

ADDENDUM  
TO  
SECTION C

ISSUE AREAS, GOALS AND  
OBJECTIVES

JUNE 2006 UPDATE



# CAREGIVER ISSUES

2. Maintain support for caregiver training through participation in and/or sponsorship of a regional caregiver training conference and local training opportunities. Conduct a minimum of one community-wide education or training event annually.

***Measured by:***

Schedule of caregiver education and/or training event(s)

***Completed by:***

12/2007

**UPDATE:** *No caregiver conference was held in 2004. Barriers to organizing and holding a caregiver conference included changes in administrative staffing and reorganization which included time necessary to transition and train staff; workload issues precluded time to organize this event. A caregiver conference was held on November 16, 2005 at the Kiana Lodge in Poulsbo with 119 caregivers in attendance. A satisfaction survey conducted indicated that participants rated the conference as a 3.78 out of 4. Additionally, caregivers have access to educational and informational material made available at the stand alone Caregiver Support Center located in central Kitsap County.*

4. Develop and implement a Caregiver Support-specific, local Internet page.

***Measured by:***

Caregiver Support Web page

***Completed by:***

03/2006

**UPDATE:** *Kitsap County has recently completed a full redesign of its web page. With this anticipated redesign, the Division completed the planning and several drafts of content for the Division of Aging and Long Term Care/Senior Information and Assistance web page, which includes Caregiver Support-specific information. The new web page is expected to be operational no later than June 30, 2006.*

# MAKING KITSAP AN ELDER-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

## OBJECTIVES

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1. Engage in planning and coordination of health and wellness endeavors that emphasize strong nutritional and physical activity opportunities for older adults by maintaining participation in the regional Healthy Aging Program and the Kitsap Physical Activity Partnership with the Bremerton Kitsap Health District. Include a minimum of one (1) Physical Activity Partnership event at the annual May Older Americans Month conference.

***Measured by:***

***Completed by:***

I&A staff activity reports; records of planning and coordination meetings; copy of May Conference Agenda(s)

12/2004 – 12/2007

**UPDATE:** *We have maintained membership and participation in the Regional (King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap County) Healthy Aging Program. Additionally, the Bremerton Kitsap County Health District Physical Activity Partnership was represented at the annual May Older Americans Month conference. The Chuckwagon Senior Nutrition program was also represented at the May Older Americans Month conference and through our subcontract for services has continued its regular nutrition education component at congregate meal sites and through the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.*

# NATIVE AMERICAN ELDERS

4. Continue efforts to review and negotiate a contract with the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe that preserves the government-to-government relationship of the Tribes with federal, state and county partners and that complies with the requirements of Kitsap County and the Department of Social and Health Services specifically in keeping with the standards for congregate nutrition and such other services as may be provided.

**Measured by:**

**Completed by:**

Records of meetings with Tribes,  
and other relevant stakeholders.

12/2004 – 12/2007

**UPDATE:** *Over the past year, four meetings with the S’Klallam Tribe, DSHS, and Kitsap County Division of Aging and Long Term Care staff were held to discuss and coordinate services and issues of importance to all parties. Contract issues have been identified wherein Tribes are requesting a change in status from subcontractor to a peer government entity and negotiations are under way to address these concerns.*

6. Work with Kitsap Transit and other relevant stakeholders to review the needs for increased public transportation access in North Kitsap County including to and from the reservations.

**Measured by:**

**Completed by:**

Records of meetings with Kitsap Transit,  
and other relevant stakeholders.

12/2004 – 12/2007

**UPDATE:** *The goal to work with the Kitsap Transit and other relevant stakeholders to review the needs for increased public transportation access in North Kitsap County including to and from the reservations is a newly developed goal identified during the 2006 Area Plan Update. In January 2006, as the first steps taken in working toward accomplishing this goal, the Kitsap County Division of Aging and Long Term Care Advisory Council appointed a representative to attend the Kitsap Transit “Transportation Issues for the Elderly Disabled” (T.I.E.D.) quarterly meetings with subsequent reports back to the council.*

In addition to programs offered through outreach in conjunction with the SHIBA program and Senior Drug Education program, we have also participated in health and resource fairs on both the S'Klallam and Suquamish reservations. With positive relationship building, we have had direct contacts from Tribal service coordinators requesting either outreach presentations or participation in events, specific caregiver support or medication management materials and for the purpose of making referrals.

Planning, Medicaid, and Senior I & A and Caregiver Support unit staff also participated in on-site coordination meetings with the S'Klallam and Suquamish Tribes over the last two years to collaborate on resources and services, develop positive approaches to system barriers, enhance working relationships, and improve delivery of services to tribal elders and their caregivers.

Joint meetings with the S'Klallam Tribe, county, state and federal partners regarding many caregiver and COPES issues were held and as a result numerous problems of concern were collaboratively resolved. Additionally, a Memorandum of Agreement between the S'Klallam Tribe and the Long Term Care unit of the Division has been initiated. Final review and subsequent negotiations of the MOA are expected to be completed by the spring of 2006.

In 2004 and 2005 the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program specifically reached out to the S'Klallam and Suquamish Tribes to ensure inclusion of elders in this program.

**UPDATE:** *Senior Information and Assistance participated in four (4) health and resource fairs and conducted one (1) Senior Drug Education program with the S'Klallam Tribe. Additionally, the Kitsap County Division of Aging and Long Term Care Medicaid, Senior I&A, Caregiver Support and Planning unit staff participated in four joint meetings as referenced in the response to page 49 objective 4.*