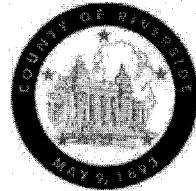


SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM
3.36
(ID # 4102)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND OFFICE ON AGING :

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: A.B. 1200 (Cervantes) - Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection Program: Support, All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Support A.B. 1200 (Cervantes) - Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection Program

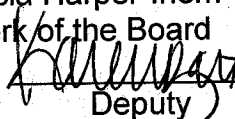
ACTION: Policy


George A. Johnson 4/27/2017

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 2, 2017
xc: EO, Office on Aging

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year: N/A	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BACKGROUND:

Summary

A.B. 1200 would establish the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program, to be administered by the California Department of Aging, to provide information to consumers and their families on available long-term services and support (LTSS) programs to assist older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities in accessing LTSS programs at the local level. The bill would require the department to establish the Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee as the primary adviser in the ongoing development and implementation of the ADRC program.

Specifically, A.B. 1200:

- 1) Establishes an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) program to provide information to consumers and their families on available long-term services and support (LTSS) programs, to assist older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities in accessing LTSS programs at the local level.
- 2) Requires each ADRC program site provide enhanced information and referral services, and other assistance at hours that are convenient for the public including:
 - Options counseling concerning available LTSS programs and public/private benefits programs;
 - Short-term service coordination; and,
 - Transition services from hospitals to home and from skilled nursing facilities to the community.
- 3) Allows the California Department of Aging (the Department) to enter into interagency agreements with the Department of Rehabilitation and the State Department of Health Care Services for purposes of implementing the provisions of the bill. The Department, in consultation with the advisory committee, shall consider establishing ADRC program sites to cover all geographic regions of the state in order to provide services to the maximum number of consumers and families in the state.
- 4) Requires the Department to establish the Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee as the primary adviser to the Department, the Department of Rehabilitation, and the State Department of Health Care Services in the ongoing development and implementation of the ADRC program.

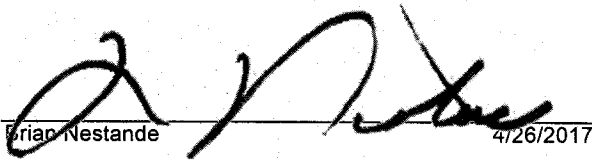
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- 5) Requires the Department, in consultation with the advisory committee, to formulate criteria for designation and approval of local ADRC program sites. Area agencies on aging and independent living centers shall be the core local partners in developing ADRC program sites, but the Department may work with other local partners in developing ADRC program sites.
- 6) The Department and the State Department of Health Care Services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize local government agencies to claim federal Medicaid reimbursement for qualified administrative activities performed.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

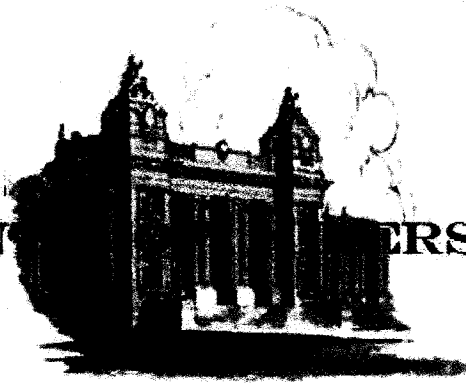
The approval of A.B. 1200 would positively affect the residents of Riverside County by establishing the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program, which would provide information to consumers and their families on available long-term services and support (LTSS) programs to assist older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities in accessing LTSS programs at the local level.

ATTACHMENT A. A.B. 1200 - Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection Program



Brian Nestande 4/26/2017

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May 3, 2017

The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5164
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1200 (Cervantes): Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection Program
As introduced February 17, 2017
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Board Action**

Dear Assembly Member Cervantes:

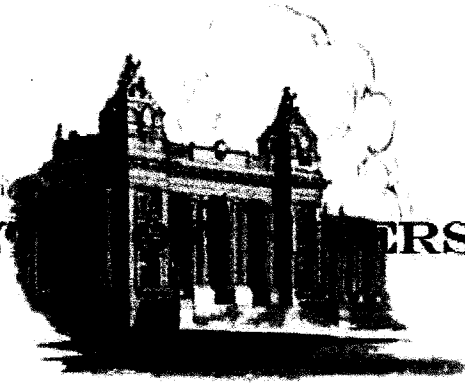
On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for your AB 1200, which defines the Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection (ARDC) Program, outlines its purpose, establishes standards of operations, and requires the Department of Aging and the State Department of Health Care Services to explore reimbursement options.

