promote AAA and other services of benefit to seniors. The marketing schedule would include monthly press releases, articles/features in local magazines, media lists, Facebook, twitter, etc. Explore the feasibility of a Senior Services Facebook account	7/1/20-6/30/22		New
Measurement: Number of press releases and/or articles/features in magazines			
The COVID-19 Pandemic and the California Governor's Stay-at- Home order presented a challenge for many of the services provided by the AAA. Many of our services were cancelled or were changed to phone appointments only. A senior services Facebook page has been developed and utilized to disseminate information. As El Dorado County moves into less restrictive tiers, PSA 29 will be developing marketing plans to announce re-opening of programs.			Continuou s
1.2. Contact mobile home park managers, apartment managers, local churches, etc. to distribute complimentary lunch coupons and menus to seniors.	7/1/20-6/30/24		New
Measurement: Increase in number of congregate senior nutrition meals			
This objective has been placed on hold until the Congregate Meal sites are able to re-open for in-person dining. Only take-out meals are being provided at this time.			On Hold

³ Indicate if Program Development (PD) or Coordination (C) is the objective (cannot be both). If a PD objective is not completed in the timeline required and is continuing in the following year, any objective revision must state additional tasks.

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1.3 Host Information & Assistance sessions prior to or after lunch at nutrition sites in Placerville, Diamond Springs, and El Dorado Hills once or twice per year. Feature a panel of speakers. Distribute complimentary lunch coupons. Explore the feasibility of a senior services event.	7/1/22-6/30/24		New
Measurement: Number of presentations		-	
This objective is on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of our congregate dining sites.		(On Hold
1.4 The COA, in conjunction with AAA, will explore opportunities to work with the County School Districts to provide Senior Program Information to extended families, especially in outlying areas.	7/1/20-6/30/24		New
Measurement: Number of presentations to school boards and principals			
This objective is on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This objective will be revisited when the county moves into and remains in the least restrictive tier.			On Hold

<u>Goal: 2</u>

Goal: Engaging the Changing Senior --- Availability and Increasing Access of Aging Services

Rationale: The majority of senior services are provided at the dedicated senior centers located in Placerville, El Dorado Hills, and South Lake Tahoe. The senior population is continuing to increase at a rapid rate and expanded services are needed in all areas, especially South Lake Tahoe and outlying areas of the county. The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) strives to provide opportunities and services for seniors in all communities, as appropriate.

List Objective Number(s) and Objective(s) [Refer to CCR Article 3, Section 7300 (c)]	Projected Start and End Dates	Title IIIB Funded PD or C ⁵	Update Status ⁶
2.1 Explore new and innovative ideas to increase interest and attendance at congregate meal sites. Possibilities include: new or alternative entrees, increasing frequency of favorites, types of frozen meals, entertainment or informational events, etc.Measurement: Increased number congregate of meals served	7/1/20-6/30/24		New
This objective is on hold. The congregate meal sites were closed in March 2020 and remain closed at this time. PSA 29 has converted the congregate meals to Take-Out meals. The number of Take-Out meals provided has increased significantly. We are providing more than 1,600 meals per week to over 400 seniors.			On Hold
 2.2 Re-vamp the Senior Shuttle program to align with the needs of the seniors and with the goal of increasing ridership. Explore the feasibility of expanding door-to-door services for seniors and disabled in rural and under-served communities Survey seniors to gather ideas, attend focus groups, and create a pilot program Measurement: Increased Ridership 	7/1/23-6/30/24		New
2.3 Multiple activities and classes occur at the Placerville Senior Center on a daily basis. Explore the use of the current AAA data base or the purchase of a compatible data base to track the	7/1/23-6/30/24		New

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attendance at various classes and activities held at the Placerville Senior Center.Measurement:Implementation of Attendance System		
2.4 Continue to collaborate with 211 to ensure that the on-line data base contains up-to-date information on services available in El Dorado County.	7/1/20-6/30/24	New
Measurement: Reduction in basic information calls		
The AAA continues to collaborate with 211 regarding information on applicable COVID-19 related information, program availability, and other applicable topics. Due to the pandemic, it is not possible to quantify if there was a reduction in basic information calls because of the closure of services, the Stay at Home Order or the availability of the 211 service.		Continued
2.5 Senior Health Education Program (SHEP) will continue to sponsor the Tai Chi for Better Balance evidence-based class twice per week at the Placerville Senior Center. SHEP will also sponsor the evidence based class, Bingocize at an off-site location.	7/1/20-6/30/24	New
Measurement: Class attendance		
Both Tai Chi for Better Balance and Bingocize classes have been cancelled since March 2020. These classes are on hold until the re- opening of the Placerville Senior Center for in-person instruction and meetings. The Bingocize class will also be on hold until in-person instruction can be safely provided.		On Hold
2.6 Develop a Fall Prevention Program that meets the requirements of the Dignity at Home Fall Prevention Funding.	7/1/20-6/30/21	New
Measurement: Implementation of Program		
This objective has not been completed and is moved to next year. An RFQ was released by the county, however, no responses were received. The AAA is continuing to contact agencies/contractors to locate a vendor.	7/1/21-6/30/22	Continued

Section 9 - Area Plan Narrative Goals and Objectives

Goal # <u>3</u>

Goal: Emergency Preparedness					
Rationale : El Dorado County is a rural county in Northern California and extreme heat in the summer. In addition, because of its rural natu mudslides and floods. The PG&E Planned Power Outages have affect especially in the more remote areas.	ire, the county is pre	disposed to w	ild fires,		
List Objective Number(s) and Objective(s) [Refer to CCR Article 3, Section 7300 (c)]	Projected Start and End Dates	Title IIIB Funded PD or C ⁷	Update Status ⁸		
 3.1 Distribute Public Safety Power Outage preparedness information and CodeRED Information during the spring, summer, and fall months. Assist older adults in signing up for CodeRED notifications in the event of an emergency (earthquakes, evacuations, etc.) in El Dorado County. Measurement: Number of Assistance with Sign-Ups 	7/1/20-6/30/24		New		
CodeRED awareness was published in the Senior Times newsletter and flyers were distributed to home delivered meal clients and Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) clients. Due to COVID-19, in- person sign up assistance was not provided.			Continued		
3.2 Provide CDA approved Emergency Non-Perishable Meals to all home delivered meal participants when conditions warrant and/or when there is an advance notice of a power shut-off	7/1/20-6/30/24		New		
Measurement: Number of emergency meals distributed					
In anticipation of summer and fall PSPS events, Senior Nutrition distributed 802 perishable meals through our Take-Out Meal program and 1,006 perishable meals to our home delivered meal clients. During January 2021, a total of 73 meals were distributed to our Take-Out meal clients and 792 were provided to our home delivered meal clients. The AAA will continue to monitor the weather, emergency situations, and PSPS events and provide emergency non-perishable meals as appropriate.			Continued		

