

## **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 22, 2024 Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM

Location: 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 206. Santa Cruz, CA

The use of facemasks is recommended for all attendees of the IHSS Advisory Commission meeting

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order
- Roll Call
- 3. Agenda Review
- 4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes
    - i. February 23, 2024, Meeting.......Page 3.
  - b. Commission Vacancies
    - i. One (1) Consumer Representative
    - ii. One (1) Representative of Advocate Organization
- 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. Guest Speaker: Alicia Morales, Division Director, Adult and Long-Term Care
- Regular Agenda Action Items
  - a. No Scheduled Action Items this Meeting
- Regular Agenda Information Items
  - a. Updates/Housekeeping
    - i. Reminders from the Chair
    - ii. Topics & Speakers
  - b. AT&T Land Line......Page 6.
  - c. April Commission Activities
    - i. Election of Officers Call for Nominations
    - ii. Meeting Schedule

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- d. IHSS Providers
- e. IHSS Program and Public Authority Updates
- 9. Report Outs
  - a. Legislative
  - b. CICA Conference Calls
  - c. Website/Technology
  - d. Commission on Disabilities......Page 9.
  - e. Seniors Commission......Page 10.

#### 10. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: April 26, 2024, 1:00PM – 3:00PM @ 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA



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#### **IHSS Advisory Commission**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Date: Friday, February 23, 2024

Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM

Location: 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 206. Santa Cruz, CA

Present: Michael Molesky (Consumer, Chair), Lois Sones (Seniors Commission, Vice-

Chair), Foster Andersen (Consumer), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Jozett Irgang (Consumer), Christine Kiebert-Boss (Consumer), Patricia Fohrman

(Provider), Maria Arreola (Provider)

Guests: Sondra Bitonti (Presenter, Health Projects Center), Claudia Mendez

(Presenter, Health Project Center), Vanessa Segura (Presenter, Health Projects Center), Blanca Fernandez (Social Worker, Public Authority), Norma Diaz (Social Worker, Public Authority), Deanna Hernandez (Social Worker, IHSS), Maryann Medrano (Social Worker, IHSS), Julie Gabriel (Division

Secretary, ALTC)

Staff: Juan Magaña (Public Authority Manager)

#### Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
  - a. Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM; a quorum was present.
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Agenda Review
  - a. Agenda reviewed; no changes were made.
- 4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes
    - i. January 26, 2024 Meeting
  - b. Commission Vacancies
    - i. One (1) Consumer Representative
    - ii. One (1) Representative of Advocate Organization
  - c. Kiebert-Boss indicated that she was marked in error as absent on item 7.b.ii of the January 26, 2024, meeting minutes; staff to correct.
  - d. Motion to approve consent agenda, with amended minutes, called by:
    - i. First/Second: Sones/Kiebert-Boss
    - ii. Ayes: Molesky, Sones, Taylor, Andersen, Campbell, Irgang, Kiebert-Boss, Fohrman, Arreola
    - iii. Nays: None
    - iv. Abstentions: None
    - v. Absent: None
  - e. Motion carried unanimously.
- Oral Communications and Announcements:
  - a. Taylor reported that the Commission on Disabilities has lots of vacancies.

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- b. Molesky reported that Paracruz is providing free rides on Saturdays and Sundays.
- c. Andersen reported that Shared Adventures will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 13 at San Lorenzo Park, they will have live music, resource tables and food to celebrate.
- d. Sones reported that Elderday has partnered with Dientes to provide onsite dental care.
- e. Sones reported that the Seniors Commission discussed the Age Well Santa Cruz Survey and wanted to urge all commission members to spread the word out.
- 6. Presentation Health Project Center, Multi-Purpose Senior Services Program, and Enhanced Care Management
  - a. Sondra Bitonti, Claudia Mendez, and Vanessa Segura presented information on the services offered through the Health Projects Center. The presentation included information on:
    - i. General overview of the Health Projects Center website, services offered, contact information.
    - ii. Multipurpose Senior Services Program program goals, requirements, referral process, and services offered.
    - iii. Enhanced Care Management services offered under enhanced care management, application process, and who can benefit from this service.
- 7. Regular Agenda Action Items
  - a. Approval of Commission Bylaws
    - i. Staff reported that the commission's bylaws have been updated to include the changes to County Code section 2.38. A clean and strike out copy of the bylaws were included in the meeting packet. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the changes.
      - 1. Molesky inquired about the requirements for serving on the commission.
        - a. Staff informed that those requirements were not included in the current bylaws but will look for them to see when they were removed.
    - ii. Motion to approve updated bylaws was called by:
      - 1. First/Second: Taylor/Sones
      - 2. Ayes: Sones, Taylor, Andersen, Campbell, Irgang, Kiebert-Boss, Fohrman, Arreola
      - 3. Nays: None
      - 4. Abstentions: Molesky
      - 5. Absent: None
    - iii. Motion carried with 8 ayes and 1 abstention.
  - b. Location IHSS Advisory Commission Meetings
    - i. Staff reported that at the November commission meeting, the commission voted to alternate meeting locations between north and south county. At the January meeting, the commission was to discuss the meeting location for south county, but it was decided to hold off the conversation until a full commission was present.
      - Sones mentioned that one of the stated goals on the biennial report was to hold meetings in different locations throughout the county, but transportation was not factored into the November decision.

