

**ALAMEDA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Monday, October 28, 2013**

**12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair  
Supervisor Richard Valle**

Location: *Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th Floor*  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

**Summary/Action Minutes**

**I. Health Care Reform – Post pre-enrollment**

Randy Morris, Assistant Agency Director, Adult & Aging and Medi-Cal, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Agency's post pre-enrollment activities for Health Care Reform.

Total applications through October 19, 2013 = 1219

Telephone Center: 312  
County offices: 907  
Enterprise: 86  
Eastmont: 306  
Eden: 347  
Fremont: 36  
Livermore: 41  
N Oakland: 91

There are approximately 40,000 clients enrolled in the Low Income Health Program and 90% of newly eligible will enroll into the LIHP.

There is an active collaboration between the Health Care and Social Services Agency. Some of the challenges include: 1) October 1<sup>st</sup> open enrollment mandates are prior to the State funding and caseloads will continue to spike until new staff is hired; 2) The State's CalHEERS functionality is problematic and they are working to fix bugs; paper applications are used when the system is down.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

**II. CalWORKs and CalFresh updates**

Andrea Ford, Assistant Agency Director, Workforce and Benefits Administration, presented a PowerPoint presentation on key legislative changes for CalWORKs and CalFresh programs.

## **CalWORKs and CalFresh Legislation**

SB 1104 – eliminated the Welfare to Work 18/24 month clock; created Universal Engagement; categorized activities into Core/Non-Core; required 20 hours per week in Core activities.

Deficit Reduction Act: Base year for calculating the caseload reduction credit changed from 1995 to 2005; expanded the definition of “Work Eligible”; defined federally eligible work activities; required States to submit a Work Verification Plan.

AB 1808: Clarified shared penalties for not meeting federal Work Participation Rate; required more oversight and uniformity; eliminated minimum Welfare to Work sanction periods; made changes to the homeless assistance program.

AB 98: California Department of Social Services to reimburse counties 50% of a CalWORKs recipient's wages as part of the Wage Subsidy Program; The Social Services Agency implemented its Wage Subsidy Program effective August 1, 2011.

SB 68: Amended SB 1104 to implement a decrease in the CalWORKs grant amount.

SB 70 and AB 114: Eliminated Child Care eligibility for 11 and 12 year olds effective June 2011; and AB 114 restored eligibility to the extent that funds are available.

SB 72: Reduced CalWORKs grants by 8%; reduced CalWORKs lifetime limit on aid from 60 to 48 months; Suspended funding for the Cal-Learn Program for 1 year; The Social Services Agency implemented its Wage Subsidy Program on August 1, 2011.

SB 1041: Restored funding for the Cal-Learn program effective April 1, 2013; created new hourly participation requirements; implemented a new Welfare to Work 24-month clock; added additional appraisal protocols for all new recipients; added a Family Stabilization and Engagement Component;

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### **III. Veteran's Affairs - follow up from 9/23/13 meeting**

Tracy Murray, Assistant Director, Agency Area on Aging and Veteran's Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation updating the Committee on the Veteran's Affairs Medical Facilities in Alameda County and the Oakland Veteran's Memorial Building.

Former Commissioner Bill Hodges reports progress on resolving maintenance issues with the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building. A “walk-through” with City staff is scheduled.

Alameda County has two VA jurisdictions (Northern CA Health Care System; and Palo Alto Health Care System) and several facilities:

- Oakland Outpatient Clinic (general medical, lab, and mental health)
- Vet Center (mental health & counseling)
- Livermore Medical Center (general medicine, lab, mental health, eye clinic, audiology)
- Livermore Community Living Center (skilled Nursing)
- Fremont Outpatient Clinic (general medicine, lab, and mental health)

The VA has announced plans to build new, expanded clinics in French Camp in San Joaquin County and in Fremont. Construction is planned to begin in 2014 with operation of the facilities in 2018. Livermore will continue to operate until both clinics are complete and then will be evaluated for further use. The VA is also planning to build a columbarium and medical clinic in Alameda. Groundbreaking will be in 2014.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None.**

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