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3.3 To increase awareness and educate consumers on Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events and Wildfire Safety, staff will host semiannual presentations/workshops throughout El Dorado County.	7/1/20-6/30/24	New
Measurement: Number of participants attending the presentations/workshop		
In-person presentations and workshops are currently on hold. As soon as it is deemed safe, the in-person events will begin.		On Hold
3.4 To ensure medically needy households are enrolled in the Medical Baseline Program through their electricity company, staff will assist clients 60 and older enroll in the program.	7/1/20-6/30/24	New
Measurement: Number of households 60+ years old enrolled in the Medical Baseline Program		
Staff assisted with the enrollment of 234 clients into the Medical Baseline Program		Continued
3.5 The Senior Times will feature quarterly articles focusing on PSPS outages and resources/tools.	7/1/20-6/30/24	New
Measurement: Number of Articles submitted		
Five (5) articles regarding PSPS outages resources/tools were featured in the Senior Times.		Continued
3.6 Staff will explore the possibility of providing medically fragile households with emergency portable power devices in the event of a PSPS event.	7/1/20-6/30/24	New
Measurement: Number of devices distributed		
Independent Living Centers received a grant from PG&E to provide emergency portable power devices. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provided three (3) referrals to this agency		Continued
3.7 Distribute magnets for refrigerators displaying Senior Nutrition contact information in the event of severe weather or PG&E Planned Power Shut-Offs. Clients can contact Senior Nutrition regarding their meal service.	7/1/20-6/30/24	New
Measurement: Number of magnets distributed		
Refrigerator magnets displaying Senior Nutrition's contact information were distributed in the Spring of 2020 to all Take Out and Home Delivered meal clients. All new Senior Nutrition clients receive a magnet along with information about senior services and a Vital Health Packet. We have distributed over 900 refrigerator magnets.		Continued

Goal # <u>4</u>

Goal: Volunteering, Civic Engagement, Community C	ollaboration		
Rationale: The Older Adults Needs Assessment identified Volunte The majority of our senior programs would not be as robust without the seniors are engaged in their communities and feel that they are neede	e assistance of volu		
List Objective Number(s) and Objective(s) [Refer to CCR Article 3, Section 7300 (c)]	Projected Start and End Dates	Title IIIB Funded PD or C ⁹	Update Status
4.1 Explore the feasibility of creating a Volunteer Coordinator position within HHSA.Measurement: New Position	7/1/23-6/30/24		New
4.2 Recruit and maintain volunteers to assist in various programs. Develop a volunteer pool. If appropriate, volunteers would be assigned to specific programs and work directly with the program supervisor.	7/1/20-6/30/24		New
Measurement: Number of volunteers Many of our volunteers are seniors. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in many of volunteers no longer being available. Staff, community agencies and groups, such as El Dorado Transit and the National Charity League, stepped up to volunteer in the Senior Nutrition Program, delivering meals, packing grocery boxes, working in the food line preparing meals, etc. The AAA has also recruited 60 new volunteer home delivered drivers. I&A recruited one new volunteer along with community outreach efforts with the local Hands4Hope organization who packed outreach letters for I&A and provided handwritten notes to seniors who received grocery boxes. Outreach is conducted on a continuous basis.			Continued
4.3 LTCOP will conduct recruitment activities and schedule training to increase the number of State-Certified Ombudsman volunteers from 7 to 10 by 6/30/2021. LTCOP will add five (5) new training	7/1/20-6/30/21		New

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topics to its local curriculum for certified Ombudsman volunteers by 6/30/2021.		
Measurement: Number of LTC Volunteers and the number of certification training topics		Continued
Due to limited staffing, this objective was partially completed and activities are continued into the next planning cycle, FY 2021/2022. Five (5) new training topics including infection control, communication and advocacy during a crisis, trauma-informed advocacy, compassion fatigue, and effects of social isolation have been developed for its local volunteer certification curriculum. The long-term care facility visitation restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic limited Ombudsman services to remote resident advocacy. The focus of the program has shifted to resumption of in-person facility visitation rather than volunteer recruitment.		Continued
4.4 LTC Ombudsmen will conduct biannual community trainings which may include APS, FCSP, law enforcement, single entry points, hospital organizations, church groups, colleges, etc.	7/1/21-6/30/22	New
Measurement: Number of trainings		
4.5 LTCO will collaborate with APS and local law enforcement to coordinate efforts to investigate and response to reports of abuse in long-term care facilities with appropriate consent from the victim. The LTCOP will establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with APS and law enforcement by 06/30/2021.	7/1/20-6/30/21	New
Measurement: Number of MOUs		
Staffing resources are limited. The long-term care facility visitation restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic limited Ombudsman services to remote resident advocacy. The focus of the program has shifted to resumption of in-person facility visitation rather than coordination with protective services.		Continued
4.6 The COA in conjunction with AAA will meet with the senior communities throughout the County to explore the housing needs of seniors within the County.	7/1/20-6/30/22	New
Measurement: White Paper		
As result of their recent virtual retreat in March 2020, the COA has developed a new committee to research affordable housing needs for seniors.	7/1/21-6/30/23	Revised
4.7 Develop senior focused programs within the EI Dorado County Library system.	7/1/22-6/30/22	New
Measurement: Number of programs		

4.8 Explore the Village Concept. Collaborate with and provide outreach to underserved or under represented populations within the county.	7/1/21-6/30/22	New
Measurement: Number of outreach presentations		
4.9 Explore the feasibility of a restaurant voucher program for weekend breakfast or lunch.	7/1/22-6/30/24	New
Measurement: Implementation of voucher program		

Section 9 - Area Plan Narrative Goals And Objectives

Goal # <u>5</u>

Goal: Education & Training

Rationale: The Older Adults Needs Assessment identified Education as an area of interest to many seniors. The survey also identified many seniors are caring for their spouses who have physical limitations and memory or cognitive deficiencies. Training will provide these seniors with support and education to become effective caregivers.