The ADRC initiative focuses on delivering person-centered planning by improving access to long-term services and support (LTSS) so that an individual can receive the right services at the right time and in the right place. These programs provide objective information, advice, counseling and assistance, and ensure that individuals can make informed decisions about their services. ADRCs build on the strength of existing community agencies, such as Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and Independent Living Centers (ILC), to provide a single coordinated system of information and access for all persons seeking long-term services and support.

In 2003, the federal Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) started promoting the ADRC initiative to streamline access to long-term services and supports (LTSS) to assist older adults, persons with disabilities, families, and caregivers. Although federal and state agencies encourage local networks to collaborate on developing ADRCs, there is no statutory authority, thereby limiting the program to only seven sites throughout California, of which Riverside County is one.

The ADRC program needs and deserves the support of the Legislature to ensure that the program becomes an integral component of the long-term support and services delivery system.

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For these reasons, we strongly support AB 1200. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Tavaglione".

John F. Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Ash Kalra, Chair, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee
Members and Consultants, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee
County of Riverside Delegation

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1200

Introduced by Assembly Member Cervantes

February 17, 2017

An act to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 9120) to Chapter 2 of Division 8.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to aging.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1200, as introduced, Cervantes. Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection program.

Existing law, the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act, establishes the California Department of Aging, and states that the mission of the department is to provide leadership to the area agencies on aging in developing systems of home- and community-based services that maintain individuals in their own homes or least restrictive homelike environments.

Existing law vests in the Department of Rehabilitation the responsibility and authority for the encouragement of the planning, development, and funding of independent living centers, which are private, nonprofit organizations that provide specified services to individuals with disabilities, in order to assist those individuals in their attempts to live fuller and freer lives outside institutions.

Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions. Existing law provides that Medi-Cal long-term services and supports, including In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS), Multipurpose Senior

Services Program (MSSP) services, and certain skilled nursing facility and subacute care services, shall be covered services by a specified date under managed care health plan contracts for beneficiaries residing in counties participating in the Coordinated Care Initiative.

This bill would establish the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program, to be administered by the California Department of Aging, to provide information to consumers and their families on available long-term services and supports (LTSS) programs and to assist older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities in accessing LTSS programs at the local level. The bill would require the department to establish the Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee as the primary adviser in the ongoing development and implementation of the ADRC program. The bill would require the department, in consultation with the advisory committee, to formulate criteria for designation and approval of local ADRC program sites, and would specify the services offered by, and responsibilities of, a program site. The bill would require the department and the State Department of Health Care Services to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize local government agencies to claim federal Medicaid reimbursement for qualified administrative activities performed pursuant to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) California's long-term services and supports (LTSS) system
- 4 is plagued by fragmentation of programs at the state, regional, and
- 5 local levels. In many communities, multiple agencies administer
- 6 LTSS and have complex, fragmented, and often duplicative intake,
- 7 assessment, and eligibility functions. This fragmentation results
- 8 in a lack of access to coordinated services. As a result, consumers
- 9 and their families struggle to identify and access necessary home-
- 10 and community-based services, resulting in increased likelihood
- 11 of hospitalization and institutional placements.
- 12 (b) In 2003, the federal Administration for Community Living
- 13 and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

1 established a joint funding opportunity through the Aging and
2 Disability Resource Center (ADRC) initiative, which was designed
3 to provide visible and trusted sources of information, one-on-one
4 counseling, and streamlined access to LTSS.

5 (c) ADRCs build on the strength of existing community
6 agencies, including area agencies on aging and independent living
7 centers, to provide a more coordinated system of information and
8 access for all persons seeking LTSS to minimize confusion,
9 enhance individual choice, and support informed decisionmaking.

10 (d) In California, ADRC partnerships exist in eight areas of the
11 state that facilitate access to LTSS based on individuals' needs,
12 preferences, and goals.

13 (e) California's ADRC Advisory Committee engages
14 stakeholders in identifying and implementing strategies to
15 strengthen, sustain, and expand ADRC services throughout the
16 state.

