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MOTION NO. 9384

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2 A MOTION endorsing the 1995 Area Agency on Aging Plan
3 Objectives.
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5 WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging was created by interlocal agreement by King
6 County, United Way of Seattle/King County, and Seattle, and

7 WHEREAS, by October 1, 1994 an update to the area plan on aging must be submitted
8 as a requirement for local administration of funds from the Federal Older Americans Act, the
9 State Senior Citizens Services Act, Title XIX (Medicaid), U.S. Department of Agriculture, State
10 Respite Care, and State Adult Day Health, and

11 WHEREAS, the Fiscal Management and Human Services committee in 1993 gave
12 direction that the council would annually review the draft objectives of the plan, and

13 WHEREAS, the King County executive has submitted, for council review, draft 1995
14 planning objectives which will be reviewed by the Area Agency on Aging sponsors
15 (representatives from King County, Seattle, and United Way) on August 17, 1994, and

16 WHEREAS, the draft plan document will be available for public comment and a public
17 hearing will be held on August 22, 1994 with final plan approval by the Area Agency on Aging
18 scheduled for September 21, 1994;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The proposed 1995 Area Agency on Aging plan objectives as submitted for council review on August 15, 1994 are hereby endorsed and recommended for approval.

PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 26th day of September, 1994.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen
Chair

ATTEST:

Janet Masuo
Deputy Clerk of the Council

Attachments:
Draft 1995 Annual Objectives

1995 Annual Objectives

Each year the Division on Aging develops annual objectives -- special areas of action to be conducted by the Division staff. The objectives often focus on developing new resources or advocating for changes in the current system of services. Primarily using resources allocated to administration and program coordination, these efforts are in addition to the Division's regular operations. Division staff work closely with the Advisory Council on Aging, service providers, senior organizations and other community members to accomplish these objectives.

Building an Effective Service System

The development of a comprehensive and coordinated system of services is necessary to address the needs of the growing elderly population in King County, including the increasing number of senior adults living outside Seattle city limits. The activities undertaken in this area are intended to address gaps in the service system by increasing the availability, quality and effectiveness of services and other community resources.

Objectives

1. The Division will increase older persons' access to information about services by continuing efforts developing strategies that involve senior centers in the dissemination of information by December 31, 1995.
2. The Division will promote intergenerational cooperation by supporting selected educational and legislative advocacy activities of Seattle-King County Generations United by December 31, 1995.
3. The Division will represent the needs of older adults in growth management and geographic planning throughout the King County region, by December 31, 1995.*
4. The Division will advocate on behalf of older people particularly those who are frail, older people of color, those with limited English speaking ability, and people with very low incomes, in the implementation of King County Metro's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), OPTIONS program and the regional transit project, and advocate for the inclusion of volunteer transportation services under the ADA Para-transit Services, by December 31, 1995.
5. The Division will collaborate with King County and the Washington State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, and service providers to implement a Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment program specific to older adults, By December 31, 1995.
6. The Division will continue to assist with the development of Adult Day Services in King County, including supporting advocacy efforts of the Adult Day Care Alliance to ensure day care clients are served by the ADA Para-Transit Service, by December 31, 1995.

* Refers to City, County and Departmental planning processes involving the Comprehensive Plan and the Consolidated Plan.

7. The Division will complete incorporation of the information from the North, South, East, and Seattle subregional plans into the Area Plan by March 31, 1995.
8. The Division will seek additional funding to expand the Senior Employment Program throughout King County, by December 31, 1995.
9. The Division will improve the provision of Division-funded services by reviewing service areas, analyzing services for targeted populations, making recommendations regarding funding allocations and contract procedures, and implementing policies adopted as a result of the reviews, by December 31, 1995.

<u>Service Area To Be Studied (Tentative)</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Case Management	1995
Outreach	1995
I & A/Special I & A	1995

10. The Division will improve the effectiveness of the nutrition service system in order to have a greater impact on the health status of participants determined to be most nutritionally at-risk, particularly in communities of color, by December 31, 1995.

Housing and Housing Related Services

Rapid growth of the population in King County has resulted in a considerable rise in the cost of housing throughout the region. Elderly persons spend an estimated 27 percent of their income on housing, eight percent more than those in younger age groups. High costs of utilities, taxes, insurance and repairs frequently place a financial burden on elderly homeowners. Senior adults who do not own homes are facing increasingly unaffordable rents, and the high incidence of poverty in this population creates a continuing need for subsidized public housing.

In addition, it is estimated that more than one-fifth of King County's older population are frail elderly persons, in need of assistance to function on a daily basis. It is increasingly evident that, in order to successfully provide services to the elderly population, they must be closely coordinated with the maintenance of affordable housing. Increasing diversity also often requires that this assistance be tailored to the needs of special language or cultural groups.

Objectives

1. The Division will work to increase housing options for low and moderate income elderly persons by advocating for regulations and legislation favoring preservation of subsidized housing, and supporting the development of new housing alternatives, including the an increase in and appropriate geographic distribution of state reimbursed assisted living units in King County, by December 31, 1995.
2. The Division will coordinate with the Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority to expand housing resources for minority elderly persons by assisting the International District community (Village Square) in the development of the "Frail Elderly Continuum of Care", by December 31, 1995.

3. The Division will coordinate with Seattle and King County Housing Authority and plan for availability of support services for low-income, frail elderly residents in an effort to help them remain in their own homes, and will participate in the allocation planning for "elderly only" housing units, by December 31, 1995.

Health and Long Term Care

Rapid growth of the population needing long term care in King County has prompted the Division on Aging to work toward the development of a more effective long term care system. This effort includes an emphasis on community based services, and the integration of long term care into the overall health care system.

Many people currently in need of community based health and long term care services are unable to obtain them. Lack of affordability and scarcity of personnel create barriers which limit access to needed services.

With advances in medical technology and increasing life spans, there is an increasing need for specialization in health and long term care services. Additionally, many people now need access to multiple service systems. For example, many persons with developmental disabilities are now living longer and are experiencing age related chronic disabilities. Such emerging needs require a more integrated and coordinated system of service delivery.

Objectives

1. The Division will advocate for increased budgets for residential, community and home-based long term care services through legislation and administrative changes as measured by the adoption of such changes by December 31, 1995.
2. The Division will support the Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging and other special needs advocacy groups in their efforts to influence policymakers to bring about needed changes by December 31, 1995.
3. The Division will advocate to assure that the needs of older people are included in state and federal efforts to reform health care, by December 31, 1995.
4. The Division will collaborate with the King County Mental Health Division to improve the delivery of mental health services to older people, by December 31, 1995.
5. The Division will collaborate with local offices of the state Department of Social and Health Services to develop the ability to jointly manage public long term care resources, by December 31, 1995.

Service Delivery To Minorities and People of Color

The population of racial and ethnic minority older adults is increasing in King County. This population represents special challenges for service delivery. Access to services is often difficult for people with limited English skills, and available services are frequently not designed to meet the special needs and customs of different cultures. As a result, services intended to meet the needs of all older adults are often underutilized by ethnic minorities and people of color.