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PSA 22

**2016-2020 Four-Year Area Planning Cycle**

This section must be completed and submitted with the Four-Year Area Plan. Any changes to this Section must be documented on this form and remitted with Area Plan Updates.<sup>6</sup>

1. Specific to Legal Services, what is your AAA's Mission Statement or Purpose Statement? Statement must include Title IIIB requirements:

The mission of PSA 22 as it relates to Legal Services is to support the Legal Aid Society of Orange County (LASOC) Senior Citizen Legal Advocacy Program (SCLAP) by providing Title IIIB funds to augment the funding level of the program so that Orange County older adults in the greatest social and economic need will be provided access to legal services.

2. Based on your local needs assessment, what percentage of Title IIIB funding is allocated to Legal Services?

A minimum of 10 percent.

3. Specific to Legal Services, has there been a change in your local needs in the past four years? If so, please identify the change (include whether the change affected the level of funding and the difference in funding levels in the past four years).

During the last year, there continues to be a high demand for legal services and in the complexity of the problems for which seniors seek legal assistance. There has been an increase in elder abuse (including financial elder abuse) referrals and requests of conservatorships. LASOC collaborates with the various legal units within the agency to provide holistic services to seniors. The legal units include family law, consumer, tax, and health care advocacy. The Office on Aging's Information & Assistance department also continues to see a high demand for legal referral requests.

4. Specific to Legal Services, does the AAA's contract/agreement with the Legal Services Provider(s) (LSPs) specify that the LSPs are expected to use the California Statewide Guidelines in the provision of OAA legal services?

Yes. The requirement to use the California Statewide Guidelines in the provision of OAA legal services was added to the scope of services for the FY 19-20 legal services contract.

5. Does the AAA collaborate with the Legal Services Provider(s) to jointly establish specific priorities issues for legal services? If so what are the top four (4) priority legal issues in your PSA?

Yes. The AAA and LSP collaborated to establish the following legal service priority issues:

- Housing (landlord and tenant issues and subsidized housing)
- Income Maintenance (including government benefits)









