



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board adopt Resolution **035-2015** to:

- 1) Authorize HHS to establish a charitable fund for senior services programs and activities to be known as the County of El Dorado Senior Services Fund;
- 2) Authorize HHS to take necessary actions to establish a County Trust Account for all revenue and interest received from the County of El Dorado Senior Services Fund; and
- 3) Supersede and replace Resolution 198-2014 which authorized the establishment of a charitable fund solely for the Senior Day Care Services Program.

FUNDING: Donations.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost

There is no Net County Cost associated with the Resolution. Senior services programs and activities are funded by Federal and State grant funding, fees for services, miscellaneous donations, and County General Fund Contribution.

Background

The Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) administers and coordinates an array of services and programs that promote the health and well-being of older adults throughout the community. Senior services programs directly administered by HHS currently include the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), Senior Day Care, Adult Protective Services, Public Guardian, Senior Peer Counseling, Area Agency on Aging programs such as Senior Nutrition, Senior Legal Services, Elder Abuse Prevention, Family Caregiver Support Program, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Senior Activities, Information and Assistance, Senior Health Education Program, You Are Not Alone (YANA) Telephone Reassurance Program, and Senior Shuttle services. Additional senior services and activities delivered in coordination with HHS include the Annual Older American's Day Celebration, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), Commission on Aging, AARP Tax Assistance, and the Transen Program in South Lake Tahoe.

On November 17, 2014, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 198-2014 which authorized HHS to establish a charitable fund specifically for the HHS Senior Day Care Services Program. It was subsequently determined that a charitable fund accessible for use by all senior services programs and activities, including Senior Day Care, would be a more effective approach.

Reason for Recommendation

The establishment of a senior services charitable fund has the potential to create an additional and ongoing revenue source for the programs and activities that support seniors in the community. Revenue from the charitable fund could potentially decrease General Fund Contribution to the programs in future years, increase services available for seniors, and keep fees for services affordable for clients and their families.

The charitable fund is planned to be managed by a charitable non-profit organization through a

formal agreement. The agreement will delineate responsibilities regarding management of the fund and will be brought before the Board of Supervisors for review and final execution at a later date, provided the minimum level of contribution required to create the separate fund is met.

Clerk of the Board Follow Up Actions

Provide Health and Human Services Agency at Briw Rd with one (1) certified Resolution signed by the Chair.

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Concurrences

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