

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Senior Day-Care – Building 440A 935 Spring Street Placerville

Reason for the Report

The Grand Jury selected the Senior Day-Care (Building 440A) as one of its general reviews for 2002/2003.

Scope of the Investigation

The members of the Grand Jury:

- Made an unannounced visit to the Senior Day-Care on November 7, 2002;
- Toured the facilities and grounds with the Assistant Director of the Senior Day-Care Center;
- Were briefed on the Senior Day-Care operations, including transportation, food and programs;
- Inspected the building and grounds;
- Reviewed previous Grand Jury reports for year's 1999/2000, 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 and found no findings or recommendations pertaining to this building.

Background

The Senior Day-Care Center provides, at a nominal cost, a much-needed day care facility for seniors. Similar to Child Day-Care, this is a place where the seniors who cannot be left without supervision may be placed in supervised care during the day. The seniors participate in activities that provide mental and physical stimulation. Meals served are provided by the Senior Nutrition Center.

The premises are clean, well maintained, and inviting. The premises, which are fully utilized, have an exercise room, social room, and a quiet room furnished with recliners and afghans.

The parking lot for the Senior Day-Care Center is shared with the Psychiatric Health Facility, Community Services/Senior Nutrition Center, and the Public Health Department. The poor condition of the parking lot poses a safety hazard for seniors and disabled individuals. Parking is limited, directional markings go against traffic flow and overall surface is in poor condition.

Findings

- F1. The building exterior paint is peeling.
- F2. The parking lot surface is severely checked and cracked, and poses a potential danger to users and potential liability to the county.
- F3. The parking lot directional markings contradict the parking lot traffic flow and are severely faded.
- F4. The parking lot size is inadequate and limits the full use of the facility.

Recommendations

- R1. The building exterior should be painted.
- R2. The parking lot should be repaired and resurfaced.
- R3. Directional arrows should show proper traffic flow.

Commendations

The Grand Jury commends the Senior Day-Care Staff for apparent outstanding job performance. The staff appears to be competent, courteous and caring to the seniors.

Responses Required for Findings

F1 through F4
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County Department of General Services
El Dorado County Department of Community Services

Responses Required for Recommendations

R1 through R3
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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