

# APPENDIX X – PSA # 2

**Check each applicable planning cycle:**

- FY 2005-06  
  FY 2005-06  
  FY 2006-07  
  FY 2007-08  
  FY 2008-09

## **Legal Assistance<sup>①</sup>**

This section must be completed and submitted with the Four-Year Area Plan.  
 Any changes to this Appendix must be documented on this form and remitted with Area Plan Updates. This Appendix is to be completed electronically.

1. Specific to Legal Services, what is your AAA's Mission Statement or Purpose Statement? Statement must include Title III B requirements. Planning and Service Area 2 Area Agency on Aging will support the legal services needed in the five-county area for the benefit of older adults and adults with functional impairments which promote the ability to remain at home with maximum dignity, choice, and independence.
2. Based on your local needs assessment, what percentage of Title IIIB funding is allocated to Legal Services? 14 %
3. Specific to Legal Services, what is the targeted senior population and mechanism for reaching targeted groups in your PSA? Discussion: The targeted senior populations are: 75+ years old, frail, low income, and minority. The process for outreach involves workers who know the people in the local communities, they do presentations, and they literally bring the targeted populations into our service system. They offer legal services either at the senior centers or within the participants home environment.
4. How many legal assistance providers are in your PSA? Complete table below.

Fiscal Year	# Legal Services Providers
2005-2006	1
2006-2007	
2007-2008	
2008-2009	

5. What methods of outreach are providers using? Discuss: (Same response as No. 3 above)
6. What geographic regions are covered by each provider? Complete table below.

Fiscal Year	Name of Provider	Geographic Region covered
2005-2006	a. Senior Advocacy Center b. c.	a. Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Trinity Counties b. c.
2006-2007	a. b. c.	a. b. c.
2007-2008	a. b. c.	a. b. c.
2008-2009	a. b. c.	a. b. c.

7. How do older adults access Legal Services in your PSA? Discuss: Legal services are accessed through Information & Assistance referrals, community service lectures, and Mult-Disciplinary Team Meetings held in all counties.

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8. What are the major legal issues in your PSA? Include new trends of legal problems in your area: Discuss: #1) Conservatorship has become a new trend and is currently a major legal issue within PSA2. The legal process is very time consuming and is in great demand. #2) The second new trend which is currently a major legal issue within PSA2 is assisting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren with related legal necessities.
  
9. What are the barriers to accessing legal assistance in your PSA? Include proposed strategies for overcoming such barriers. Discuss: Limited funding is the greatest barrier to accessing legal assistance in PSA2. Unlike other services provided throughout the five-county area, volunteers cannot be utilized to reduce personnel costs. To overcome this barrier, the legal services agency is actively involved in the recruitment of "pro-bono" attorneys which can cover the vast geographical area.
  
10. What other organizations or groups does your legal service provider coordinate services with? Discuss: The legal service provider coordinates services with Ombudsman, HICAP, the State Bar, Multi-Disciplinary Teams, Adult Protective Services, law enforcement agencies, Mental Health Departments, and Public Guardian Departments, to name a few. It is through this well-developed system that older adults and adults with functional impairments avoid "falling through the cracks".