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Legislative Priorities from the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc.

1. Local Service Programs (LSP) for Pasco and Pinellas Counties

The Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. (AAAPP) is requesting continued legislative support of \$1.2 Million in Local Service Programs (LSP) funding to serve 3,294 frail and needy seniors, aged 60 and older with Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). These Home and Community Based Services help prevent premature institutionalization, which is a major cost-saving for the state compared to skilled nursing costs and recognize the senior's preference to remain independent in their own home.

2. General Revenue Funding for Community Care for the Elderly (CCE); Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI), and Home Care for the Elderly (HCE).

- A. The Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. is requesting continuation funding of approximately \$8 Million in General Revenue funding to provide Case Managed Home and Community Based Services (CCE, ADI, and HCE) in both Pasco and Pinellas Counties. These programs not only impact Pasco and Pinellas, but also the entire state. Continued funding throughout the state assists frail seniors to remain independent in their own homes in lieu of any premature institutionalization.
- B. Aging services advocates will be additionally advocating for a \$10 Million dollar increase statewide for the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI) and Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) programs so approximately 1,300 frail and High Risk seniors can be removed from the waitlist, statewide.

DOEA & Gov. LBRs--\$4 mil increase CCE -- DOEA & Gov. LBRs--\$3 mil increase ADI --Gov. LBR--\$4.7 mil increase

3. Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long Term Care Program

The Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. currently receives approximately \$522,000 in funding compared to the statewide budget equaling approximately \$6 million to provide eligibility determination and enrollment services under the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long Term Care Program (SMMCLTCP). Currently, 9,763 Pasco and Pinellas County seniors are enrolled in the SMMCLTC Program and 2,879 are waiting to be enrolled.

- A. The AAAPP is requesting continuation of baseline funding statewide in order for our agency to continue to perform eligibility and enrollment services locally. Aging services advocates will be advocating for a \$1.5 Million dollar increase statewide in order meet service demands and enrolling new eligible

DOEA & Gov. LBRs--\$352,174 increase for ADRCs