



County of Santa Cruz

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY
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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

IHSS Advisory Commission

Date: Friday, March 25, 2022
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM

Pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953, due to the ongoing COVID 19 state of emergency and upon recommendation of the County Health Officer, public meetings of the IHSS Advisory Commission will be conducted in remote format. Members of the public can attend virtually by teleconference.

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 1. November 10, 2021 Meeting
 - c. Commission Vacancies
 - i. Two (2) – Consumer Representatives
 - ii. One (1) – Representative of an organization that advocates for people
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.*
6. Regular Agenda – Action Items

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i. Legislative/Advocacy (Molesky)

ii. Website (Vacant)

iii. CICA Conference Calls (Campbell)

8. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: April 22, 2022, 1:00PM – 3:00PM



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IHSS Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, February 25, 2022
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Location: Remote Meeting – Teleconference
Present: Michael Molesky (Consumer, Chair), Lois Sones (Seniors Commission, Vice-Chair), Becky Taylor (Consumer), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Foster Andersen (Consumer), Patricia Fohrman (Provider), Jozette Irgang (Consumer), Maria Arreola (Provider)
Excused: None
Absent: None
Guests: None
Staff: Juan Magaña (IHSS Public Authority)

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 1:05PM, a quorum was present.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
 - a. The following changes were made to the agenda:
 - i. Moved item 6.c – New Subcommittees to 7.d.iv
 - ii. Deleted item 7.b – IHSS Program Updates
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of January 28, 2022 Minutes
 - i. Motion to approve consent agenda called by:
 1. First/Second: Irgang/Sones
 2. Ayes: Molesky, Sones, Taylor, Andersen, Campbell, Irgang, Arreola, Fohrman
 3. Noes: None
 4. Abstain: None
 - ii. Motion carried unanimously
5. Oral Communications and Announcements:
 - a. None
6. Regular Agenda – Action Items

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- a. IHSS Advisory Commission Meeting Location (AB 361)
 - i. The commission reviewed the AB 361 findings and determined the need to continue holding meetings remotely.
 - ii. Motion to approve the AB 361 findings and hold the next IHSS Advisory Commission meeting remotely was called by:
 - 1. First/Second: Taylor/Andersen
 - 2. Ayes: Molesky, Sones, Taylor, Andersen, Campbell, Irgang, Arreola, Fohrman
 - 3. Noes: None
 - 4. Abstain: None
 - iii. Motion carried
- b. Commission Vacancies Recruitment
 - i. Staff reported current vacancies as follows:
 - 1. Two consumer representatives
 - 2. One at-large representative of an organization that advocates for people with disabilities or seniors.
 - a. Staff reminded commission that if this seat is vacant for more than three months, county code/by-laws allow for this seat to be filled by either an additional current or past consumer or a family member of a consumer.
 - ii. Sones stated that she would reach out to staff at Elderday to see if anyone is interested in joining the commission as a representative of an organization that advocates for people with disabilities or seniors
 - iii. Molesky stated that he would reach out to representatives from Central California Alliance for Health and California Children Services to see if they have anyone that would be interested in joining our commission.
 - iv. Commission members were asked to forward contact info of potential commission candidates to staff so staff can reach out to them and provide them with information on commission.
- c. ~~New Subcommittees~~ *This item was moved to 7.d.iv.*

7. Regular Agenda – Information Items

- a. Updates/Housekeeping
 - i. Reminders from the Chair
 - 1. Molesky provided the following reminders:
 - a. A local consortium has been formed to keep Watsonville Community Hospital open
 - b. Kaiser Permanente has been granted a contract to take on Medi-Cal beneficiaries – additional information to be provided in the Legislative subcommittee report
 - c. Reverend Ryan Althaus from Sweaty Sheep Ministry has a radio show on KQSD and is looking to use this platform to provide awareness on the caregiver shortage issue in our county.

