



County of Santa Cruz

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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IHSS Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, April 25, 2025
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Location: 1020 Emeline AVE, Building B, Room 259, Santa Cruz, CA
Present: Becky Taylor (Chair, Commission on Disability), Stephanie Auld (Consumer), Foster Andersen (Vice-Chair, Consumer), Lois Sones (Seniors Commission), Michael Molesky (Consumer)
Absent: Maria Arreola (Provider); Charlie Walker (Provider)
Guests: John Beluetz and Vanessa Aguilar-Viorato
Staff: Elizabeth Byrd (Staff)

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 1:17PM
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
 - a. Correct today's speakers to John Beleutz and Vanessa Aguilar-Viorato from Health Project Center; staff will update.
4. Public Comment
 - a. Molesky addressed a complaint letter against IHSS (from Aretha Bright) to BOS and others; staff will add letter communications for commission review.
 - b. Auld was called by Janie Whiteford, asking members join CICA
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes-
 - i. March 28, 2025 Meeting
 - b. Commission Vacancies
 - i. Three (3) – Consumer Representatives (A)
 - ii. One (1) – Representative of Advocate Organization (C)
 - c. Motion to approve Consent Agenda with amended minutes called by:
 - i. First/Second: Sones/Auld
 - ii. Ayes: All
 - iii. Noes: None

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- iv. Abstain: none
- d. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Guest Speakers:
 - a. John Beletz of Health Project Center of Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties
 - i. Enabling clients to “live safely at home”.
 - ii. Care management
 - iii. Caregiver resources
 - iv. Work force development
 - b. Vanessa Aguilar-Viorato,
 - i. Health education
 - ii. Train direct care workers; 6 English speakers and 6 Spanish speakers per year
 - iii. Suggestions for future Zoom trainings? Didactic track/Increase skills.
 - 1. Loss of a client, staff will provide IHSS worker guidelines.
- 7. Regular Agenda – Action Items
 - a. Recruitment Strategies: IHSS Advisory Commission Vacancies
 - i. Succession planning
 - ii. Becky Taylor went to transition fair, talked to prospective commissioners.
 - iii. Lois Sones invited Sr Disabilities group
 - iv. Stephanie Auld - letter sent by staff to BOS. Becky Taylor will send response from BOS
 - b. Public Participation
 - i. Accessible rooms for public participation.
 - 1. Co staff are preparing list of meeting spaces; commission will need to move to that has tech, staff will bring to commission. No cost, just location change.
- 8. Regular Agenda – Information Items
 - a. Information Sharing
 - i. Announcements-
 - ii. Topics & Speakers- BT asked for no speaker for more discussion time.
 - 1. Tentative Schedule
 - a. May 23, 2025 - Senior Network Services – to be moved, per motion on 7.b.ii
 - b. To be scheduled:
 - i. Goal Setting Facilitator/Data Collection- TBD
 - ii. Alicia Rodriguez, Golden PACE Health

- iii. Motion to reschedule Senior Network Services after May mtg- with mutual 3rd party, commission is directing staff to find facility.
 - 1. First/Second: Molesky/Sones
 - 2. Ayes: All in favor
 - 3. Notes: None
 - 4. Motion carries unanimously
 - b. Staff Updates:
 - 1. Election of Officers
 - a. The commission discussed new officers, Molesky nominated to serve as Chair, Taylor to serve as Vice-Chair
 - b. Molesky as Chair and Taylor as Vice-Chair elected by acclamation
 - i. All commissioners were in favor.
 - 2. Meeting Schedule 2025-2026-
 - i. Goal setting
 - ii. Recruitment strategy
 - c. CICA Information
 - i. Not discussed
 - d. Reappointment Process
 - i. Staff will check on reappointment paperwork for commissioners
 - e. IHSS Consumers
 - i. No concerns discussed
 - f. IHSS Providers
 - i. No concerns discussed
 - g. IHSS Program and Public Authority Updates
 - i. No division announcement
 - ii. Review of Brown act and modification - any commissioners need accommodations, will be releasing a form so they can request.
- 9. Report Outs
 - a. Legislative
 - i. No report out
 - b. CICA Conference Calls
 - i. This item was not discussed, to be added to until May meeting
 - c. Commission on Disabilities
 - i. Commission has 2 new members.
 - ii. Tabling at Transition Fair, April 24, 4:30-7:30pm, Harbor High School

d. Seniors Commission

- i. Sones requested a commission member to table at June 28 event, 10am-12pm. Taylor will table.
- ii. Sones will send flyer to commission members

10. Future Agenda Items

- a. Succession planning

11. Correspondence

- a. None

12. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 3:01PM

Next Regular Meeting: May 23, 2025, 1-3 pm, 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 206.
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Approved by Commission on August 15, 2025; Submitted to Board of Supervisors on August 15, 2025