List Objective Number(s) and Objective(s) [Refer to CCR Article 3, Section 7300 (c)]	Projected Start and End Dates	Title IIIB Funded PD or C ¹¹	Update Status
5.1 The Area Agency on Aging and COA will collaborate with Barton Medical Center in South Lake Tahoe and Marshall Medical Center in Placerville to promote an increase in attendance in the evidence based class, Power Tools for Caregivers which will be held twice per year.	7/1/20-6/30/24		New
Measurement: The number of unduplicated attendees in each class.			
This objective is on hold due to COVID-19 pandemic. The class, Powerful Tools for Caregivers will resume when it is deemed safe to hold in-person classes.			On Hold
5.2 FCSP will continue to provide/facilitate support groups in South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado Hills. A new support group will be piloted in another area of the county.	7/1/20-6/30/24		New
Measurement: Number of support groups held			
FCSP hosts the Alzheimer's Association South Lake Tahoe group the first Wednesday of the month via Zoom. Due to COVID-19 and unreliable internet service in the Divide area of the County, FCSP is not hosting the Divide Support via Zoom. The support group was meeting the second Tuesday of the month.			Continued
5.3 Educate general public from high school students to seniors. Curriculum for understanding the aging process and the various programs available for seniors and their family.	7/1/23-6/30/24		New

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Measurement: Courses held, number of attendees		
5.4 Collaborating with facility staff and discharge planners, LTCOP will be alerted to at-risk residents, new residents, un-befriended residents and those lacking regular visitors. By 12/30/20, LTCOP will have established protocol to ensure vulnerable residents are identified.	7/1/20-6/30/24	New
Measurement: Established policy and procedure		
Staffing resources are limited. The long-term care facility visitation restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic limited Ombudsman services to remote resident advocacy. The focus of the program has shifted to resumption of in-person facility visitation rather than specific population targeting.		Continued
5.5 FCSP will facilitate and sponsor two caregiver education series in location South Lake Tahoe, one mini-series in Placerville, and another mini-series in an outlying area. Measurement: Number of attendees	7/1/20-6/30/24	New
The Caregiver Education series are on hold until meetings and		 On Hold
classes can be in-person. Stable and affordable internet services are not available in parts of the county and this has an impact on participation in virtual events.		

Section 10: Service Unit Plan (SUP) Objectives Guidelines

SECTION 10 - SERVICE UNIT PLAN (SUP) OBJECTIVES

PSA <u>29</u>

TITLE III/VIIA SERVICE UNIT PLAN OBJECTIVES CCR Article 3, Section 7300(d)

The Service Unit Plan (SUP) uses the National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS) Categories and units of service. They are defined in the <u>NAPIS State Program Report (SPR)</u>

For services <u>not</u> defined in NAPIS, refer to the <u>Service Categories and Data Dictionary and</u> the National Ombudsman Reporting System (NORS) Instructions.

 Report the units of service to be provided with <u>ALL funding sources</u>. Related funding is reported in the annual Area Plan Budget (CDA 122) for Titles IIIB, IIIC-1, IIIC-2, IIID, and VIIA. Only report services provided; others may be deleted.

Home-Delivered Meal

Unit of Service = 1 meal

Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers (if applicable)
2020-2021	120,000	1, 2,3	3.2, 3.7
2021-2022	120,000	1, 2, 3	3.2, 3.7
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

Assisted Transportation (Access)

Unit of Service = 1 one-way trip

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	Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers (if applicable)
	2020-2021	6	1, 2	
	2021-2022	6	1, 2	
	2022-2023			
	2023-2024			

Congregate Meals

Unit of Service = 1 meal

Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers (if applicable)
2020-2021	50,000	1, 2, 4	1.2, 2.1, 4.9
2021-2022	50,000	1, 2 4	1.2, 2.1, 4.9
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

Transportation (Access)

Unit of Service = 1 one-way trip

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Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers (if applicable)
2020-2021	4	1, 2	
2021-2022	4	1, 2	
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

Legal Assistance

Unit of Service = 1 hour

Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers (if applicable)
2020-2021	5,000	1, 2, 4, 5	
2021-2022	5,000	1, 2, 4, 5	
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

Nutrition Education

Unit of Service = 1 session per participant

Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers (if applicable)
2020-2021	6,000	5	
2021-2022	6,000	5	
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

Information and Assistance (Access)

Unit of Service = 1 contact

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Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers (if applicable)
2020-2021	9,000	1, 2, 3	1.3, 2.4
2021-2022	9,000	1, 2, 3	1.3, 2.4
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

Outreach (Access)

Unit of Service = 1 contact

Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers (if applicable)
2020-2021	300	1, 2, 3	1.2
2021-2022	300	1, 2, 3	1.2
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

2. NAPIS Service Category – "Other" Title III Services

- Each <u>Title IIIB</u> "Other" service must be an approved NAPIS Program 15 service listed on the "Schedule of Supportive Services (III B)" page of the Area Plan Budget (CDA 122) and the CDA Service Categories and Data Dictionary.
- Identify <u>Title IIIB</u> services to be funded that were <u>not</u> reported in NAPIS categories 1–14 and 16. (Identify the specific activity under the Other Supportive Service Category on the "Units of Service" line when applicable.)

Title IIIB, Other Priority and Non-Priority Supportive Services

For all Title IIIB "Other" Supportive Services, use the appropriate Service Category name and

Unit of Service (Unit Measure) listed in the CDA Service Categories and Data Dictionary.

- Other **Priority Supportive Services include**: Alzheimer's Day Care, Comprehensive Assessment, Health, Mental Health, Public Information, Residential Repairs/Modifications, Respite Care, Telephone Reassurance, and Visiting
- Other **Non-Priority Supportive Services include**: Cash/Material Aid, Community Education, Disaster Preparedness Materials, Emergency Preparedness, Employment, Housing, Interpretation/Translation, Mobility Management, Peer Counseling, Personal Affairs Assistance, Personal/Home Security, Registry, Senior Center Activities, and Senior Center Staffing

All "Other" services must be listed separately. Duplicate the table below as needed.

Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers
2020-2021	14,000	1, 2, 3	
2021-2022	14,000	1, 2, 3	
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

Other Supportive Service Category Telephone Reassurance Unit of Service =1 Contact

Other Supportive Service Category Public Information

Unit of Service =1 Activity

Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers
2020-2021	15	1, 2, 3	
2021-2022	15	1, 2, 3	
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

3. Title IIID/ Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Enter the name of the proposed program to be implemented, proposed units of service and the Program Goal and Objective number(s) that provide a narrative description of the program, and explain how the service activity meets the criteria for evidence-based programs described in PM 15-10 if not ACL approved.

Unit of Service = 1 contact

Service Activities: <u>Health Promotions - Powerful Tools for Caregivers, Tai Chi Moving</u> for Better Balance

Title IIID/ Disease Prevention and Health Promotion: Enter required program goal and objective numbers in the Title III D Service Plan Objective Table below:

Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers (Required)
2020-2021	650	2	2.5
2021-2022	650	2	2.5
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

Service Activities: Health Promotions - Bingocize

Title IIID/ Disease Prevention and Health Promotion: Enter required program goal and objective numbers in the Title III D Service Plan Objective Table below:

Fiscal Year	Proposed Units of Service	Goal Numbers	Objective Numbers (Required)
2020-2021	36	2	2.5
2021-2022	36	2	2.5
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

TITLE IIIB and Title VIIA:

LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM OUTCOMES

2020–2024 Four-Year Planning Cycle

As mandated by the Older Americans Act, the mission of the LTC Ombudsman Program is to seek resolution of problems and advocate for the rights of residents of LTC facilities with the goal of enhancing the quality of life and care of residents.

