



County of Santa Cruz

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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IHSS Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, September 27, 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), Maria Arreola (Provider), Becky Taylor (Consumer)
Excused: Patricia Howes (Provider, Vice-Chair)
Absent: None
Guests: Mike McConnell (ALTC Div Director), Jozette Irgang (Consumer); Sunny MacDuffy (Consumer); Teri Vetere (Presenter, PG&E); Jennifer Nerida (Presenter, PG&E)
Staff: Juan Magaña (IHSS Public Authority Manager)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
 - Meeting was called to order @ 1:07PM
 - A quorum was present
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
 - No changes made to agenda
4. Review and Approval of *August 23, 2019 Minutes*
 - Reviewed minutes of the August 23, 2019 meeting, no changes made
 - Motion to approve minutes called by
 - o First/Second: Campbell/Sones
 - o Ayes: Andersen, Taylor, Arreola, Molesky
 - o Noes: None
 - o Abstain: none
 - Motion carried unanimously
5. Oral Communications and Announcements:
 - No oral communications or announcements were made
6. Presentation: PG&E Wildfire Safety Program
 - Teri Vetere and Jennifer Nerida provided an overview of the Community Wildfire Safety Program; their presentation included:
 - o A general overview of the Community Wildfire Safety Program
 - o An overview of Santa Cruz County's Fire-Threat District Map
 - o An overview of the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program, including
 - Conditions that will drive a PSPS, and
 - Timing of PSPS notifications
 - o A review of the Medical Baseline Outreach program

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- Resources for county residents
- 7. Correspondence
 - No correspondence was provided
- 8. Updates/Housekeeping
 - a. Topics & Speakers
 - Staff reported that the guest speaker for October's meeting will be John Beleutz from Health Project Center
 - Sones reported that she has been in contact with San Francisco County's Homebridge program and they are interested in speaking to our commission; the commission agreed to have them speak at the November meeting. Sones to provide the contact info for Homebridge to staff.
 - b. Commission Vacancies
 - Staff reported on the following vacancies
 - Consumers (current or past) – 2 vacancies
 - Commission or representative of community agency that works with seniors and/or disabled individuals that promotes IHSS goals – 2 vacancies
- 9. Draft: 2020 Commission Meeting Schedule (Staff)
 - A copy of the draft 2020 Commission Meeting schedule was included in the meeting packet
 - The draft schedule was created based on the approved meeting dates (fourth Friday of the month, no meeting in July and December) with one exception – in November the fourth Friday of the month falls on a county holiday (day after Thanksgiving), so the November meeting was moved to the third Friday (November 20th).
 - Motion to approve meeting schedule was called by:
 - First/Second: Taylor/Sones
 - Ayes: Andersen, Arreola, Campbell, Molesky
 - Noes: none
 - Abstain: none
 - Motion carried unanimously
- 10. Joint Commission Meeting Follow Up (Staff)
 - Staff received an inquiry from the Commissions Coordinator (Kaite McGrew) wanting to know if the IHSS Advisory Commission was going to take on one the three topics from the Joint Commission Retreat. The three topics were Emergency Preparedness, Affordable, Reliable Transportation and Lack of Providers.
 - The commissions coordinator assured staff that Emergency Preparedness and Transportation would be taken on by the Seniors Commission and Commission on Disabilities; so, the only issue left would be Lack of Providers.
 - Staff inquired on their input regarding this
 - Sones mentioned that she too was approached by the Commissions Coordinator regarding this and was informed that the next steps would be to form ad hoc subcommittees for each topic; the chair would need to appointment members to each subcommittee.
 - The commission members had a lengthy discussion regarding this and agreed to keep an eye on all three topics and add them as future agenda items as the commission comes across issues related to Emergency Preparedness, Affordable, Reliable Transportation and Lack of Providers.
- 11. Training Workgroup (Chair)
 - This item to be held for the October 2019 meeting.
- 12. Biennial Report (Chair)

- The chair reminded the group of the biennial report. Please email staff with information that should be included in the report that is due in January 2020.
13. IHSS Program Updates (McConnell)
- McConnell provided the following IHSS program updates:
 - o There has been some movement at the state level regarding some IHSS related bills. There was a bill that was looking at eliminating the health certification – this part was removed; the only part that remained in this bill was to not allow health care professionals to charge for completing the health certification.
 - o The Master Plan on Aging has begun – stakeholders have met, two subcommittees are being formed: Long-Term Care and Support Systems and Research. A request for subcommittee members was sent out, Mike will be applying to be part of the Long-Term Care subcommittee.
 - o Paramedical regulations have been pulled by the state.
14. Public Authority Updates (Staff)
- Magaña provided the following Public Authority updates:
 - o Registry:
 - We currently have 189 providers on our registry; 79 are currently available for work – an average of 25 hours per week
 - In the month of August, the Public Authority received 94 distinct requests for provider lists from consumers; Public Authority staff were able to generate 82 referrals in the month of August.
 - o Electronic Visit Verification:
 - Provider outreach activities are temporarily on hold as the Department of Social Services has asked all counties to hold all outreach activities until November 2019.
 - o One-Stop Provider Enrollment/Caregiver Café:
 - On Thursday, September 5th, the Public Authority hosted another One-Stop Provider Enrollment and Caregiver Café
 - There were 12 individuals that participated in the one-stop enrollment session – 4 of which have been approved, 8 remain in pending status due to background clearance
 - There were 17 consumers that attended the Caregiver Café; so far, only 2 have hired providers from this event
15. Subcommittee Reports – this item was not discussed
- a. Seniors Commission (Sones)
 - b. Commission on Disabilities (Taylor)
 - c. Legislative (Molesky)
 - d. Website (Taylor)
 - e. CICA Conference Calls (Molesky)
 - f. CCAH (Vacant)

Meeting adjourned at 3:04PM

Next Regular Meeting: October 25, 2019, 1:00PM – 3:00PM at 1400 Emeline Ave, Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA 95060