



County of Santa Cruz

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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IHSS Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, April 26, 2019
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Location: 1400 Emeline Ave. Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Present: Michael Molesky (Consumer, Chair), Foster Andersen (Consumer), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Lois Sones (Seniors Commission)
Excused: Becky Taylor (Consumer), Maria Arreola (Provider), Patricia Howes (Provider, Vice-Chair)
Absent: None
Guests: Linda Alves (CCAH Case Management Manager), Sherri Bartel (Presenter, Senior Network Services)
Staff: Juan Magaña (IHSS Public Authority Manager)

Minutes:

1. Call to Order
 - Meeting was called to order @ 1:07PM
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
 - No changes made to agenda
4. Review and Approval of *March 22, 2019 Minutes*
 - Reviewed minutes of the March 22, 2019 meeting, no changes made
 - Motion to approve minutes called by:
 - o First/Second: Campbell/Andersen
 - o Ayes: Molesky, Sones
 - o Noes: None
 - o Abstain: None
5. Oral Communications and Announcements: *Anyone wishing to address the commission on any item within the jurisdiction of the Commission and not listed on the agenda may do so at this time. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes in duration.*
 - Andersen reported that Shared Adventures is celebrating its 25th anniversary as a non-profit with a Bowl-a-Thon at the Boardwalk Bowl on Saturday, May 18th from 3:30 – 5:30. A flyer for this event was distributed.
6. Correspondence
 - No correspondence was presented
7. Guest Speaker: Sherri Bartel, HICAP
 - Sherri Bartel, Program Assistant with Senior Network Services presented on the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)
 - Services offered through HICAP include:
 - o Counseling sessions on Medicare, supplemental plans, HMO plans
 - o One-on-one confidential counseling

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- Monthly information classes at Dominican and Palo Alto Medical Foundation
 - They cover Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties
 - Open enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D
 - Assistance with Medicare fraud, billing and claims
8. Updates/Housekeeping
- a. Topics & Speakers
 - The Commission would like to have the following topics/speakers added to future meeting agendas:
 - Fraud
 - Sr. Companion Program
(www.seniorscouncil.org/programs/seniorcompanion/)
 - Overview of services provided by the Area Agency on Aging ([www.http://seniorscouncil.org/programs/AAA/](http://www.seniorscouncil.org/programs/AAA/))
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Adaptive technologies for persons with Disabilities (Look for center in Berkeley)
 - John Beleutz from Health Project Center
 - b. May 24th IHSS Advisory Commission Meeting
 - Molesky inquired with the Commission regarding whether the group wanted to hold its regularly scheduled Commission on May 24th?
 - The Commission agreed to hold the meeting as scheduled.
 - c. Meeting Schedule
 - Molesky reminded the Commission that the Commission will not meet in the month of July or December.
9. Joint Commission Meeting
- a. Agenda
 - Magaña reported that the agenda for the May 6, 2019 Joint Commission Meeting has been finalized. A copy of the agenda was included in the meeting packet.
 - b. Meeting Structure
 - Magaña reviewed the Joint Commission Meeting format, as noted on the meeting agenda
10. Provider Trainings
- Magaña reported that the PA is currently in the process of scheduling the IHSS Provider trainings for fiscal year 2019-2020 and is seeking input from the Commission regarding which trainings they would like to see be offered for IHSS caregivers in Santa Cruz County.
 - The PA partners with Health Project Center for the IHSS Provider Trainings
 - A listing of the available trainings was included in the meeting packer
 - The Commission reviewed the available trainings and made suggestions for possible training topics
 - The Commission also suggested the following topics be added to future IHSS Provider Trainings:
 - New providers vs ongoing providers – skills needed for both
 - Communication strategies between provider and consumer
 - Overview of common issues that include: Traumatic Brain Injuries, Dementia, Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis and Cerebral Palsy
 - Motivational interviewing or helping people develop and reach their own goals
 - Magaña reported that he will invite a representative from Health Project Center to a future IHSS Advisory Commission meeting

- Magaña to take the information provided by the Commission to schedule the IHSS Provider trainings for the next fiscal year

11. IHSS Program Updates

- Magaña provided the following IHSS program update on behalf of Mike McConnell:
 - o Regarding the MENU Grant: We had a Social Worker I reach out to clients and screen for food insecurity; for those that were interested and not already on CalFresh, the Social Worker helped them apply online. This work has been put to a temporary halt due to staffing. Nourishing Generations and Teen Kitchen have both expressed interest in the cooking classes. The department is currently in the process of hiring a temporary/extra-help Social Worker to resume the screening for food insecurity and referral to MENU process. Since the expansion to CalFresh efforts begin next month, the focus will be for the Social Worker to contact SSI recipients that need full assistance with meal prep first, so they may benefit from CF benefits and reach out to their providers and start signing them up for the cooking classes.

12. Public Authority Updates

- Magaña provided the following Public Authority Update:
 - o Registry: the registry currently has 187 active providers on its registry; of these, 78 providers are currently seeking additional work. In addition, there are 9 providers who are currently in the process of being evaluated for the registry.
 - o Molesky requested that in addition to the number of active and available providers, the PA should also include the average number of hours that the providers are available to work. Magaña to include this info in future updates.

13. Subcommittee Reports

a. Seniors Commission (Sones)

- Sones reported on the following:
 - o Sr. Isolation Exhibit at the Museum of Art and History
 - o Elderday received a grant from the Alliance to move Elderday and co-locate it with other senior services

b. Commission on Disabilities (Taylor) - Absent

c. Legislative (Molesky)

- Molesky reported on the following:
 - o CalFresh Expansion
 - o Special needs programs for insurance

d. Website (Taylor) - Absent

e. CICA Conference Calls (Molesky)

- Molesky reported on the following:
 - o Has not been able to participate in the CICA conference calls, is requesting that the conference number be texted to him in advance

f. CCAH – no report out

Meeting adjourned @ 2:56PM

Next Special Meeting: Joint Retreat, Monday, May 6th, 2019, 1:00PM – 4:00PM at the Santa Cruz County Board Chambers, 701 Ocean ST, Fifth Floor. Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Next Regular Meeting: May 24, 2019, 1:00PM – 3:00PM at 1400 Emeline Ave, Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA 95060