2. Sones informed the group that starting Monday, February 28, 2022, Elderday will resume full congregate care.
- ii. Topics & Speakers
 1. This item was not discussed
- ~~b. IHSS Program Updates - This item was deleted~~
- c. Public Authority Updates
 - i. Staff reported that the Public Authority began a new recruitment campaign for its Registry. This campaign consists of targeted direct outreach to currently enrolled IHSS care providers residing and providing care in key areas of the county.
- d. Subcommittee Reports
 - i. Legislative/Advocacy (Molesky)
 1. Molesky reported that Kaiser Permanente received a no-bid contract with the state of California to provide Medi-Cal services outside of the County Operated Health System that is in place in various counties. The contract allows Kaiser to pick and choose who their members will be. The Central California Alliance for Health, Santa Cruz county's County Operated Health System, is looking into this as it can impact the services offered in our county. Molesky to forward additional info to Staff so it can be shared with the commission.
 - ii. Website (Vacant)
 1. Taylor and Andersen volunteered to be part of this subcommittee.
 - iii. CICA Conference Calls (Campbell)
 1. Campbell provided the following summary of the February 16, 2022 conference:
 - a. Guest speaker was Marty Omoto from the California Disability-Senior Community Action Network – provided information on changes in the Medi-Cal program, Master Plan on Aging, Career Pathways, and the future increase of assisted living beds statewide.
 - b. Next months training will be on how to effectively relate to the Board of Supervisors.
 - iv. New Subcommittees
 1. Staff reported that at last month's IHSS Advisory Commission meeting there was a desire to establish new subcommittees – enrollment and registry subcommittee.
 2. Andersen reported that he has had problems enrolling new providers – such as providers not being able to obtain a replacement Social Security card as the Social Security Administration office is closed to the public.

3. Staff reported that Enrollment requirements are set by the Department of Social Services and the Public Authority has no authority to change them. Public Authority staff only request what is required by the State. Staff also reported that the enrollment process has been updated at various points in order to streamline the process. Most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Public Authority to complete revamp the enrollment process as in-person activities were not allowed.
4. Sones recommended that Public Authority provide a presentation on how enrollment has changed.
5. Molesky reminded the group that the purpose of the commission is advocate for consumers and providers.
6. The group agreed to not form any new subcommittees at this time.

8. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 2:19PM

Next Regular Meeting: March 25, 2022, 1:00PM – 3:00PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2021
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Robert Schindler (*1st District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), Michael Leimbach (*4th District*), Lynn Stipes (*5th District*), David Molina (*Chair - 5th District*)
EXCUSED: None
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: Buzz Anderson (*Greenway Volunteer*), Dena Taylor (*Seniors Commission*) and 6 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve October 14, 2021 Minutes
Motion to Approve Minutes
Motion/Second: Molina/Daugherty
Aye: Daugherty, Schindler, Grijalva, Taylor, Gubash, Gutierrez-Baeza, Leimbach, Molina
Abstain: Stipes
Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. Greenway Trail Project
Anderson presented specifics on how the Greenway Trail Project could benefit the disabilities community, including the estimated fiscal impact on other transit programs serving the disabilities community. Commission discussion included concerns about the relative safety of separated paths vs. combined mixed-use paths; the feasibility of reversing “rail banking” once completed; access for emergency vehicles in case of an accident; varying timelines and available funding for each proposal; commuter usage vs. recreational usage; and prioritizing the needs of the disability community. The Commission will invite representatives from the Friends of Rail Trail (FORT) and the RTC to speak on the Rail Trail proposal during future meetings.

6.2. Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings

Commission considered whether to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361.

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely

Motion/Second: Molina/Schindler

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commission Reports:

7.1. History Report:

Daugherty met with Staff to begin strategizing for the Commission History Project. Commission history will be presented within the larger context of the disability rights movement to raise public awareness of the Commission's efforts and impact in Santa Cruz County. Two internships are planned: one research intern to help collect and curate information related to the Commission's history, and one art intern to help design and create a mobile display (suitable for events) and an exhibit for the Commission's 2023 Community Art Wall.

7.2. Legislation Report: None

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

8.1.1. Adaptive Swim Program Update

Molina and Staff met with Parks staff to begin planning phased implementation of the program which will begin with low stimulation swim hours. A launch event will be planned to coincide with the swim center reopening after facility renovations have been completed.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported that publication of the EEO/CC Plan will be postponed until more current data can be incorporated. Data representation and collection have changed since the 2010 Census, necessitating changes in the way the County accesses EEO data related to the available labor market.

10. Emerging Matters:

Gubash will bring information about Cabrillo's new accessibility advisory group to the January meeting. Stipes asked Commissioners to advise her of any large, accessible, suitable venues that could be used as voting offices during the June 2022 election. Staff will share additional criteria when it becomes available. Taylor will share contact information for an IHSS Commissioner who would like to nominate several individuals for the next KUDOS awards.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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MICHAEL MOLESKY, CHAIR

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMISSION'S FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, this IHSS Advisory Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2021, the IHSS Advisory Commission held its initial teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, this IHSS Advisory Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the IHSS Advisory Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the IHSS Advisory Commission makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the IHSS Advisory Commission.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the IHSS Advisory Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today's findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the IHSS Advisory Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 25th day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chair, IHSS Advisory Commission

ATTEST:

Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

Office of the County Counsel