

ADVISORY GROUP ON Elimination of Duplicative and Non-Essential Services PROPOSAL #: AGDNES #14
 SUBJECT: DHH -Elderly Protective Services DATE ADOPTED BY ADVISORY GROUP: 11/02/09; amended on 11/09/09
 COMMISSION ACTION: WITHDRAWN DATE: November 10, 2009

RECOMMENDATION: Transfer Elderly Protective Services from Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs to the Department of Health and Hospitals/Office of Aging and Adult Services.

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
Transfer of EPS from GOEA to DHH/OAAS; combine administration of EPS and OAAS; combine protective services for vulnerable adults into a single Adult Protective Services agency under OAAS.	DHH/OAAS, and GOEA.	Split of services protecting vulnerable adults cause duplication of effort; split of EPS and Adult Protective Services (APS) complicates abuse reporting; both EPS and APS are understaffed; 42 states operate a single APS program. The National Adult Protective Services Association recommends a single program to serve all vulnerable adults.	Legislation	This is an initiative to improve government efficiency, make better use of resources, and improve client outcomes. It will not yield budget savings. Combining agencies will provide more staff per region and reduce travel; eliminates need for 2 agencies; eliminates duplication of essential program elements; administrative and support functions would be combined; outside agencies would have one agency in which to deal; abuse reporting would be simplified for agencies and general public; caseload size and supervisory coverage would be improved.	Develop transition plan to implement inter-agency collaboration leading to merger in two years.