Each year during the four-year cycle, analysts from the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (OSLTCO) will forward baseline numbers to the AAA from the prior fiscal year National Ombudsman Reporting System (NORS) data as entered into the Statewide Ombudsman Program database by the local LTC Ombudsman Program and reported by the OSTLCO in the State Annual Report to the Administration on Aging (AoA).

The AAA will establish targets each year in consultation with the local LTC Ombudsman Program Coordinator. Use the yearly baseline data as the benchmark for determining yearly targets. Refer to your local LTC Ombudsman Program's last three years of AoA data for historical trends. Targets should be reasonable and attainable based on current program resources.

Complete all Measures and Targets for Outcomes 1-3.

Outcome 1. The problems and concerns of long-term care residents are solved through complaint resolution and other services of the Ombudsman Program. [OAA Section 712(a)(3),(5)]

Measures and Targets:

A. Complaint Resolution Rate (NORS Element CD-08) (Complaint Disposition). The average California complaint resolution rate for FY 2017-2018 was 73%.

1. FY 2018-2019 Baseline Resolution Rate:		
Number of complaints resolved + Number of partially resolved complaintsdivided by		
the Total Number of Complaints Received 78 = Baseline Resolution Rate%		
FY 2020-2021 Target Resolution Rate 62.82%		
2. FY 2019-2020 Baseline Resolution Rate:		
Number of complaints resolved <u>21</u> + Number of partially resolved complaints <u>0</u> divided by		
the Total Number of Complaints Received $37 = Baseline Resolution Rate 57\%$		
FY 2021-2022 Target Resolution Rate 57%		
3. FY 2020-2021 Baseline Resolution Rate:		
Number of complaints resolved + Number of partially resolved complaints		
divided by the Total Number of Complaints Received = Baseline Resolution Rate		
%		
FY 2022-2023 Target Resolution Rate%		

4. FY 2021-2022 Baseline Resolution Rate:
Number of complaints resolved + Number of partially resolved complaints
divided by the Total Number of Complaints Received = Baseline Resolution Rate
%
FY 2023-2024 Target Resolution Rate%
Program Goals and Objective Numbers: 4.3, 4.4, 4.5

B. Work with Resident Councils (NORS Elements S-64 and S-65)

- 1. FY 2018-2019 Baseline: Number of Resident Council meetings attended <u>55</u> FY 2020-2021 Target: <u>16</u>
- 2. FY 2019-2020 Baseline: Number of Resident Council meetings attended <u>22</u> FY 2021-2022 Target: <u>22</u>
- 3. FY 2020-2021 Baseline: Number of Resident Council meetings attended FY 2022-2023 Target: _____
- 4. FY 2021-2022 Baseline: Number of Resident Council meetings attended ______ FY 2023-2024 Target: _____

Program Goals and Objective Numbers: _____

C. Work with Family Councils (NORS Elements S-66 and S-67)

1.	FY 2018-2019 Baseline: Number of Family Council meetings attended	1	
	FY 2020-2021 Target: <u>1</u>		
2	EX 2019-2020 Baseline: Number of Family Council meetings attended 0)	

- FY 2019-2020 Baseline: Number of Family Council meetings attended <u>0</u> FY 2021-2022 Target: <u>0</u>
- 3. FY 2020-2021 Baseline: Number of Family Council meetings attended _____ FY 2022-2023 Target: _____
- 4. FY 2021-2022 Baseline: Number of Family Council meetings attended _____ FY 2023-2024 Target: _____

Program Goals and Objective Numbers:

D. Information and Assistance to Facility Staff (NORS Elements S-53 and S-54) Count of instances of Ombudsman representatives' interactions with facility staff for the purpose of providing general information and assistance unrelated to a complaint. Information and Assistance may be accomplished by telephone, letter, email, fax, or inperson.

1.	FY 2018-2019 Baseline: Number of Instances 154		
	FY 2020-2021 Target: <u>200</u>		
2.	FY 2019-2020 Baseline: Number of Instances <u>328</u>		
	FY 2021-2022 Target: <u>328</u>		
3.	FY 2020-2021 Baseline: Number of Instances		
	FY 2022-2023 Target:		
4.	FY 2021-2022 Baseline: Number of Instances		
	FY 2023-2024 Target:		
Pro	Program Goals and Objective Numbers:		

E. Information and Assistance to Individuals (NORS Element S-55) Count of instances of Ombudsman representatives' interactions with residents, family members, friends, and others in the community for the purpose of providing general information and assistance unrelated to a complaint. Information and Assistance may be accomplished by: telephone, letter, email, fax, or in person.

1.	FY 2018-2019 Baseline: Number of Instances <u>512</u> FY 2020-2021 Target: <u>240</u>	
2.	FY 2019-2020 Baseline: Number of Instances <u>392</u> FY 2021-2022 Target:	
3.	FY 2020-2021 Baseline: Number of Instances FY 2022-2023 Target:	
4.	FY 2021-2022 Baseline: Number of Instances FY 2023-2024 Target:	
Pro	Program Goals and Objective Numbers:	

F. Community Education (NORS Element S-68) LTC Ombudsman Program participation in public events planned to provide information or instruction to community members about the LTC Ombudsman Program or LTC issues. The number of sessions refers to the number of events, not the number of participants. This cannot include sessions that are counted as Public Education Sessions under the Elder Abuse Prevention Program.

1.	FY 2018-2019 Baseline: Number of Sessions <u>9</u> FY 2020-2021 Target: <u>2</u>		
2.	FY 2019-2020 Baseline: Number of Sessions <u>2</u>		
	FY 2021-2022 Target: <u>2</u>		
3.	FY 2020-2021 Baseline: Number of Sessions		
	FY 2022-2023 Target:		
4.	FY 2021-2022 Baseline: Number of Sessions		
	FY 2023-2024 Target:		
Pro	Program Goals and Objective Numbers:		

G. Systems Advocacy (NORS Elements S-07, S-07.1)

One or more new systems advocacy efforts must be provided for each fiscal year Area Plan Update. In the relevant box below for the current Area Plan year, in narrative format, please provide at least one new priority systems advocacy effort the local LTC Ombudsman Program will engage in during the fiscal year. The systems advocacy effort may be a multiyear initiative, but for each year, describe the results of the efforts made during the previous year and what specific new steps the local LTC Ombudsman program will be taking during the upcoming year. Progress and goals must be separately entered each year of the fouryear cycle in the appropriate box below.