17 SEC. 2. Article 4 (commencing with Section 9120) is added
18 to Chapter 2 of Division 8.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,
19 to read:

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21 Article 4. Aging and Disability Resource Connection Program
22

23 9120. (a) There is hereby established an Aging and Disability
24 Resource Connection (ADRC) program to provide information to
25 consumers and their families on available long-term services and
26 supports (LTSS) programs and to assist older adults, caregivers,
27 and persons with disabilities in accessing LTSS programs at the
28 local level.

29 (b) This article shall be administered by the California
30 Department of Aging. The department shall enter into interagency
31 agreements with the Department of Rehabilitation and the State
32 Department of Health Care Services for purposes of implementing
33 this article.

34 9121. (a) The department shall establish the Aging and
35 Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee as the
36 primary adviser to the department, the Department of
37 Rehabilitation, and the State Department of Health Care Services
38 in the ongoing development and implementation of the ADRC
39 program.

40 (b) The advisory committee shall do all of the following:

- 1 (1) Consider high-level aspects of the ADRC program operations
- 2 and related systemwide issues.
- 3 (2) Provide input and recommendations to the departments in
- 4 developing ADRC program policies and procedures.
- 5 (3) Serve as the forum for ADRC stakeholders to discuss
- 6 evolving federal guidance, funding opportunities, and best
- 7 practices.
- 8 9122. (a) The department, in consultation with the advisory
- 9 committee, shall formulate criteria for designation and approval
- 10 of local ADRC program sites.
- 11 (b) Area agencies on aging and independent living centers shall
- 12 be the core local partners in developing ADRC program sites, but
- 13 the department may work with other local partners in developing
- 14 ADRC program sites.
- 15 (c) An ADRC program site shall provide all of the following:
- 16 (1) Enhanced information and referral services and other
- 17 assistance at hours that are convenient for the public.
- 18 (2) Options counseling concerning available LTSS programs
- 19 and public and private benefits programs.
- 20 (3) Short-term service coordination.
- 21 (4) Transition services from hospitals to home and from skilled
- 22 nursing facilities to the community.
- 23 (d) An ADRC program site shall do all of the following:
- 24 (1) Provide services within the geographic area served.
- 25 (2) Provide information to the public about the services provided
- 26 by the site.
- 27 (3) Submit to the department all reports and data required or
- 28 requested by the department.
- 29 (e) The department, in consultation with the advisory committee,
- 30 shall consider establishing ADRC program sites to cover all
- 31 geographic regions of the state in order to provide services to the
- 32 maximum number of consumers and families in the state.
- 33 9123. The department and the State Department of Health Care
- 34 Services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the
- 35 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize
- 36 local government agencies to claim federal Medicaid
- 37 reimbursement for qualified administrative activities performed
- 38 pursuant to this article, consistent with Section 14132.47.

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June 28, 2017

The Honorable Ed Hernandez O.D., Chair
Senate Health Committee
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1200 (Cervantes): Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection Program
As amended May 8, 2017
Set for hearing July 12, 2017 – Senate Health Committee
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Board Action**

Dear Senator Hernandez:

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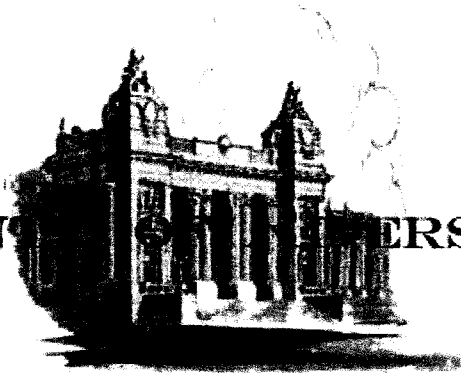
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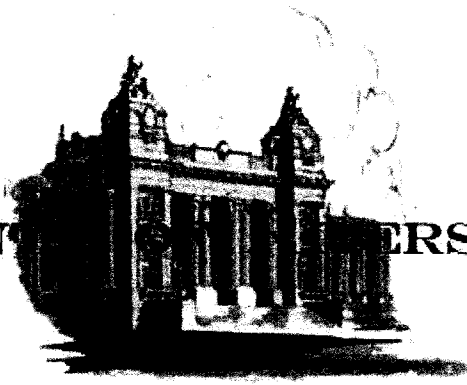
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July 20, 2017

The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1200 (Cervantes): Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection Program
As Amended June 29, 2017
Awaiting Hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee
County of Riverside: SUPPORT – Per Board Action**

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