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Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Delegating Authority to the Human Services Agency Director to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding and Any Associated Amendments with the California Department of Aging for the Coordination of Older Americans Act Services.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution (Exhibit 1) delegating authority to the Human Services Agency (HSA) Director, or designee, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and any associated amendments with the California Department of Aging (CDA) for Coordination of Older Americans Act Services, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There are no fiscal mandates associated with this action.

Discussion:

The HSA Area Agency on Aging (AAA) provides a broad array of services, resources and advocacy for older adults (60 years of age and older), adults with disabilities, and their caregivers, to address the needs of this ever-growing older population and assist them to live as independently as possible for as long as possible. Many of the programs are under contract with, and funded by, the CDA.

The Coordination of Older Americans Act Services MOU with CDA (#AAA-2425-18), in conjunction with CDA's Older Americans Act (OAA) and Older Californians Act (OCA) Program Guide, specifies the responsibilities for the assistance and services provided to eligible older adults, adults with disabilities, family caregivers, and residents in long-term care facilities within Ventura County. The MOU acts as the legal authority establishing the relationship between CDA and AAA for the purposes of coordinating services and performing duties of OAA and OCA. No funding is directly tied to the MOU, but rather the

MOU allows CDA to allocate funding without the need for establishing separate yearly contracts or amendments. Four OAA and OCA programs are covered within this MOU:

- ✓ Area Plan – Provides a variety of programs including home delivered and congregate meals, long term care ombudsman, elder abuse prevention, and supportive services such as personal care and homemaker services, transportation, and referrals to legal or financial services.
- ✓ Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program – Provides free and unbiased counseling for Medicare beneficiaries regarding Medicare plans, managed health care plans, and long-term care insurance options to aid older adults in choosing coverage to best suit their individual needs.
- ✓ Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act – Provides outreach and education to Medicare beneficiaries with low-incomes to inform about the Medicare savings programs, the Aging and Disability Resource Center, and other services and supports that can improve overall health outcomes.
- ✓ Title V Senior Community Services Program – Provides limited employment training and wages to help older adults with low incomes gain the skills needed to succeed in today's job market.

We ask your Board to adopt the resolution delegating authority to the HSA Director, or designee, to sign the MOU and any associated amendments for the Coordination of Older Americans Act Services upon the review and approval of the County Executive Office and County Counsel.

Strategic Plan:

The Older Americans Act services contribute to the Board of Supervisors' 2024-2027 Strategic Plan priority of 'Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities', Goal (1) Provide equitable and timely access to quality healthcare, mental health, and public health services.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact me at 805-477-5301, or Victoria Jump, Deputy Director, Aging & Disability Services, at 805-477-7300.


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Attachment: Exhibit 1 – Resolution for MOU with California Dept. of Aging