

Agency Report
Department of Human Services
Senior Program Activities

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Request: Acknowledge receipt of a report on certain senior program activities.

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Analysis: During the September 2013 special session, \$26 million General Fund was set aside in a special purpose appropriation (SPA) for future distribution to programs or activities supporting seniors. The bulk of that funding was allocated to various projects during the 2014 Legislative Session, with some projects requiring additional interim reporting or legislative updates. In this report, the Department of Human Services (DHS) provides updates on 3 projects:

- 1) Care Giver Training – through Oregon Care Partners, in-person and online training is being offered to caregivers through the end of the biennium. Modules include geriatric medication management, dealing with dementias, challenging behaviors, and specialized training for emergency responders. As of the end of March 2015, 1,269 unique individual caregivers had been trained with 41% of caregivers taking multiple classes. This was a \$3.3 million General Fund investment for 2013-15.
- 2) An SPA allocation of \$1 million General Fund allowed DHS to move forward with grants out of the Quality Care Fund. A mix of projects across all types of long term care settings have been funded, including an infection control pilot, video and other trainings, care preference and staffing evaluation tools, and consumer education.
- 3) As directed at the December 2014 meeting of the Emergency Board, DHS has completed additional work on a plan for development of a Community Based Care Capacity Index. The agency reports next steps on the project will focus on centralizing adult foster home licensing activities into an existing system. After that data is centralized, DHS will follow-up with stakeholders on how best to capture other information needed for the index, such as vacancy information and customer satisfaction. No funding is needed at this time.

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