

## About Membership in the Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County

### **Membership Categories**

Full Members - Senior-serving organizations in good standing hold voting rights, and thus determine the Coalition's policies and leadership. Full Members are active participants in the Coalition's work.

Individual Members - Policy Makers or individuals who support the Coalition's mission. Individual Members do not have voting rights, but are otherwise invited to participate fully in all Coalition activities.

Donors - Contribute significant funds to help support the activities of the Coalition, but are not members.

### **Membership Dues**

In FY 2016-17, membership dues are as follows:

#### Full Members

\$2,250 per year (organizations with budgets over \$5 million)

\$1,250 per year (organizations with budgets over \$1.2 million)

\$500 per year (organizations with budgets between \$800,000 and \$1.2 million)

\$300 per year (organizations with budgets between \$500,000 and \$800,000)

\$100 per year (organizations with annual budgets under \$500,000)

Commissions on Aging (dues exempt; must submit resolution affirming membership)

Dues reduction or exemption may be requested.

#### Individual Member

\$50 to \$500 per year (based on ability to pay)

### **Membership Process**

SSC members are providers of health and supportive services for seniors, as well as stakeholders who share a commitment to senior services. Members may include nonprofit organizations, for-profit corporations, city government, public agencies, public advisory bodies, elected officials, consumer groups, and individuals. Of these, all but elected officials and individuals may choose to become full members. Membership is obtained by submitting a completed membership form along with an annual dues payment.

## **About SSC**

### **History**

The Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County (SSC) was formed in 1996, with support from the Area Agency on Aging, to help senior service providers address policy issues together. That year, SSC built consensus and brought the collective voice of providers “to the table” where policy decisions were being made about the distribution of federal dollars in the County.

Since that time, SSC has provided a continuing forum for members to share information and innovations in service delivery and public policy. In 2002, SSC created a staff position to ensure capacity to participate in emerging efforts to create a coordinated system. Over the last decade, we have convened events to focus policy maker and public attention on senior issues; built relationships with local and state elected officials, and a reputation as a local resource on senior services and policy; expanded our membership and built cooperative advocacy partnerships throughout the safety net; and we continue to respond with coordinated effort to proposed state and local budget decisions that put vulnerable seniors at risk.

### **Purpose**

The Coalition represents nonprofit and public organizations and stakeholders who are working together to ensure that Alameda County seniors can rely on an easily accessible, coordinated system of social, medical and supportive care. Collectively, SSC members provide a broad array of health, social, and supportive services to tens of thousands of seniors in the County. SSC members are committed to improving the system of care for all older adults, especially those most vulnerable due to frail health, cognitive impairment, disability, or financial status.

### **SSC Goals:**

- Strengthen the voice and influence of the aging community in policy making at the county, state and local level.
- Increase funding for senior services and strengthen the safety net for economically disadvantaged seniors.
- Make the case for community-based supportive services, access to healthcare, and resources that help seniors live as independently as possible.
- Promote greater flexibility within our County to connect individuals with the services they need.

### **Funding**

In addition to membership dues and sponsorships, the Senior Services Coalition is funded through foundation grants. In FY 2016-17, SSC is supported by grants from East Bay Foundation on Aging, The SCAN Foundation, and True North Foundation.

### **Fiscal Sponsor**

SSC's fiscal sponsor is Meals On Wheels of Alameda County, a nonprofit organization that receives grant funds for SSC and oversees the activities of the SSC Director.