September 14, 2004

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA  94903

SUBJECT:  Marin County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging, Area Plan Year-End Report for FY 03/04 to California Department of Aging

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the President to approve the Division of Aging’s Area Plan Year-End Report for FY 03/04 and sign the attached transmittal letter to the California Department of Aging.

SUMMARY: The California Department of Aging requires that all Area Agencies on Aging submit an annual year-end report analyzing the progress they have made towards the goals and objectives laid out in their four-year Area Plan. The Year-End Report of the Division of Aging summarizes the activities undertaken by both the Division of Aging and the Marin County Commission on Aging in meeting their four-year goals and presents some of their major achievements of the past year. It also includes information on the community-based services the Division of Aging provides to older adults living in Marin County and profiles the typical recipient of these services. A few highlights from this year’s report are:

- 6,630 persons or, 15% of Marin’s older adult population, received services provided by the Division of Aging, in partnership with 16 community-based agencies and the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Sixty-eight percent of all program recipients were women; 23 percent were persons of color; almost 20 percent had incomes at or below the Federal Poverty Level and 28 percent were 85 years of age or older, with an age range of 32 to 106 years old.
- 319 caregivers received a variety of supportive services through the National Family Caregiver Support Program, including respite care, counseling and support groups.
- The Division of Aging developed a Ten-year Strategic Plan for Aging Services in Marin, Live Long, Live Well, with six critical work areas for creating a healthy
aging community in Marin. The Plan’s unveiling featured keynote speaker, author and historian, Theodore Roszak.

- The Elder Abuse Prevention Community Task Force co-sponsored a month-long series of educational workshops in May to raise awareness and prevent elder financial exploitation, along with a movie theater slide publicizing the County’s elder abuse hot line number.

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** The Year-End report provides critical information to the Division of Aging on whether it is meeting community needs in providing a full range of supportive services to the most vulnerable older adults in Marin and gauges how well it is accomplishing its stated objectives.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No fiscal impact.

REVIEWED BY: [ ] Auditor Controller [X] NA
              [ ] County Counsel [X] NA
              [ ] Human Resources [X] NA

Respectfully submitted,

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September 14, 2004

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Re: TRANSMITTAL LETTER – Marin County Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Aging, Area Plan Year-End Report, FY 03/04

Dear Ms. Meyer:

The Marin County Department of Health & Human Services Division of Aging hereby submits its FY 03/04 Area Plan Year-End Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marin County Board of Supervisors

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Liz Rottger, Director  
Marin County Division of Aging

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Roberta Michels, Chair  
Marin County Commission on Aging