



County of Santa Cruz

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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IHSS Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, June 28, 2019
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Location: 1400 Emeline Ave. Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Present: Michael Molesky (Consumer, Chair), Foster Andersen (Consumer), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Lois Sones (Seniors Commission), Maria Arreola (Provider), Patricia Howes (Provider, Vice-Chair)
Excused: Becky Taylor (Consumer)
Absent: None
Guests: Linda Alves (Central California Alliance for Health)
Staff: Juan Magaña (IHSS Public Authority Manager)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
 - Meeting was called to order @ 1:09PM
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
 - No changes made to agenda
4. Review and Approval of *May 24, 2019 Minutes*
 - Reviewed minutes of the May 24, 2019 meeting, no changes made
 - Motion to approve minutes called by:
 - o First/Second: Campbell/Sones
 - o Ayes: Andersen, Arreola, Howes, Molesky
 - o Noes: None
 - o Abstain: None
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.*
 - Andersen reported that 540 individuals have signed up for Day at the Beach on July 13th
 - Sones reported that a representative from Elderday attended the Companion Café on behalf of Elderday participants and left the event with the names of 4 potential providers.
6. Correspondence
 - No correspondence was presented
7. Updates/Housekeeping
 - a. Topics & Speakers
 - Magaña reported that at the August Commission meeting, IHSS staff will be presenting on the changes to IHSS assessments.

- Molesky requested that a representative from PG& E be invited to speak at the August meeting regarding the announced power blackouts.
- b. Commission Vacancies
 - Magaña reported that the Commission has 4 vacancies:
 - o Representative of Commission or Community agency that works with seniors and disabled that promote IHSS – 2 vacancies
 - o Representative of Consumer (current or former) – 2 vacancies
- 8. Emergency Preparedness (Chair)
 - Molesky reported on the following:
 - o PG&E announced power outages when wildfire risk is high
 - o CICA Emails:
 - June 9th, 2019 – Preparing for the Unexpected – An Emergency Planning Guide
 - June 12th, 2019 – Power of Being Prepared
 - Molesky brought a sample of an emergency kit that was done by the Seniors Council
 - Molesky inquired in the Commissioners want to start a task force to work on this topic (emergency preparedness)?
 - o The commissioners confirmed the need to work on this topic.
 - o Sones recommended that someone from the Office of Emergency Services be invited to speak on this topic.
- 9. IHSS Program Updates (McConnell)
 - Magaña presented on behalf of McConnell
 - o No major updates since last Commission meetings
 - o Regarding PG&E power outages, IHSS staff will be collaborating with the Health Services Agency as they already have a plan in action to assist medically vulnerable individuals in the county. Program staff have a workgroup meeting scheduled for mid-July.
- 10. Public Authority Updates (Staff)
 - Magaña reported the following Public Authority updates:
 - o Registry
 - There are currently 183 active providers on the registry
 - 77 providers are currently available for additional work; an average of 25 hours per week
 - o IHSS Trainings
 - Magaña provided a copy of the 2019-2020 IHSS Provider Trainings flyer. The flyer was just finalized, and PA staff will be doing a mass mailing to all active providers, so they are aware of these trainings. In addition, the flyer was been provided to the provider's union and registration is now open on the Health Project Center webpage.
 - o Companion Café
 - On 6/26/2019, the PA held a One-Stop Provider enrollment session at the Museum of Art and History.
 - The goal was to enroll 40 individuals as IHSS providers
 - Preceding the One-Stop Enrollment session, the newly enrolled providers were given an opportunity to meet with IHSS recipients in need of caregivers – this was done at a meet and greet over coffee at the Companion Café
 - Overall, there were 18 individuals that signed up as IHSS providers; in addition, there were 24 individuals (IHSS consumers or individuals representing them) that participated in the Companion Café.

- At the end of the Companion Café, providers and recipients were to complete interest cards listing the names of individuals that they would like to work with/for.
 - 12 interest cards from recipients were submitted
 - 8 interest cards from providers were submitted
 - On average, at least 2 providers were referred per recipient.
- All in all (a few hiccups along the way) the One-Stop Enrollment/Companion Café was a success and the PA will be looking at holding additional events in the future.
- Andersen reported that he attended the event and was very impressed with the event and thought it was well organized.
- A motion was called to write a letter to the planning committee thanking them for this event.
 - First/Second: Sones/Campbell
 - Ayes: Andersen, Arreola, Howes, Molesky
 - Noes: None
 - Abstain: None
- Sones to draft letter and send to staff.

11. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Seniors Commission (Sones)
 - Sones provided the following report:
 - New California governor is really good for seniors in the state
 - Increased funding for Adult Day Centers across the state
 - Caregiver resource centers, MSSP – all received increased funding in the budget
 - County has increased staffing at Public Guardian office by 5; this allows for Public Guardian to start taking on people with dementia and traumatic brain injuries.
- b. Commission on Disabilities (Taylor) – not present
- c. Legislative (Molesky)
 - Molesky reported on the following legislative issues:
 - Legislature is looking at increasing dental and vision care for Medi-Cal recipients
 - Budget has been signed, with exception of a few trailer bills
 - Locally, the county has also approved its budget
- d. Website (Taylor) – not present
- e. CICA Conference Calls (Molesky)
 - Molesky requested that Janie Whiteford be invited to the October IHSS Advisory Commission meeting
- f. CCAH
 - Linda Alves announced that this would be her last meeting as she is leaving her position with CCAH effective 7/5/2019. Linda will look into finding a replacement to attend the IHSS Advisory Commission meetings on behalf of CCAH.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:13PM

Next Regular Meeting: August 23, 2019, 1:00PM – 3:00PM at 1400 Emeline Ave, Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA 95060