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August 13, 2001

AGENDA: September 18, 2001

Board of Supervisors
 County of Santa Cruz
 701 Ocean Street
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RE: APPROVAL OF PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION FOR LONG TERM CARE INTEGRATION PROJECT

Dear Members of the Board:

On March 27, 2001 your Board approved a \$50,000 planning grant application for the Long Term Care Integration Pilot Project (LTCIPP). The Health Services Agency (HSA) was one of six counties in the state to receive a planning grant for the third consecutive year. HSA uses these funds to allow detailed data, fiscal and feasibility analysis necessary to determine funding priorities, and goals and objectives for program implementation. This is the last year funding for long term care integration planning will be made available from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is proposing a new \$20 million initiative to help communities develop and sustain comprehensive long term care and supportive services systems to meet the growing needs of vulnerable older adults. RWJF has released a request for proposals for this grant funding. Through this initiative, RWJF is encouraging a wide array of communities to develop and implement community-wide plans to improve care and support for older adults through local public partnerships. HSA is exploring the possibility of partnering with Santa Clara and Monterey Counties. RWJF is seeking to stimulate community-generated solutions for developing systems of long term care; and HSA believes that collaborating with Santa Clara and Monterey counties gives us greater leverage to develop a regional long term care model. A letter of intent is due on September 14th, 2001 and if invited to apply; the submission of a full proposal and line-item budget for an eighteen-month development grant is due in Portland, Maine on January 21, 2002.

A letter of support from your Board is required as part of the grant submittal/approval process. A sample letter of support is attached.

The grant provides \$150,000 in cash development funds; and if the County decides to apply with the adjoining Counties, the award would be \$50,000 each with a requirement of \$10,000 in local match. RWJF will also award four-year implementation grants averaging \$750,000 to ten select development grantees to put their strategic plans into action. The award would be \$750,000 for four years, approximately \$250,000 each, if the County decides to move forward with Santa Clara and Monterey Counties. There is a requirement to secure match funding with increasing local participation during each subsequent year of the four-year award (from a minimum of 25 percent in year one increasing to 50 percent in year four).

Recommendations:

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Approve the submission by the Health Services Agency of an eighteen month long term care development grant to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in collaboration with Santa Clara and Monterey Counties; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign a letter of support for submission of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation "Community Partnerships for the Older Adults" grant.

Sincerely;

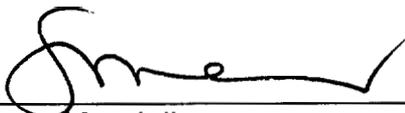


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Attachment: Letter of Support

RECOMMENDED



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Cc: County Administrative Officer
County Counsel
HSA Administration

September 11, 2001

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To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter in support of Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency's application for a completion development grant for the Long Term Care Integration Pilot Project. The Board of Supervisors approved application for a development grant on its September 11th, 2001 agenda.

Many members of the Santa Cruz community have been contemplating the vision of long term care integration for several years. We received three planning grants from the Department of Health and Human Services and we are now in our third and final year of planning. The planning grants have provided a mechanism that allowed us to plan for this vision and to begin to develop models for LTCI. I am impressed and excited by the collaboration among consumers, advocates, and service providers thus far. These groups have emphasized the importance of sharing information, coordinating services and systems, and promoting changes in practice and policy. However, community processes take time; our work is not yet complete. We need answers to several questions that require complex fiscal analysis and technical assistance before we can proceed to implementation. We need a development grant that will allow us to answer these questions and finish the planning we have started.

I completely support and fully participate in the work proposed in this application; and commit to the required 20% match funds.

Because of the many strengths and the pioneering spirit of the Santa Cruz community, I believe we have a unique opportunity to create a better system that offers good quality,

broad choice, and easy access for vulnerable older adults in Santa Cruz County who need long term care.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tony Campos, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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