

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

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FROM: Office on Aging

SUBMITTAL DATE:
11/16/09

SUBJECT: Consensus to Improve Access to Long Term Services and Support agreement.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors Approve the Consensus to Improve Access to Long Term Services and Support agreement.

BACKGROUND: In May 2008 the Riverside County Office on Aging was named a California Aging and Disability Resource Connection Program by the California Health and Human Services Agency in support of an initiative to provide older adults, persons with disabilities, and caregivers with comprehensive information, assistance and referrals to long-term services and supports. As a result partnerships created through this program have joined together to provide collaborative leadership and to develop consensus on the vision for enhancing and increasing access for all persons seeking long term services and support options. Our critical vision is for all individuals of all ages who are functionally in need of assistance and support to have critical pathways to a wide range of resources and services at the community level with respect to individual dignity and informed personal choice. The primary goal is to create a process for systems improvement to streamline access for individuals to live independently.

Departmental Concurrence

Edward F. Walsh
Edward F. Walsh, 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:	NA

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:
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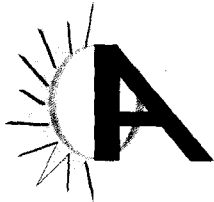
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 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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A Consensus to Improve Access to Long Term Services & Support



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A Consensus to Improve Access to Long Term Services & Support

The undersigned have joined together to provide leadership and to develop consensus on the vision for developing and restructuring Riverside County's information and access for all persons seeking long term services and support options, regardless of age, disability or income. We call for all interested individuals, service organizations and advocacy groups in Riverside County to join us in this vital effort.

Our vision is for all individuals of all ages who are functionally in need of assistance and support will have access to a wide range of opportunities at the community level that respect individual dignity and personal choice.

The primary goal is to create a process for systems change to streamline access to information, services, and support, for long term care that enhance the ability of individuals to live independent in the community.

Our Principles

We believe that the long term care system in Riverside County must incorporate and support the following principles:

- flexibility to respond to the needs and strengths of those served, their families, and their caregivers;
- consumer education to assure informed choice and promote personal responsibility;
- consumer and community involvement in designing and monitoring long term services and support system;
- incentives for cost containment that support the delivery of appropriate services at an acceptable level of quality;
- incentives for service integration and funding coordination to avoid duplication of effort and to improve both quality and efficiency;
- adequate protection for the most vulnerable and frail; and
- opportunities to maximize the strengths and independence of both caregivers and consumers.

Our Challenge

Riverside is the fourth largest populated county in California with a population of 2,088,322 residents according to the January 2008 estimate by the CA State Department of Finance, representing approximately 5.5% of California's population. The County's growth rate between 2007 and 2008 was 2.6% which was twice the State's growth rate, making it the second fastest growing County in California behind Imperial County.

With the aging boomers, the elder population will continue to show substantial growth. Of all the elder age segments 55+, the age segment 55-64 has had the largest population since at least back to 2000 and projected into 2020. The total 55+ population for Riverside County in 2000 was 313,599; in 2007 it was estimated at 396,298; and it is projected to grow to 629,570 by 2020.

According to a report by AARP's Public Policy Institute, "disability has multiple meanings that cannot be captured in one definition. There are huge differences in the causes of disabilities, the age of onset and pace of progression, and the degree of activity limitations that may result. Disabilities may occur at birth, suddenly as a result of an accident, or slowly, as a chronic condition progresses. They may be sensory, cognitive, physical, or emotional. They may be visible or hidden. Disability usually involves difficulty conducting one or more daily activities, such as bathing, cooking, or shopping, or getting around our communities. And almost all of us need some help with these activities as some point in our adult lives, especially as we grow older."

Below is a brief look at some disability statistics for Riverside County:

Disabilities by Type* for Riverside County's Age 5+ Population

	U.S. Census 2000	2005-2007 Community Estimates	American Survey	% Increase from 2000 to 2005-2007 estimates
Total Population Ages 5+	1,401,614	1,819,512		29.82%
With a sensory disability	51,334	67,512		31.52%
With a physical disability	113,677	146,803		29.14%
With a mental disability	65,433	84,159		28.62%
With a self-care disability	36,050	47,110		30.68%

* U.S. Census categories (not all categories included)

The next table shows the breakdown of the disability types by three of the different age segments identified by the U.S. Census.

**Disability Types Broken out by Age Segments for
Riverside County's Population**
(based on U.S. Census American Community Survey 2005-2007 estimates)

Type	Ages 5-15	16-64	65 and over
Sensory disability	2,881	27,549	37,082
Physical disability	3,315	75,369	68,199
Mental disability	11,754	46,031	26,374
Self-care disability	2,840	2,840	2,840

Riverside County has an opportunity and a challenge to develop an integrated system of coordinated long term care services that will address more effectively the needs of our growing population. It is imperative that public and private entities collaborate to provide the most cost-effective delivery of quality home and community based long term care services possible. The Aging & Disability Resource Connection initiative is an avenue to increase awareness & information, assistance and access throughout Riverside County.