Systems Advocacy can include efforts to improve conditions in one LTC facility or can be county-wide, state-wide, or even national in scope. (Examples: Work with LTC facilities to improve pain relief or increase access to oral health care, work with law enforcement entities to improve response and investigation of abuse complaints, collaboration with other agencies

to improve LTC residents' quality of care and quality of life, participation in disaster preparedness planning, participation in legislative advocacy efforts related to LTC issues, etc.) Be specific about the actions planned by the local LTC Ombudsman Program. Enter information in the relevant box below.

FY 2020-2021

FY 2020-2021 Systems Advocacy Effort(s): (Provide one or more new systems advocacy efforts)

Effective March 16, 2020, the State Ombudsman directed Ombudsman representatives to refrain from conducting facility visits. LTCO representatives will continue to resolve complaints, protect rights, and promote access to services for residents before, during, and after emergencies, including the COVID-19 crisis. Ombudsman representatives provide remote advocacy services by regularly contacting facilities, residents, resident representatives, families, and resident councils by phone, Skype, and window visits.

FY 2021-2022

Outcome of FY 2020-2021 Efforts:

FY 2021-2022 Systems Advocacy Effort(s): (Provide one or more new systems advocacy efforts)

Restriction of activities beyond recommended infection control and prevention measures has been a subject of complaint investigations throughout the pandemic. To better serve the residents and prospective residents and determine the quality of engagement in activities, LTCO representatives will survey residents to identify the level and relevancy of activity programs.

FY 2022-2023

Outcome of FY 2021-2022 Efforts:

FY 2022-2023 Systems Advocacy Effort(s): (Provide one or more new systems advocacy efforts)

FY 2023-2024

Outcome of 2022-2023 Efforts:

FY 2023-2024 Systems Advocacy Effort(s): (Provide one or more new systems advocacy efforts)

Outcome 2. Residents have regular access to an Ombudsman. [(OAA Section 712(a)(3)(D), (5)(B)(ii)]

Measures and Targets:

- A. Routine Access: Nursing Facilities (NORS Element S-58) Percentage of nursing facilities within the PSA that were visited by an Ombudsman representative at least once each quarter **not** in response to a complaint. The percentage is determined by dividing the number of nursing facilities in the PSA that were visited at least once each quarter not in response to a complaint by the total number of nursing facilities in the PSA. NOTE: This is not a count of *visits* but a count of *facilities*. In determining the number of facilities visited for this measure, no nursing facility can be counted more than once.
 - FY 2018-2019 Baseline: Number of Nursing Facilities visited at least once a quarter not in response to a complaint <u>5</u> divided by the total number of Nursing Facilities <u>5</u> Baseline <u>100</u>% FY 2020-2021 Target: %
 - 2. FY 2019-2020 Baseline: Number of Nursing Facilities visited at least once a quarter not in response to a complaint <u>0</u> divided by the total number of Nursing Facilities <u>4</u> Baseline <u>0</u>% FY 2021-2022 Target: 100%
 - 3. FY 2020-2021 Baseline: Number of Nursing Facilities visited at least once a quarter not in response to a complaint_____divided by the total number of Nursing Facilities = Baseline____%
 FY 2022-2023 Target: %
 - 4. FY 2021-2022 Baseline: Number of Nursing Facilities visited at least once a quarter not in response to a complaint_____divided by the total number of Nursing Facilities = Baseline____%
 FY 2023-2024 Target: %

Program Goals and Objective Numbers: _____

B. Routine access: Residential Care Communities (NORS Element S-61) Percentage of RCFEs within the PSA that were visited by an Ombudsman representative at least once each quarter during the fiscal year **not** in response to a complaint. The percentage is determined by dividing the number of RCFEs in the PSA that were visited at least once each quarter not in response to a complaint by the total number of RCFEs in the PSA. NOTE: This is not a count of *visits* but a count of *facilities*. In determining the number of facilities visited for this measure, no RCFE can be counted more than once.

 FY 2018-2019 Baseline: Number of RCFEs visited at least once a quarter not in response to a complaint <u>27</u> divided by the total number of RCFEs <u>31</u> = Baseline <u>87</u>% FY 2020-2021 Target: %

 2. FY 2019-2020 Baseline: Number of RCFEs visited at least once a quarter not in response to a complaint <u>7</u> divided by the total number of RCFEs <u>37</u> = Baseline <u>19</u>% FY 2021-2022 Target: <u>100%</u>
 3. FY 2020-2021 Baseline: Number of RCFEs visited at least once a quarter not in response to a complaintdivided by the total number of RCFEs= Baseline% FY 2022-2023 Target: %
4. FY 2021-2022 Baseline: Number of RCFEs visited at least once a quarter not in response to a complaintdivided by the total number of RCFEs= Baseline% FY 2023-2024 Target: %
Program Goals and Objective Numbers:

C. Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff (NORS Element S-23) This number may only include staff time legitimately charged to the LTC Ombudsman Program. Time spent working for or in other programs may not be included in this number. For example, in a local LTC Ombudsman Program that considers full-time employment to be 40 hour per week, the FTE for a staff member who works in the Ombudsman Program 20 hours a week should be 0.5, even if the staff member works an additional 20 hours in another program.

1.	FY 2018-2019 Baseline: <u>.8</u> FTEs FY 2020-2021 Target: <u>1.2</u> FTEs		
2.	FY 2019-2020 Baseline: <u>8</u> FTEs FY 2021-2022 Target: <u>1.2</u> FTEs		
3.	FY 2020-2021 Baseline:FTEs FY 2022-2023 Target:FTEs		
4.	FY 2021-2022 Baseline:FTEs FY 2023-2024 Target:FTEs		
Pro	Program Goals and Objective Numbers:		

D. Number of Certified LTC Ombudsman Volunteers (NORS Element S-24)

1.	FY 2018-2019 Baseline: Number of certified LTC Ombudsman volunteers <u>7</u> FY 2020-2021 Projected Number of certified LTC Ombudsman volunteers <u>7</u>
2.	FY 2019-2020 Baseline: Number of certified LTC Ombudsman volunteers <u>6</u> FY 2021-2022 Projected Number of certified LTC Ombudsman volunteers <u>6</u>
3.	FY 2020-2021 Baseline: Number of certified LTC Ombudsman volunteers FY 2022-2023 Projected Number of certified LTC Ombudsman volunteers

4. FY 2021-2022 Baseline: Number of certified LTC Ombudsman volunteers ______ FY 2023-2024 Projected Number of certified LTC Ombudsman volunteers ______

Program Goals and Objective Numbers:

Outcome 3. Ombudsman representatives accurately and consistently report data about their complaints and other program activities in a timely manner. [Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016, Section 712(c)]

Measures and Targets:

In the box below, in narrative format, describe one or more specific efforts your program will undertake in the upcoming year to increase the accuracy, consistency, and timeliness of your National Ombudsman Resource System (NORS) data reporting.

