

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, February 24, 2023

Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM

Pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953, due to the ongoing COVID 19 state of emergency and upon recommendation of the County Health Officer, public meetings of the IHSS Advisory Commission will be conducted in remote format. Members of the public can attend virtually by teleconference.

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Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- Roll Call
- 3. Agenda Review
- 4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - b. Commission Vacancies
 - i. Two (2) Consumer Representatives
- 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. Regular Agenda Action Items
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8. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: March 24, 2023, 1:00PM - 3:00PM @ 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 206. Santa Cruz, CA

ii. Website (Taylor/Andersen)

iii. CICA Conference Calls (Campbell)



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IHSS Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, January 27, 2023

Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM Location: Remote Meeting

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

Chair), Becky Taylor (Commission on Disabilities), Rebecca Jordan (Relative of Consumer), Foster Andersen (Consumer), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Jozett Irgang (Consumer), Maria Arreola (Provider), Patricia Fohrman

(Provider)

Excused: None Absent: None Guests: None

Staff: Juan Magaña (IHSS Public Authority), Maribel Gonzalez (Office Assistant III)

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 1:05PM; a quorum was present.
- Roll Call
 - a. Welcome new Commissioner Rebecca Jordan
 - i. Jordan introduced herself to the commission, informed the group that she is passionate about helping seniors, people in need and a strong advocate. Jordan has family members who use IHSS services.
- Agenda Review
 - a. Molesky requested to move item 7.e.i.1 to Oral Communications and announcements (agenda item 5)
- 4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - i. September 23, 2022 Meeting
 - ii. December 7, 2022 Special Meeting
 - b. Correspondence
 - i. Commission on Disabilities
 - 1. August 11, 2022 Meeting
 - ii. Seniors Commission

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- 1. June 21, 2022 Meeting
- c. Commission Vacancies
 - i. Two (2) Consumer Representatives
- d. Motion to approve consent agenda called by:
 - i. First/Second: Taylor/Sones
 - ii. Ayes: Molesky, Jordan, Andersen, Campbell, Irgang, Arreola, Fohrman, Taylor, Sones
 - iii. Noes: None
 - iv. Abstain: None
- e. Motion carried unanimously
- 5. Oral Communications and Announcements:
 - a. Michael Molesky, Chair, provided the following information:
 - HICAP is doing workshops about the increase in asset limits for Medi-Cal. For additional information, please contact HICAP (contact info available in the Senior Network Guide).
 - ii. Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee is looking to fill some vacancies, if interested, please consider applying.
- 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 meet remotely at their February 24 2023meeting.
 - ii. The commission will be revisiting in-person meetings starting March 2023.
 - iii. Motion to approve the AB 361 findings and hold the next IHSS Advisory Commission meeting remotely was called by:
 - 1. First/Second: Sones/Andersen
 - Ayes: Molesky, Sones, Jordan, Andersen, Campbell, Irgang, Arreola, Fohrman, Taylor
 - 3. Noes: None
 - 4. Abstain: None
 - iv. Motion carried unanimously
 - b. 2022 IHSS Advisory Commission Attendance
 - Staff reported that the IHSS Advisory Commission is required to submit its attendance records for all 2022 meetings to the Board of Supervisors by January 31st, 2023.
 - 1. The meeting packet included the 2022 IHSS Advisory Commission attendance records.
 - ii. Motion to approve 2022 IHSS Advisory Commission Attendance Records was called by:
 - First/Second: Campbell/Sones

- 2. Ayes: Molesky, Sones, Jordan, Andersen, Campbell, Irgang, Arreola, Fohrman, Taylor
- Noes: None
 Abstain: None
- iii. Motion carried unanimously
- c. 2023 Commission Goals No action taken on this item
 - i. Molesky informed the commission that he wanted to start off the year by reviewing the IHSS program: What is going well? What needs to be improved? The lack of providers; the emergency contract back-up program; any issues facing us, and any additional concerns. Molesky opened the floor for commissioners to comment
 - 1. Taylor inquired wanting to discuss the provider registry. She would like to know the following: how many people are on the registry? how often providers stay with consumers? is there a correlation between the amount of hours a consumer is allocated to how long a provider stays with the client?
 - a. Molesky suggested adding recruitment of providers to this list
 - 2. Sones mentioned she wanted to second Taylor's questions. Sones added that lack of available providers within the county is the most challenging issue. Overall, there is just not enough providers. She would also like to discuss the timeliness of the emergency back-up assignments as well as some of funding that is coming from the Master Plan for Aging for workforce development.
 - 3. Andersen informed the group that he was recently approved for one of the waiver programs and now gets additional hours through Libertana. Andersen reported that Libertana provides a variety of services that IHSS does not cover such as a personal response emergency system (at no cost to him) and LVN or RN services.
 - a. Molesky suggested that a presentation on the available waiver programs would be helpful for the commission.
 - 4. Fohrman reported that as a provider, she is spending a lot of time doing social work duties for the clients she serves. She has spent a lot of time helping her clients with their EBT (for CalFresh). Fohrman mentioned that clients are not being reassessed when their health improves, after reporting a change which resulted in an increase, but their health is now better. Fohrman also indicated there is also no system in place where social workers check-in with providers regarding their client's current/real needs. Fohrman would like to know what resources are available for providers.
 - Jordan stated that she too is interested in the same questions as Taylor. She would also like to know what has been attempted to combat the workforce shortage – thinks universities and colleges would be a good source, particularly for students on a medical or social work track.

