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AGENDA: March 13, 2001

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
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STATUS REPORT ON ELDERDAY SENIOR PROGRAM AND LONG TERM CARE INTEGRATION

Dear Board Members:

On January 23, 2001, your Board directed the County Administrative Office to coordinate and the Health Services Agency to provide your Board with an update on the proposed Adult Day Health Care Facility in South County.

As you know, the 2000-01 budget included funding to establish an Elder Day program in the South County. The Health Services Agency is currently working with Food and Nutrition Services to develop this program. Negotiations are expected to be finalized and a proposed contract presented to your Board on or before April 17, 2001.

The Health Services Agency, in collaboration with the various members of the Long Term Care Integration Pilot Project Steering Committee, is preparing to submit a grant proposal to the Department of Health Services for \$50,000 to continue County assessment and planning efforts for long term care. The County Administrative Office and Health Services Agency are concurrently evaluating facility options and office space in South County at the Watsonville Residential Care Facility on Montecito Avenue. Space recommendations will also be presented to your Board on or before April 17.

In addition, committee members are developing a grant proposal for the California Endowment to implement a set of linked services, under one roof, for seniors and their families. These would include: a range of senior services offered by local non-profits, health screening and dental services, a resource center for seniors and their families, and training for caregivers. This grant was previously approved by your Board for submission to the State, but was not funded.

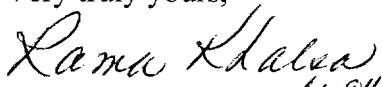
The Health Services Agency continues to collaborate with the staff at state and local levels to explore funding sources and to develop models for a successful long term care integration in Santa Cruz County.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED, that your Board:

1. Accept and file status report on Elderday Senior Program and Long Term Care Integration;
2. Direct the Health Services Agency to return to your Board on April 17 with 1) a proposed contract with Food & Nutrition Services, Inc., addressing the start-up of the Elderday program; 2) recommendations concerning proposed facility and space issues; 3) overall status report on the long term care integration project;
3. Authorize the Health Services Agency Administrator to submit a grant application in the amount of \$50,000 to the Department of Health Services, Office of Long Term Care; and
4. Authorize the Health Services Administrator to submit an application to the California Endowment for grant funding to implement long term care services for seniors and their families.

Very truly yours,


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RECOMMENDED:

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County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office
Long Term Care Steering Committee
Human Resources Agency
Food and Nutrition Services