Some examples could include:

- Having Ombudsman Program staff and volunteers regularly attend NORS Consistency Training provided by the OSLTCO
- Hiring additional staff to enter data
- Updating computer equipment to make data entry easier
- Initiating a case review process to ensure case entry is completed in a timely manner

The LTCOP will address data input procedures by conducting an evaluation of the overall work flow to determine standard processes and actions for managing complaints and grievances. Certified ombudsman volunteer representatives will be recruited and trained to assist in timely data entry of their investigative activities.

TITLE VIIA ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICE UNIT PLAN OBJECTIVES

Units of Service: AAA must complete at least one category from the Units of Service below.

Units of Service categories include public education sessions, training sessions for professionals, training sessions for caregivers served by a Title IIIE Family Caregiver Support Program, educational materials distributed, and hours of activity spent developing a coordinated system which addresses elder abuse prevention, investigation, and prosecution.

When developing targets for each fiscal year, refer to data reported on the Elder Abuse Prevention Quarterly Activity Reports. Set realistic goals based upon the prior year's numbers and the resources available. Activates reported for the Title VII Elder Abuse Prevention Program must be distinct from activities reported for the LTC Ombudsman Program. No activity can be reported for both programs.

AAAs must provide one or more of the service categories below.

NOTE: The number of sessions refers to the number of presentations and not the number of attendees

- **Public Education Sessions** –Indicate the total number of projected education sessions for the general public on the identification, prevention, and treatment of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- **Training Sessions for Professionals** –Indicate the total number of projected training sessions for professionals (service providers, nurses, social workers) on the identification, prevention, and treatment of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- Training Sessions for Caregivers Served by Title IIIE Indicate the total number of projected training sessions for unpaid family caregivers who are receiving services under Title IIIE of the Older Americans Act (OAA) on the identification, prevention, and treatment of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016, Section 302(3) 'Family caregiver' means an adult family member, or another individual, who is an informal provider of in-home and community care to an older individual or to an individual with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction.
- Hours Spent Developing a Coordinated System to Respond to Elder Abuse –Indicate the number of hours to be spent developing a coordinated system to respond to elder abuse. This category includes time spent coordinating services provided by the AAA or its contracted service provider with services provided by Adult Protective Services, local law enforcement agencies, legal services providers, and other agencies involved in the protection of elder and dependent adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

- Educational Materials Distributed –Indicate the type and number of educational materials to be distributed to the general public, professionals, and caregivers (this may include materials that have been developed by others) to help in the identification, prevention, and treatment of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- Number of Individuals Served –Indicate the total number of individuals expected to be reached by any of the above activities of this program.

TITLE VIIA ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICE UNIT PLAN OBJECTIVES

The agency receiving Title VIIA Elder Abuse Prevention funding is: AAA

Fiscal Year	Total # of Public Education Sessions
2020-2021	10
2021-2022	10
2022-2023	
2023-2024	

Fiscal Year	Total # of Training Sessions for Caregivers served by Title IIIE
2020-2021	
2021-2022	
2022-2023	
2023-2024	

Fiscal Year	Total # of Training Sessions for Professionals
2020-2021	
2021-2022	
2022-2023	
2023-2024	

Fiscal Year	Total # of Hours Spent Developing a Coordinated System
2020-2021	20
2021-2022	
2022-2023	
2023-2024	

Fiscal Year	Total # of Copies of Educational Materials to be Distributed	Description of Educational Materials
2020-2021		
2021-2022		
2022-2023		

Fiscal Year	Total # of Copies of Educational Materials to be Distributed	Description of Educational Materials
2023-2024		

Fiscal Year	Total Number of Individuals Served
2020-2021	100
2021-2022	100
2022-2023	
2023-2024	

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TITLE IIIE SERVICE UNIT PLAN OBJECTIVES

CCR Article 3, Section 7300(d)

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This Service Unit Plan (SUP) uses the five broad federally mandated service categories. Refer to the CDA Service Categories and Data Dictionary Revisions Effective July 2018 for eligible activities and service unit measures. Specify proposed audience size or units of service for ALL budgeted funds

Direct and/or Contracted IIIE Services				
CATEGORIES	1	2	3	
Family Caregiver Services Caring for Elderly	<i>Proposed</i> Units of Service	<i>Required</i> Goal #(s)	<i>Optional</i> Objective #(s)	
Information Services	# of activities and Total est. audience for above			
2020-2021	# of activities: 10 Total est. audience for above: 100	1		
2021-2022	# of activities: 10 Total est. audience for above: 100			
2022-2023	# of activities: Total est. audience for above:			
2023-2024	# of activities: Total est. audience for above:			
Access Assistance	Total contacts			
2020-2021	3,000	1, 2		
2021-2022	3,000	1, 2		
2022-2023				
2023-2024				

Access Assistance	Total contacts		
Support Services	Total hours		
2020-2021	200	3	
2021-2022	200	3	
2022-2023			
2023-2024			
Respite Care	Total hours		
2020-2021	1,000	3	
2021-2022	1,000	3	
2022-2023			
2023-2024			
Supplemental Services	Total occurrences		
2020-2021			
2021-2022			
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

Direct and/or Contracted IIIE Services—Not Applicable

Grandparent Services Caring for Children	<i>Proposed</i> Units of Service	<i>Required</i> Goal #(s)	<i>Optional</i> Objective #(s)
Information Services	# of activities and Total est. audience for above		
2020-2021	# of activities: Total est. audience for above:		
2021-2022	# of activities: Total est. audience for above:		
2022-2023	# of activities: Total est. audience for above:		
2023-2024	# of activities: Total est. audience for above:		

Grandparent Services Caring for Children	<i>Proposed</i> Units of Service	<i>Required</i> Goal #(s)	<i>Optional</i> Objective #(s)
Access Assistance	Total contacts		
2020-2021			
2021-2022			
2022-2023			
2023-2024			
Support Services	Total hours		
2020-2021			
2021-2022			
2022-2023			
2023-2024			
Respite Care	Total hours		
2020-2021			
2021-2022			
2022-2023			
2023-2024			
Supplemental Services	Total occurrences		
2020-2021			
2021-2022			
2022-2023			
2023-2024			

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM (HICAP) SERVICE UNIT PLAN CCR Article 3, Section 7300(d)

MULTIPLE PSA HICAPs: If you are a part of a <u>multiple-PSA HICAP</u> where two or more AAAs enter into an agreement with one "Managing AAA," to deliver HICAP services on their behalf to eligible persons in their AAA, then each AAA must enter State and federal performance target numbers in each AAA's respective SUP. Please do this in cooperation with the Managing AAA. The Managing AAA is responsible for providing HICAP services in the covered PSAs in a way that is agreed upon and equitable among the participating parties.

