

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:  
June 9, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Department of Health and Human Services  
Subject: Report Back Senior Ombudsman Contract With Area 4 On Aging  
Contact: Ann Edwards-Buckley, Acting Director, 875-2002

**Background**

During the May 14, 2009 Budget Workshop, the Department of Health and Human Services was requested to report back on the logic behind the reduction of the contract with the Area 4 Agency on Aging (A4AA) for the Senior Ombudsman and if the reduction is total staff support reduction.

**Discussion**

This logic behind the recommendation was to preserve funding for direct service program staff while also reducing the adverse impacts of layoffs on program recipients with a goal of sustaining at least a minimally adequate level of care.

The proposed reduction to the A4AA, Ombudsman Services of Northern California contract will be a total contract staff reduction. The \$32,000 contract had provided for ombudsman personnel and overhead costs. The activities performed were to advocate on behalf of older residents of long-term care facilities and investigate complaints of abuse in those facilities. These activities are outside the scope of county mandated services for APS and IHSS programs.

To meet required general fund reductions, all expenditure contracts in In-Home Supportive Services (IHHS) and Adult Protective Services were recommended for elimination or drastic reductions. In addition to the A4AA, contracts for emergency beds with the Salvation Army and Sky Park Gardens, the contract supporting the Adult and Aging Commission with the Community Service Planning Council, the IHSS medical consultation contact with Dr. Koin, and the contract supporting Stanford Settlement were all recommended for elimination.

Respectfully submitted,

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