



County of Santa Cruz

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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IHSS Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

DATE: Friday, April 24, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
LOCATION 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 207. Santa Cruz, CA
PRESENT: Lois Sones (Chair, Seniors Commission), Foster Anderson (Consumer),
Stephanie Auld (Consumer)
EXCUSED: Maria Arreola (Provider)
STAFF: Bertha Z. Paredez (Staff), Julie Gabriel (Staff)
GUEST: Nina Wagner, County of Santa Cruz Associate Human Service Analyst, Craig
Ruble, David Molina; Karina Aragon, County of Santa Cruz HSD Program
Manager

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

- Meeting was called to order at 1:02pm. A quorum was present.
- Commissioner Defoy is participating in permanent ADA accommodation. Commissioners Molina and Gutierrez Baeza are participating remotely under SB 707 just-cause provisions.
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2. Public Comment:

- Public comment by two members of the public.

3. Approval of March 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve March 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- First/Second: Auld/Andersen
- Motion approved unanimously

4. Consent Agenda

- Commission Vacancies
 - i. Four (4) – Consumer Representatives (A)
 - ii. One (1) – Provider (B)
 - iii. Two (2) – Representative of Advocate Organization or Representative of Commission on Disabilities (C)

5. IHSS General Operations Report

- IHSS Program and Public Authority
 - No updates, pending May budget revision

6. Medi-Cal benefits and federal funding latest information presentation- Nina Wagner

7. Regular Agenda – Action Items

- Commission Meeting Schedule for 2026/2027

Motion to approve Meeting Schedule for 2026/2027

The commission reviewed and agreed to the proposed 2026/2027 meeting schedule. Staff to distribute the schedule via email following the meeting.

- First/Second: Auld/Andersen
- Motion passed unanimously

- Chair and Co-Chair Elections

Motion to re-elect Lois Sones as Chair

- First/Second: Andersen/Auld
- Motion approved unanimously

Motion to re-elect Foster Andersen as Co-Chair

- First/Second: Auld/Andersen
- Motion approved unanimously

8. Regular Agenda- Information Items

- Announcements

- Day in the Park, May 9 at San Lorenzo Park

- Topics & Speakers

- Commission Budget

- Registry Data

- IHSS Consumers

- Auld reported recipients have difficulty getting a list from the registry.

- IHSS Providers

- No report out

- Commission Vacancy Recruitment Strategies

- Staff to work on sending via email the IHSS commission flyer.

- Setting Goals and Objectives

- Move to June 2026 meeting

9. Report Outs

- Legislative – Volunteer needed.
- CICA Conference Calls- No report out.
- Seniors Commission- No report out.

10. Future Agenda Items

11. **Correspondence-** Correspondence folder passed around, commissioners asked that items be sent via email.

12. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm

Next Regular Meeting: May 22, 2026, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM @ 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 207, Santa Cruz.

Meeting Minutes by, Bertha Z. Paredez, Staff to IHSS Advisory Commission.