HICAP PAID LEGAL SERVICES: Complete Section 3 if your Master Contract contains a provision for using HICAP funds to provide HICAP Legal Services.

STATE & FEDERAL PERFORMANCE TARGETS: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) establishes targets for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)/HICAP performance measures (PMs). ACL introduced revisions to the SHIP PMs in late 2016 in conjunction with the original funding announcement (ref HHS-2017-ACL-CIP-SAPG-0184) for implementation with the release of the Notice of Award (Grant No. 90SAPG0052-01-01 issued July 2017).

The new five federal PMs generally reflect the former seven PMs (PM 2.1 through PM 2.7), except for PM 2.7, (Total Counseling Hours), which was removed because it is already being captured under the *SHIP Annual Resource Report*. As a part of these changes, ACL eliminated the performance-based funding scoring methodology and replaced it with a Likert scale comparison model for setting National Performance Measure Targets that define the proportional penetration rates needed for improvements.

Using ACL's approach, CDA HICAP provides State and Federal Performance Measures with goal-oriented targets for each AAA's Planning and Service Area (PSA). One change to all PMs is the shift to county-level data. In general, the State and Federal Performance Measures include the following:

- PM 1.1 Clients Counseled ~ Number of finalized Intakes for clients/ beneficiaries that received HICAP services
- PM 1.2 Public and Media Events (PAM) ~ Number of completed PAM forms categorized as "interactive" events
- PM 2.1 Client Contacts ~ Percentage of one-on-one interactions with any Medicare beneficiaries
- PM 2.2 PAM Outreach Contacts ~ Percentage of persons reached through events categorized as "interactive"
- PM 2.3 Medicare Beneficiaries Under 65 ~ Percentage of one-on-one interactions with Medicare beneficiaries under the age of 65
- PM 2.4 Hard-to-Reach Contacts ~ Percentage of one-on-one interactions with "hard-toreach" Medicare beneficiaries designated as:
 - PM 2.4a Low-income (LIS)
 - o PM 2.4b Rural
 - PM 2.4c English Second Language (ESL)

PM 2.5 Enrollment Contacts ~ Percentage of contacts with one or more qualifying enrollment topics discussed

AAA's should demonstrate progress toward meeting or improving on the Performance requirements established by CDA and ACL as is displayed annually on the *HICAP State and Federal Performance Measures* tool located online at:

https://www.aging.ca.gov/Providers_and_Partners/Area_Agencies_on_Aging/#pp-planning. (Reference CDA PM 17-11 for further discussion, including current HICAP Performance Measures and Definitions).

For current and future planning, CDA requires each AAA ensure that HICAP service units and related federal *Annual Resource Report* data are documented and verified complete/ finalized in CDA's Statewide HICAP Automated Reporting Program (SHARP) system per the existing contractual reporting requirements. HICAP Service Units do not need to be input in the Area Plan (with the exception of HICAP Paid Legal Services, where applicable).

HICAP Legal Services Units of Service (if applicable)⁶

Fiscal Year (FY)	3.1 Estimated Number of Clients Represented Per FY (Unit of Service)	Goal Numbers
2020-2021	6	
2021-2022	6	
2022-2023		
2023-2024		

Fiscal Year (FY)	3.2 Estimated Number of Legal Representation Hours Per FY (Unit of Service)	Goal Numbers
2020-2021	10	
2021-2022	10	
2022-2023		
2023-2024		

Fiscal Year (FY)	3.3 Estimated Number of Program Consultation Hours Per FY (Unit of Service)	Goal Numbers
2020-2021	12	
2021-2022	12	
2022-2023		
2023-2024		

Requires a contract for using HICAP funds to pay for HICAP LegalServices.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP 2016-2020 Four-Year Area Plan Cycle

CCR Article 3, Section 7302(a)(11)

Total Number of Board Members: 5

Office Term Expires:
January 2025
January 2023
January 2025

Names and Titles of All Members:	Board Term Expires:
John Hidahl, Supervisor District I	January 2025
George Turnboo, Supervisor District II	January 2025
Lori Parlin, Supervisor District IV	January 2023
Wendy Thomas, Supervisor District III	January 2025
Sue Novasel, Supervisor District V	January 2023

SECTION 17 - ADVISORY COUNCIL

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP 2020-2024 Four-Year Planning Cycle

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CCR Article 3, Section 7302(a)(11)

Total Council Membership (include vacancies) 14

Number of Council Members over age 60

	% of PSA's	% on
	60+Population*	Advisory Council
Race/Ethnic Composition		
White	88.6%	<u>92.9%</u>
Hispanic	<u>13.2%</u>	<u>0%</u>
Black	<u>1.0%</u>	<u>0%</u>
Asian/Pacific Islander	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>7.1%</u>
Native American/Alaskan Native	<u>1.3%</u>	<u>0%</u>
Other	<u>3.9%</u>	<u>0%</u>
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*Note: Based on the 2014 American Community Survey

Name and Title of Officers:	Office Term Expires:
Steven Shervey, Chair – City of Placerville Appointee	N/A
Lisbeth Powell, Vice Chair – Supervisor Appointee – District IV	3/2019

Name and Title of other members:	Office Term Expires:
Raelene Nunn, Supervisor Appointee – District 1	1/2025
Judy Husak, Supervisor Appointee – District II	1/2025
Marian Washburn, Supervisor Appointee – District III	1/2025
Penny Huber, Supervisor Appointee—District V	1/2023
Connell Persico, Supervisors Appointee – Member-at-Large	1/2023
Jim Wassner, Community Representative	4/2022
Paul Sobelman, Community Representative	11/2024
Tita Bladen, Community Representative	8/2021
Barbara Raines, Community Representative	7/2022
Barbara Kaufmann, City of South Lake Tahoe Appointee	12/2021
Raymond Wyatt, Community Representative	3/2023
Craig Kuehn, Community Representative	11/2024

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Indicate which member(s) represent each of the "Other Representation" categories listed below.

Yes	No	
\bowtie		Low Income
\bowtie		Representative Disabled
\bowtie		Representative
\bowtie		Supportive Services
\bowtie		Provider Representative
\bowtie		Health Care Provider
\bowtie		Representative
\bowtie		Family Caregiver
\bowtie		Representative Local
	\boxtimes	Elected Officials
\bowtie		Individuals with Leadership Experience in Private and Voluntary
	Sectors	

Explain any **"No"** answer(s):

Six members are appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, two members are appointed by the two chartered cities within the county. The remaining six are appointed by the Commission.

