

**QUARTERLY WORKGROUP PROGRESS REPORT: SERVICES**

**REPORT DATE:** March 6, 2023

AGENDA ITEM #15 E  
03/20/2023

**WORKGROUP:**

Board Champions: Julie Hale & Anne Corona, Board Secretary

Members: Dr. Audrey Baria & Barbara Sheen Todd

Staff Liaisons: Kristina Jalazo, Director of Program Accountability & Tawnya Martino ARDC Director

**BOARD GOAL: Diversify & expand partnerships for programs/services ~ Services Workgroup**

**BOARD ISSUE:** Marked increase in need for services, as well as unmet needs for housing, transportation, & home services. Need to focus AAAPP resources on priority sustainable services. Perhaps do an update to CASOA – post-Covid.

**STRATEGY 1: Ensure there is a large pool of qualified vendors/providers to competitively bid to provide needed services**

**How we will measure success:**

- **Increased number of qualified bidders**
- **Increased number of clients served**

**Target date for completion: 2025**

**Board Responsibilities:**

1. Be proactive in recruiting additional vendors/providers
2. Meet and develop relationships with industry leaders to partner with AAAPP
3. Create a standing Board Committee to oversee and implement awareness and advocacy

**Choose one**

- ☐ Completed: Successfully/Unsuccessfully
- ☐ In Progress In Progress
- ☐ Stalled

**NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF PROGRESS OR PROBLEMS**

The Services workgroup met for the first time immediately following the February board meeting. Members agreed to propose changes to Strategy 2: streamlining rules, guidelines and regulations.

Checking various senior citizen local area publications and websites for names of potential bidders for in-home care services. It is too preliminary at this stage to measure number of clients increased/served. Outreach to City of Dade City. Meeting scheduled with Community/Economic Development Director on March 10 to discuss introducing potential developers to idea of incorporating low-income housing units for elderly in their multi-family housing model. Researching Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. To contact a developer in Sarasota that specializes in affordable housing in Florida. Will speak with Margarita Romo, local farmworker advocate to see how AAAPP might be able to assist her efforts on behalf of the local migrant population . This would expand AAAPP's community outreach.

**AAAPP Strategic Plan: September 2022 ~ September 2025**  
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**WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**STRATEGY 2: Identify gaps and unmet needs based on the current and future economic forecasts.**

**How we will measure success:**

- **Additional unmet needs will be identified including but not limited to housing and expanding mental health services**
- **Increased number of community partners**

**Target date for completion: 2025**

**Board Responsibilities:**

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Have met with Premier Community Health Care (serve on Advisory Council) in Dade City to discuss whether AAAPP might help them better reach elderly clients. Premier has a behavioral health facility that provides mental health services available to all ages.

**WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Services workgroup members should choose one relevant topic that addresses unmet needs and do research on their selected topic, to be presented to the group. The group needs to first meet and develop a workable action plan.

**STRATEGY 2: Advocate for streamlining rules, guidelines and regulations**

**How we will measure success:**

- **Increased number of vendors/providers are enrolled for State and Federal contracts.**

**Target date for completion: 2025**

**Board Responsibilities:**

1. Advocate with Legislators
2. Advocate with DOEA Leadership
3. Partner with other AAAs Board of Directors

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**NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF PROGRESS OR PROBLEMS:**

To be determined. No action taken as of this time. Services workgroup Co-Chair is familiar with the legislative process and working with Legislators, and is best suited to lead advocacy in this area.

**WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS:**