

AAAPP Plan to address the immediate danger posed:

- AAAPP staff met with Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) colleagues on May 23, 2024, to provide update on the unfolding situation involving CARES.
- Given the uncertainty of CARES ability to sustain normal business operations, the AAAPP staff proposes the termination of CARES current Older Americans Act contracts effective August 31, 2024.
- As per our agency's Policies and Procedures, the AAAPP seeks to initiate an emergency Request for Procurement (RFP). The AAAPP will solicit applications for Older Americans Act Title IIIB services of Chore, Homemaking, and Adult Day Care with an awardee to be determined at the August 19, 2024, Board of Directors meeting.
- In the meantime, we will be working closely with CARES to ascertain their ability to continue to provide Older Americans Act Title IIIB services, with as much notice as possible.

- Chore
 - The AAAPP currently holds a DOEA approved Direct Service Waiver to provide Older Americans Act Chore services in Pinellas County.
 - The AAAPP has been granted emergency approval from DOEA to add Pasco County to the AAAPP's currently held Direct Service Waiver to provide chore services in Pasco with Older Americans Act funding.
 - Older Americans Act Chore services will remain included in the proposed emergency RFP and normal direct service waiver procedures will be followed should no applications for Chore services be received.

- Homemaking
 - CARES will continue to provide Homemaking services through August 31, 2024, while the AAAPP initiates and completes the proposed RFP process.
 - The AAAPP will commence a roundtable discussion with partners in the community about homemaker services under the Older Americans Act on June 18, 2024, to generate an understanding and interest in potentially bidding on Older Americans Act services.
 - Due to initiating our coordinated effort to increase capacity of eligible Older Americans Act providers in Pasco County, we have initiated Older Americans Act contracts with two home health agencies in Pasco County to provide Older Americans Act Homemaking services in the

amount of \$34,000. Both home health agencies are prepared to take on the remaining Older Americans Act homemaking clients of CARES should CARES be unable to continue to provide Homemaking services until August 31, 2024.

- Should additional clients be temporarily moved to these two alternative providers before August 31, 2024, we will seek support from DOEA in issuing contracts in amounts over \$35,000 until the proposed emergency RFP process is complete to ensure continuity of client services and mitigate the continued public threat CARES' actions pose.
 - Should CARES be unable to sustain Homemaking services through August 31, 2024, this temporary procedure would also require the AAAPP to take on the screening and prioritization of the Homemaking waitlist under our current Direct Service Waiver for intake and screening under OAA Title IIIB.
- Adult Day Care
 - There is only one other licensed Adult Day Care in Pasco County aside from CARES. This entity has been engaged by the AAAPP for General Revenue services and the organization has stated their non-interest in moving forward with an agreement or contract for any programs.
 - The AAAPP will convene a meeting with current Adult Day Care providers from Pinellas County, additional national partner, assisted living facilities, and other interested community stakeholders to discuss interest and the need for the growth of adult day cares in Pasco County. This will take place on June 14, 2024.
 - Should CARES cease providing Adult Day Care services, the AAAPP will seek DOEA's approval in waiving prioritization requirements for these affected clients to enroll them in Older Americans Act, Title III E or Community Care for the Elderly for continued in-home respite, support, and appropriate supervision.