Briefly describe the local governing board's process to appoint Advisory Council members:

When a vacancy occurs, it is advertised in the local newspapers and on the Commission website. Interested parties are asked to complete an application and are also interviewed by the Commission Membership Committee and the Director of the Area Agency on Aging. The chosen applicant(s) are nominated by the Membership Committee and approved by the Commission.

Section 18 - Legal Assistance

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This section <u>must</u> be completed and submitted annually. The Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016 designates legal assistance as a priority service under Title III B [42 USC §3026(a)(2)] ¹² CDA developed *California Statewide Guidelines for Legal Assistance* (Guidelines), which are to be used as best practices by CDA, AAAs and LSPs in the contracting and monitoring processes for legal services, and located at: <u>https://aging.ca.gov/Providers_and_Partners/Legal_Services/#pp-gg</u>

1. Specific to Legal Services, what is your AAA's Mission Statement or Purpose Statement? Statement must include Title IIIB requirements:

To ensure the rights and entitlements of residents of El Dorado County, 60 years of age and older, by providing and securing legal assistance, regardless of income.

- Based on your local needs assessment, what percentage of Title IIIB funding is allocated to Legal Services? 30%
- 3. Specific to Legal Services, has there been a change in your local needs in the past four years? If so, please identify the change (include whether the change affected the level of funding and the difference in funding levels in the past four years).

As a result in the growing senior population within our PSA, we have seen an increase in the number of clients in low income categories and increase in the number of clients with issues related to reverse mortgages and consumer debt.

4. Specific to Legal Services, does the AAA's contract/agreement with the Legal Services Provider(s) (LSPs) specify that the LSPs are expected to use the California Statewide Guidelines in the provision of OAA legal services?

Not Applicable—AAA and LSP are both part of the El Dorado County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA). An agreement is not necessary. LSP is a program that is operated directly by the AAA.

5. Does the AAA collaborate with the Legal Services Provider(s) to jointly establish specific priorities issues for legal services? If so what are the top four (4) priority legal issues in your PSA?

The LSP is a program operated and housed within the AAA. The LSP was involved in the creation of the Area Plan Goals and Objectives and several questions on the Needs Assessment were directly related to the LSP. The LSP meets monthly and collaborates with the other supervisors of the AAA programs. Outreach presentations are often held at the local senior centers.

6. Specific to Legal Services, does the AAA collaborate with the Legal Services Provider(s) to jointly identify the target population? If so, what is the targeted senior population in your PSA <u>AND</u> what mechanism is used for reaching the target population? Discussion:

The AAA includes the LSP in the development of various surveys and provides information regarding available LSP services to clients of other AAA programs. The LSP is a part of the AAA and brochures contain information on all programs. Referrals, as appropriate, are made within the many AAA programs including the LSP.

7. Specific to Legal Services, what is the targeted senior population and mechanism for reaching targeted groups in your PSA? Discussion:

Our target population is low-income and/or low-competency seniors who cannot afford private legal services and/or who would be easily taken advantage of in the private marketplace due to diminished capacity. Other targeted populations include low income minority individuals and caregivers, Mechanisms for reaching these populations include pamphlets, and public announcements, articles in newsprint, public seminars and workshops, county website, flyers posted in public spaced, and referrals through other public and private programs and agencies.

8. How many legal assistance service providers are in your PSA? Complete table below.

Fiscal Year	# of Legal Assistance Services Providers
2020-2021	1
2021-2022	1
2022-2023	Leave Blank until 2022
2023-2024	Leave Blank until 2023

9. Does your PSA have a hotline for legal services?

No-however, Senior Legal Services also provides phone appointments.

10. What methods of outreach are Legal Services providers using? Discuss:

See #7 above.

11. What geographic regions are covered by each provider? Complete table below.

Fiscal Year	Name of Provider	Geographic Region covered
2020-2021	a. Senior Legal Servicesb.c.	a. All of El Dorado Countyb.c.
2021-2022	Senior Legal Services	All of El Dorado County
2022-2023	Leave Blank until 2022	Leave Blank until 2022
2023-2024	Leave Blank until 2023	Leave Blank until 2023

12. Discuss how older adults access Legal Services in your PSA:

Seniors can access legal services in a variety of ways through the Senior Legal Services program:

a. Call and make appointment: Appointments can be at the program office in the Placerville Senior Center, or at one of several outlying facilities from El Dorado Hills to South Lake Tahoe. Appointments are also arranged in senior's homes, hospitals and care homes.

- b. Legal services available by phone via phone appointment.
- c. Free workshops and seminars featuring attorneys and located around the county.
- d. Self-help pamphlets and handouts available for clients.

13. Identify the major types of legal issues that are handled by the Title IIIB legal provider(s) in your PSA. Discuss (please include new trends of legal problems in your area):

Financial fraud and abuse, restraining orders, landlord and tenant issues, consumer law, debt, foreclosures, planning for incapacity, Medi-Cal, Medicare, Social Security and SSI, real property and wills and trusts.

14. In the past four years, has there been a change in the types of legal issues handled by the Title IIIB legal provider(s) in your PSA? Discuss:

See #3 Above

15. What are the barriers to accessing legal assistance in your PSA? Include proposed strategies for overcoming such barriers. Discuss:

Major barriers include:

a. t<u>ransportation</u> - El Dorado is a very large and rural county that extends from the Sierra foothills to South Lake Tahoe. Weather and transportation is a problem. Public transportation is limited. Attorneys currently travel to South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado Hills, homes, hospitals, and care facilities.

Strategies to overcome this barrier include expanding and promoting our phone appointments, and increasing the locations where attorneys travel to provide services—areas such as Pollock Pines, Georgetown, and Fairplay.

b. <u>language</u> - El Dorado County has a limited but growing ESL population that infrequently access legal services for a variety of reasons.

Strategies - We have interpreters available, and are currently working with LAAC (Legal Aid Association of California) to expand our written materials to offer information in a variety of languages. We are also planning on printing our brochure in Spanish and distributing it throughout the county.

c. <u>underserved communities</u> -

1. LGBT community.

Strategies - We have already increased outreach by preparing and posting legal information of particular interest to the LGBT population. We are training our staff to increase their sensitivity regarding gender-neutral language and are discussing ways to make the office environment more welcoming to cultural diversity.

2. Residents of skilled nursing facilities, residential care facilities, mobile home parks—they all have special rights and protections under the law.

Strategies - Create information brochures summarizing rights and referring to Senior Legal Services and Ombudsman programs for assistance and advocacy.

16. What other organizations or groups does your legal service provider coordinate services with? Discuss:

Being a county program, we have access to and work closely with many other county agencies: Adult Protective Services, Public Guardian, Long Term Care Ombudsmen, Family Caregiver Support Program, Information and Assistance, housing, law enforcement, county supervisors, mental health, MSSP, HICAP, IHSS, Senior Health Education program, Senior Nutrition program.