- 2. Molesky indicated that Liftline does not provide non-medical transportation and Paracruz services are limited due to staffing.
- Commission members also indicated that one of the purposes to hold meetings in south county was to try to get appointed commissioners that live in south county.
- Molesky indicated his preference would be to hold meetings in north county until June and then re-visit the topic as there is pending legislation that may allow for remote participation for advisory bodies.
- 5. Commissioners mentioned that traffic on Fridays is also a factor to take into consideration.
- ii. Molesky stepped down from his role as chair and gave Sones authority to continue with the meeting.
- iii. A motion to hold commission meetings in north county until June and revisit the location of the meetings at that meeting was called by:
  - 1. First/Second: Molesky/Campbell
  - 2. Ayes: Molesky, Sones, Taylor, Andersen, Campbell, Kiebert-Boss, Arreola
  - 3. Nays: Fohrman
  - 4. Abstentions: None
  - 5. Absent: Irgang
- iv. Motion carried with 7 ayes and 1 nay.
- 8. Adjournment
  - a. Meeting adjourned at 3:00PM

#### The following meeting items were not discussed.

- 9. Regular Agenda Information Items
  - a. Updates/Housekeeping
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**Next Regular Meeting:** March 24, 2024, 1:00PM – 3:00PM @ TBA



## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### RESOLUTION NO. 30-2024

On the motion of Supervisor: Hernandez Duly seconded by Supervisor: Friend

The following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DENY AT&T'S APPLICATIONS TO BE RELIEVED OF ITS CARRIER OF LAST RESORT AND ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIER DESIGNATIONS

WHEREAS, AT&T is a telecommunications provider that provides communication services to the greater majority of households within the County of Santa Cruz and throughout California; and

WHEREAS, AT&T has submitted applications, A.23-03-002 and A.23-03-003, through the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to be relieved of its Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) and Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (ETC) designations in certain areas of California including areas within the county without identifying an alternative carrier to assume responsibility for maintaining the landline communication services; and

WHEREAS, a COLR obligation ensures that everyone in California has access to safe, reliable, and affordable telephone service; and

WHEREAS, an ETC is a telephone company operating in a specific geographic area, that receives financial assistance from the federal government-established Universal Service Fund to provide high quality, and affordable telephone service to customers at all income levels in specific geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, wireless communication alternatives such as cellular and cable VoIP services remain unavailable, unreliable, and fragmented throughout our rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County, with approximately 167,000 residents located within the Wildland Urban Interface, has experienced seven (7) federally declared disasters since 2017, amplifying the shortcomings of cellular networks while also confirming the dependence on standard landline telecommunication services; and

WHEREAS, power outages in the Santa Cruz Mountains frequently persist for several days and sometimes more than a week; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of landlines could leave residents without vital communication services during a disaster or power outages; and

WHEREAS, reliable communication services play a critical role in the safety of our residents; and

WHEREAS, County residents depend upon reliable landline services for emergency services notifications including evacuation warnings, 9-1-1 services, Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) warnings, and communication with families and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz requests the CPUC deny AT&T applications, A.23-03-002 and A.23-03-003, requesting to be relieved of its COLR and ETC designations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz mail a physical copy and submit an electronic copy of this Resolution to the CPUC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz write a letter in opposition to AT&T's applications.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 13th day of February, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: Koenig, Friend, Hernandez, McPherson and Cummings

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Justin Cummings
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JUSTIN CUMMINGS Chair of the Board of Supervisors Resolution 30-2024



Approved as to Form:

— Docusigned by:

Jason M. Heath

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JASON M. HEATH (02/07/2024 15739) Office of the County Counsel



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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### **Scheduled Meetings**

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled Commission on Disability meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursday\*

MONTH: Every month except July and December

TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Board Chambers or Redwood Room\*

701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

#### \*Meetings will be held in either of these rooms unless noted otherwise below

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at <a href="www.scccod.net">www.scccod.net</a> as soon as information becomes available.

2024 MEETING DATES			
DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
January 11, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room	
February 8, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room	
March 14, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room	
April 11, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room	
May 9, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room	
June 13, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room	
August 8, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room	
September 12, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room	
October 10, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room	
November 14, 2024	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Redwood Room	

#### **Public Participation**

- Please check the meeting agenda to learn details about how to participate in the commission meeting.
- If you need special accommodations, please call 454-2935 or TDD: 711 (California Relay Service) at least 48 hours before the meeting.



### **Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission**

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www.sccseniors.org

## **Scheduled Meetings**

Unless otherwise specified, regularly scheduled Seniors Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday DAY:

Every other month (February, April, June, August, October, and December) MONTH:

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM TIME:

LOCATION: United Way of Santa Cruz County\*

4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at www.sccseniors.org as soon as information becomes available.

2024 Meeting Dates			
DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
February 20, 2024	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way	
April 16, 2024	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way	
June 18, 2024	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way	
August 20, 2024	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way	
October 15, 2024	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way	
December 17, 2024	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way	

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