

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON AGING

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AGENDA

May 7, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

City Hall Hearing Room One
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Oakland, CA 94612

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
4. **Older Americans Month Event May 16**
 - *Brendalynn Goodall ~ Manager, Oakland Adult and Aging Services*
5. **Senior Services Set-Aside Committee Funding Recommendations ~ action item**
 - *Tracy Jensen ~ Senior Services Administrator*
6. **Single Payer Universal Health Care Legislation (Kuehl SB840) ~ see attachment ACTION item**
 - *Cleo S. Berkun, Ph.D.~ California Alliance of Retired Americans*
7. **Oakland Linkages for the Frail and Disabled**
 - *Elisa Alarcon ~ Senior Services Supervisor*

8. **Downtown Oakland Senior Center Report**

- *Jennifer King ~ Director, Downtown Oakland Senior Center*

9. **Committee Reports *Committees will be on hiatus until June during the Senior Services Set-Aside grant review***

10. **Open Forum – 3 minutes per speaker**

Speakers are requested to sign in with staff in advance. Individuals may also address the Commission during discussion of Agenda items. Available time may be limited.

11. **Announcements/Correspondence**

12. **Adjournment**

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Summary of SB 840 (Kuehl) "Single Payer Health Care Coverage"

California Healthcare Foundation - updated 7/17/2007

Californians Covered	All Californians covered through newly created single-payer California Health Insurance System (CHIS).
Consumer/Individual Requirements	Companion legislation, SB 1014, would require individuals to contribute a portion of income via taxes, in lieu of paying for health care premiums, copays, and deductibles. First \$7,000 of income would be exempt.
Treatment of Self-Employed	All Californians have same access to same standard benefits, regardless of type of employment.
Employers Requirements	SB 1014 would require employers to contribute via a 8.17% increase in payroll tax of employee's income over \$7,000 and under \$200,000. Contribution would be made in lieu of paying premiums.
Treatment of Small Employers	Not applicable.
Providers Requirements	None stated.
Changes in Provider Payments or Reallocation of Funds for Providers	New CHIS commissioner would negotiate and set all rates. Provides new right to providers to collectively negotiate rates and fees.
Public Program Expansions and Support for Low-Income Individuals	Aims to consolidate funding for existing public programs into newly created Universal Healthcare Fund, under CHIS. All Californians receive coverage under CHIS, regardless of income.
Role of Counties	Indigent receive care under CHIS; counties are largely removed of their obligation to care for indigent.
Role of Federal Government	Legislation intends for CHIS to consolidate funding from all existing public programs into the Universal Healthcare Fund, potentially including Medicare. People eligible for federal programs (Medicare and

Role of Federal Government (con't)	Medi-Cal) would remain enrolled in them and CHIS would pay their premiums and deductibles.
Changes in State Tax Code and State Tax Revenue	SB 1014 would modify state tax code to increase individual income tax and employers' payroll tax.
Insurance Market Requirements/Reforms:	CHIS becomes the primary policy for all Californians. Insurers may sell supplemental policies.
Insurance Market Requirements/Reforms:	All Californians receive coverage under CHIS.
Insurance Market Requirements/Reforms:	New administrative bodies are created to administer CHIS and develop a premium structure for Californians.
Financing Sources and Cost Estimates	<p>Creates the California Health Insurance Premium Commission to develop a premium structure to fund CHIS.</p> <p>Legislation relies on an estimated \$29 billion in administrative and other savings that are used to fund expanded coverage under CHIS.</p> <p>SB 1014 would increase payroll and state income tax for financing. Legislation envisions:</p> <p>Individuals would pay 3-4% of income (between \$7,000 and \$200,000).</p> <p>Individuals would pay an additional 1% on income over \$200,000.</p> <p>Employers would pay 8% of payroll tax (on payroll above \$7,000 for full time employees).</p>
Cost Containment:	Preventive care covered by CHIS. Caps administrative spending to 5% of total system-wide spending and authorizes newly created CHIS Commissioner to create other forms of cost control.