

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Office on Aging

SUBMITTAL DATE:

07/20/05

SUBJECT: Advisory Council on Aging Year End Report

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the attached Year End Report for the Advisory Council on Aging (7/1/2004 – 6/30/2005)

BACKGROUND: Seventeen volunteer community leaders (five appointed by the Board of Supervisors) comprise the Advisory Council on Aging in Riverside County. This Council is mandated under the provisions of the Older Americans Act, to provide planning and policy guidance to the Office on Aging and to the Board of Supervisors.


The Advisory Council is also mandated to issue an annual report to the community on their activities and accomplishments. The attached Annual Report of the Advisory Council on Aging, which summarized the scope and depth of their contribution during the last fiscal year (04-05), is being submitted to the Board for information and approval.


Lu Verne Molberg, Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ NA	In Current Year Budget:	NA
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ NA	Budget Adjustment:	NA
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ NA	For Fiscal Year:	04/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: NA	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature 

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 Dept't Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: **District:** All **Agenda Number:** 3.57

RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING



YEAR END REPORT 2004-2005

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The Riverside County

Advisory Council on Aging

...Strength in Aging

The Advisory Council on Aging is a mandatory body under both the Older Americans Act and the Older Californians Act. The membership is comprised of 17 volunteer leaders, five of whom are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. These dedicated members represent all the regions of the county. The Older Americans Act and the Older Californians Act both have a strong community focus and both mandate that a strong and effective Advisory Council be in place for all 640 Area Agencies on Aging across the country. The voluntary leadership of the Advisory Council on Aging provides a solid foundation for the Riverside County Office on Aging.

The 2004-2005 year has been a very busy and productive year for the Council. The Council has seen many accomplishments this past year, but two of the greatest accomplishments includes the innovative and newly incorporated Riverside County Foundation on Aging and the 2005-2009 Strategic Plan – Strength in Aging.

As volunteers, Advisory Council leaders have the freedom to raise issues, recommend changes, and advocate for those changes. One of their latest innovations is the incorporation of a new not-for-profit organization, the Riverside County Foundation on Aging. This organization is destined to be a powerful vehicle to leverage new initiatives in aging through the county for years to come.

In addition, the Council also considers demographic trends, unmet needs and emerging issues affecting seniors, caregivers, and adults with disabilities and utilizes this in developing a strategic plan for the agency. The Council demonstrated their leadership and expertise in the development of the 2005-2009 Strategic Plan-Strength in Aging, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors and California Department of Aging. The Council will serve in an advisory capacity providing guidance and expertise in the administration of the plan and the operations conducted under the plan.

Without voluntary leadership, opportunities to improve services in aging would be fewer, and negative attitudes of ageism would be stronger. As Chairman of the Advisory Council on Aging, I salute the other 16 members of the Council for their compassion, their dedicated service, and their strong advocacy. Effective voluntary leaders in partnership with staff will continue to make a difference for seniors in Riverside County.

Mark Moran, Chairman
Advisory Council on Aging

ADVOCACY

Approved principles in the N4A Annual reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, the position statement by the Coalition for Integrated Advocacy, and a resolution related to older workers.

Hosted a focus group for Proposition 63 Mental Health.

- Supported Barbara Affolter for membership on the TACC.
- Supported affordable housing, AB 484 for subsequent violations from caregivers, and AB 472 requiring background checks for caregivers, AB 1605 concerning elder abuse.
- Approved principles of the N4A Annual reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, the position statement by the Coalition for Integrated Advocacy, and a resolution related to older workers.
- Supported Mental Health Department Strategic Plan and took a position on Proposition 63.
- Hosted a Focus Group for Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act.
- Discussed affordable housing with the Palm Springs City Council.
- Attended White House Conference on Aging Solutions Session in Sacramento.
- Members attended the Mobility Summit in Sacramento.
- Attended 1st Annual Riverside County/Workforce Development Summit.
- Supported the California Commission on Aging's position on prescription drug medications, including on-line purchase alternatives.
- Took a position in support of In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) in opposition to wage and benefit reductions.
- Hosted Annual George Telisman Award for outstanding service and advocacy in conjunction with the Health and Wellness Forum.

INNOVATION/PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Established the Riverside County Foundation on Aging as a 501(C)(3) organization.

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- Chaired Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force.
- Submitted Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and "Fit After Fifty" programs to County Executive Office for nomination to the CA State Association of Counties for award consideration as innovative government programs.
- Retreat held for the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force One-Stop-Shop Plan to define vision, mission, resources required and services provided.
- Approved Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force Annual Report to Board of Supervisors.
- Promoted "Fit After Fifty" Video
- Launched and promoted Network of Care Website.
- Co-sponsored the Palm Springs Senior Forum, which was designed as a means for seniors of Palm Springs to voice concerns or views.



Advisory Council on Aging



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