



County of Santa Cruz

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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IHSS Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, March 25, 2022
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Location: Remote Meeting – Teleconference
Present: Michael Molesky (Consumer, Chair), Lois Sones (Seniors Commission, Vice-Chair), Becky Taylor (Consumer), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Patricia Fohrman (Provider), Jozett Irgang (Consumer), Maria Arreola (Provider)
Excused: Foster Andersen (Consumer)
Absent: None
Guests: Bricele Aguilar (IHSS Public Authority)
Staff: Juan Magaña (IHSS Public Authority)

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 1:02PM; a quorum was present.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
 - a. The following change was made to the agenda:
 - i. Deleted item 7.b – IHSS Program Updates
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of February 25, 2022 Minutes
 - b. Correspondence
 - i. Commission on Disabilities Minutes
 1. November 10, 2021 Meeting
 - c. Commission Vacancies
 - i. Two (2) – Consumer Representatives
 - ii. One (1) – Representative of an organization that advocates for people
 - d. Motion to approve consent agenda called by:
 - i. First/Second: Campbell/Irgang
 - ii. Ayes: Molesky, Taylor, Campbell, Irgang, Arreola, Fohrman
 - iii. Noes: None
 - iv. Abstain: Sones not present for vote
 - e. Motion carried unanimously

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5. Oral Communications and Announcements

- a. none

6. Regular Agenda – Action Items

a. IHSS Advisory Commission Meeting Location (AB 361)

- i. The commission reviewed the AB 361 findings and determined the need to continue holding meetings remotely.
- ii. Motion to approve the AB 361 findings and hold the next IHSS Advisory Commission meeting remotely was called by:
 1. First/Second: Taylor/Campbell
 2. Ayes: Molesky, Taylor, Campbell, Irgang, Arreola, Fohrman
 3. Noes: None
 4. Abstain: Sones not present for vote
- iii. Motion carried unanimously

b. Caregiver Issues

- i. Molesky informed the commission that this topic was added to the agenda as a result of comments that were made at the February IHSS Advisory Commission meeting. Molesky opened up the floor for commissioners to bring up any caregiver issues that they are aware of.
- ii. Fohrman inquired on the dual IHSS mode
 1. Staff advised that a presentation on San Francisco County's Homebridge, a dual IHSS mode program, was made to the commission in January 2020. Staff to gather information on the program and send to commissioner Fohrman.
- iii. Taylor stated she would be interested in bringing a dual mode program in Santa Cruz County.
 1. Molesky informed that group that this item would be added to a future commission agenda for discussion.
- iv. Taylor inquired on what are the rules around breaks for IHSS caregivers.
 1. Staff reported that the Department of Social Services has not published any rules around this, so the only guidance that is available is from the California Department of Labor which indicates that a ten (10) minute rest break is allowed for every four (4) hours of work and a thirty (30) minute meal break is allowed if the employee works for more than six (6) hours. For IHSS purposes, rest and meal breaks are unpaid and cannot be counted against the consumer's authorized hours.

7. Regular Agenda – Information Items

- a. Updates/Housekeeping – *This item was not discussed*
 - i. Reminders from the Chair
 - ii. Topics & Speakers
- b. ~~IHSS Program Updates~~ *This item was deleted*
- c. Public Authority Updates

i. Bricele Aguilar, Social Worker with IHSS Public Authority, provided the following information:

1. Registry Recruitment

- a. Currently working on recruitment for the registry. Recruitment is based on active IHSS care providers currently providing services to non-family members and working less than 35 hours per week. identifying target geographic locations within Santa Cruz County.
- b. Providers have the option of completing a paper or online registry application.
- c. To date, 45 applications have been sent out and we have received 9.

d. Subcommittee Reports

i. Legislative/Advocacy (Molesky)

1. Molesky reported that he received some legislation on Medi-Cal and would be relaying it to Staff so it can be forwarded on to commission members.

- a. He will also be including information on the timeline on how a bill is passed.

ii. Website (Taylor/Andersen)

1. No report out provided

iii. CICA Conference Calls (Campbell)

1. Campbell reported the following information:

a. The guest speaker for month's meeting was from the California Foundation of Independent Living Centers (CFILC) and they reported that in 2011, funding for IHSS advisory committees dropped from \$53,000 to \$6,000. The CFILC is working with CICA to restore the funding for IHSS advisory committees back to \$53,000 and are also looking at changing the language to make advisory committees mandatory for all counties.

b. Molesky inquired on a bill number so he can track the progress.

- i. Staff reported that at this time there is no bill number available as the language is still being worked on. Once it becomes available, staff will pass it along.

8. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 1:42PM

Next Regular Meeting: April 22, 2022, 1:00PM – 3:00PM