



County of Santa Cruz

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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IHSS Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, March 22, 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), Christine Keibert-Boss (Consumer), Maria Arreola (Provider), Patricia Fohrman (Provider), Foster Andersen (Consumer), Becky Taylor (Commission on Disability), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Jozette Irgang (Consumer)
Guests: Julie Gabriel (Division Secretary, ALTC), Stephanie Auld (Public)
Staff: Juan Magaña (Public Authority Manager)

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 1:09PM; a quorum was present.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
 - a. Agenda reviewed; Removed item 6, guest speaker cancelled.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - i. February 23, 2024 Meeting
 - b. Commission Vacancies
 - i. One (1) – Consumer Representative
 - ii. One (1) – Representative of Advocate Organization
 - c. Motion to Approve consent agenda with amended minutes, called by:
 - i. First/Second: Sones/Keibert-Boss
 - ii. Ayes: Molesky, Sones, Taylor, Campbell, Irgang, Kiebert-Boss, Fohrman, Arreola, Andersen
 - iii. Nays: None
 - iv. Abstentions: None
 - v. Absent: None
 - d. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Oral Communications and Announcements:

- a. Kiebert-Boss reported that Monterey Bay Horsemanship and Therapeutic Center will be having its Spring Fling on 4/21. There will be food, activities, music, from 2-4pm.
 - b. Andersen reported that Shared Adventures will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on April 13 at San Lorenzo Park, with live music, resource tables and food to celebrate.
 - c. Stephanie Auld, (member of public), provided a copy of a letter that was written to Governor Newsom regarding some of the challenges recipients of IHSS are having.
6. Guest Speaker: ~~Alicia Morales, Division Director, Adult and Long Term Care~~
7. Regular Agenda – Action Items
- a. No Scheduled Action Items this Meeting
8. Regular Agenda – Information Items
- a. Updates/Housekeeping
 - i. Reminders from the Chair
 - ii. Topics & Speakers
 - 1. Elizabeth Bird speaker about Master Plan on Aging
 - 2. Alicia Morales speaker in April on ALTC
 - b. AT&T Land Line
 - i. Staff reported that a request was received to discuss the impact of AT&T's application to be relieved of its carrier of last resort and eligible telecommunications carrier designation. Staff reported that the Board of Supervisors had recently taken action by a resolution requesting the California Public Utilities Commission deny their application. A copy of the resolution was included in the meeting packet.
 - c. April Commission Activities
 - i. Election of Officers – Call for Nominations
 - 1. Staff reported due to the recent changes to chapter 2.38 of County Code, elected commission officers can't serve more than 2 consecutive terms. As a result, the commission will need new chair and vice-chair. Staff informed the commission that a call for nominees will be sent via email as the commission will need to elect new officers at the April Commission meeting.
 - ii. Meeting Schedule
 - 1. Staff reported that based on the new guidance under chapter 2.38 of County Code, the commission will need to publish its meeting schedule for May – April, at the April commission meeting.
 - d. IHSS Providers
 - i. Fohrman reported that Salud Para La Gente received a grant for dental services, but she is not aware how will it be used and cannot get any info on it.

- e. IHSS Program and Public Authority Updates (add both to next agenda)
 - i. PA has limited staffing, down 2 Social Workers.
 - ii. IHSS Registry has 233 providers, 86 available for more work up to 23 hrs/wk. On average, the PA receives 95 requests per month for providers.
 - iii. New supervisor hires for PA SW's and IHSS SW's.

9. Report Outs

- a. Legislative
 - i. Molesky reported that he is waiting for the Governor's May revise and the outcome of AB 817 (allowing for remote participation for advisory bodies)
- b. CICA Conference Calls
 - i. Kiebert-Boss reported she was not able to call in to this month's COCA call, she advised that she would be submitting summary of the meeting to staff.
- c. Website/Technology
 - i. No updates.
- d. Commission on Disabilities
 - i. Taylor reported the Commission on Disabilities has not been able to meet as they do not have enough members to form a quorum.
- e. Seniors Commission
 - i. Sones reported that a for-profit company, Golden PACE, that is operating in Monterrey and Santa Cruz Counties, all-inclusive program, could undermine Elder Day.

10. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 2:41PM.

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

Minutes approved by Commission on 04/26/2024; submitted to Board of Supervisors on 04/26/2024