Our Opportunity for Action

Action steps:

1. Create a universal definition and measurement to identify and prioritize “at-risk individuals.”
2. Develop a common client intake data form.
3. Designate a liaison from each agency/department to fast track “at-risk individuals” to services.
4. Design a guide to create critical pathways to services or programs which will include elements, such as, eligibility guidelines or required documents.
5. Identify consumers to participate on the Leadership Advisory Resource Team and the Stakeholder Advisory Group.
6. Assure through active participation of the Aging & Disability Resource Connection various stakeholder groups that the Board of Supervisors has input from: consumers, families, local government, community organizations, service providers, and advocates in the redesign of a more integrated home and community based long term care system.

Committed Partners in Improving Access
to Long Term Services & Support



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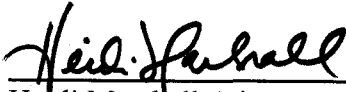
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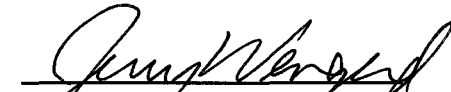
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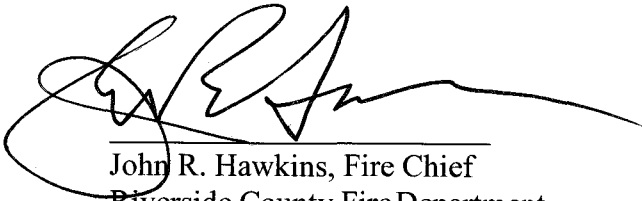
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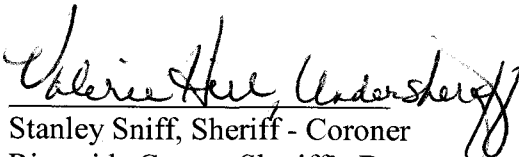
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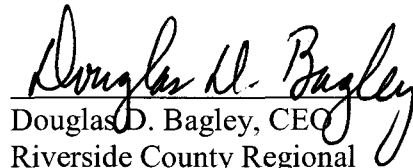
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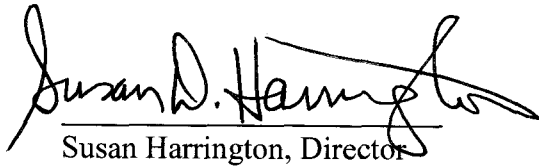
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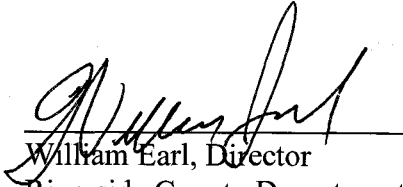
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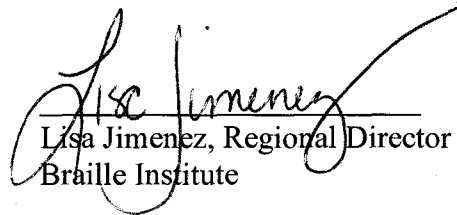
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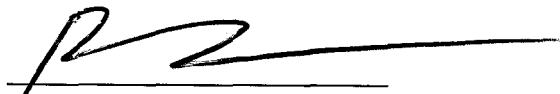
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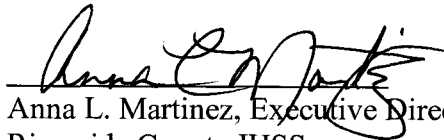
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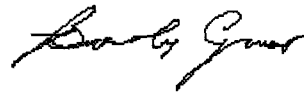
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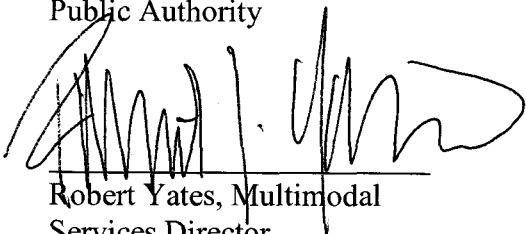
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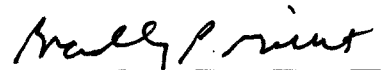
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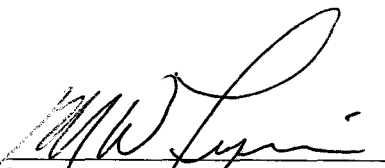
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