- ii. Molesky reported that he would summarize these items and bring back to the commission for discussion. He also indicated that the commission would review its goals and objectives from the 2022 Biennial report at the February commission meeting.
- 7. Regular Agenda Information Items
 - a. Updates/Housekeeping
 - i. Reminders from the Chair
 - 1. This item was not discussed
 - ii. Topics & Speakers
 - 1. This item was not discussed
 - b. Provider Concerns
 - i. This item was covered in agenda item 6.c
 - c. IHSS Program Updates
 - i. Staff provided the following update on behalf of Alicia Morales, Director of Adult and Long Term-Care Services (not present):
 - We have completed the request for a quote with a vendor to assist with our countywide needs assessment for the Master Plan for Aging. We are currently in contract negotiation with the vendor. Once that is complete, we will be reaching out to the IHSS Advisory Commission for feedback on what their goals are and what they are looking to obtain from the needs assessment.
 - d. Public Authority Updates
 - i. Staff provided the following Public Authority updates:
 - 1. On November 15, 2022, the Public Authority resumed in-person orientations for all individuals who are enrolling as an IHSS provider. At the onset of the COVID pandemic, enrollment requirements were waived, and all enrollment activities were conducted remotely, via email, mail, fax. Now that things are winding down, we have returned to in-person enrollment activities. The orientations are being held weekly, alternating each week between our Santa Cruz and Watsonville offices. Upon completion of the online enrollment portion, the provider will schedule themselves for their in-person orientation where they will submit their original identification documents (ID and SSN), meet with union representatives, attend a question-and-answer session with Public Authority and Fiscal staff, and obtain their Live Scan form to complete their background requirement.
 - Taylor inquired if the Registry is included in the in-person orientation – staff informed that at this time it is not, but we may include it in the future.
 - b. Jordan inquired if a member of the commission can attend the orientation to see what information is covered. Staff

reported that only individuals enrolling are allowed to attend at this time.

2. In addition, the Public Authority is looking at resuming reduced fee live scan services. Currently, new IHSS providers must pay \$60-\$70 for their background fee. Once implemented, providers who complete their background check with the Public Authority will only pay \$32.00. We are still in the planning stages but hope to resume providing this service as early as the Spring or Summer of 2023 at the latest.

e. Subcommittee Reports

- Legislative/Advocacy (Molesky)
 - 1. Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee this item was moved to agenda item 5.a.ii.
 - 2. Molesky reported that he will be tracking new laws that will be presented to the legislature.
- ii. Website (Taylor/Andersen)
 - 1. Andersen reported that he liked the enrollment link on our website
 - 2. Molesky inquired if we have information regarding vaccines/boosters, and rapid testing for both consumers and providers on our website.
 - a. Staff indicated that it is not as this information has been posted on the Electronic Services Portal for IHSS. The majority of health information is posted in the Health Services Agency website. However, we will look into seeing if this information can be added to In-Home Supportive Services website.
 - 3. Andersen stated that there should be a list of accessible resource links posted on In-Home Supportive Services website.
- iii. CICA Conference Calls (Campbell)
 - Campbell reported that at this month's meeting the guest speaker was Daniel Morris, from the Fiscal department of the California Department of Social Services. She presented the January 10th budget which had an increase of 18.6 billion to 25 billion which was a three and a quarter percent increase. The budget is in the CDSS website.
 - 2. They also discussed redistributing funds leftover from advisory committees to counties that are more active. They suggested an end of the year allocation of unspent funds.

8. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 2:16PM

Next Regular Meeting: February 24, 2023, 1:00PM – 3:00PM



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled IHSS Advisory Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Fourth (4th) Friday*

MONTH: Every month except July and December

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00PM

LOCATION: Human Services Department (HSD)

1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 206

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

*Unless noted otherwise below

2023 Meeting Dates								
DATE	TIME	LOCATION						
January 27, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Teleconference						
February 24, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Teleconference						
March 24, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	HSD						
April 28, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	HSD						
May 26, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	HSD						
June 23, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	HSD						
July 2023	No Meeting							
August 25, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	HSD						
September 22, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	HSD						
October 27, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	HSD						
*November 17, 2023	1:00 - 3:00 PM	HSD						
December 2023	No Me	eting						

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the <u>Advisory Commission</u> website as soon as information becomes available.

Changes to Remote Teleconference Meetings

The End of AB 361

- Governor's 2020 Executive Orders N29-20, 35-20, and others created special COVID exceptions, and suspended "normal" teleconferencing rules → Effective Oct. 1, 2021, AB 361 amended Gov't Code 54953 only until December 31, 2023.
- AB 361 requires that legislative bodies **reconsider the circumstances of the State of Emergency** every 30 days, and find that either: (i) **the state of emergency** continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or (ii) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. (Cal. Gov't Code § 54953(e)(3).)
- On October 17, 2022, Governor Newsom announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end on February 28, 2023.
- Therefore, without this required declared State of Emergency, legislative bodies will no longer have the necessary authority to continue holding modified teleconferencing meetings or make the necessary findings under the AB 361 provisions.

"Normal" Brown Act Teleconferencing Rules

Under Cal Gov't Code section 54953(b)(2), the "traditional" teleconferencing rules require:

- The Agenda to <u>identify the physical location</u> of each member participating by teleconference;
- The Agenda to be posted at each teleconference physical location;
- The Public must be able to access and provide public comment from each teleconference location;
- At least a quorum of the legislative body's members must be within the jurisdiction when the meeting is taking place;
- Votes taken by roll call vote;
- Conducted in a manner that protects the constitutional rights of the public appearing before the legislative body.

Beware of AB 2449!

Changes to Remote Teleconference Meetings

- AB 2449 went into effect January 1st, 2023. Also designed as a temporary measure to amend Cal. Gov't Code section 54953 and will sunset on December 31, 2025.
- AB 2449 allows <u>individual</u> members of a legislative body to appear remotely at meetings, without complying with the "traditional" Brown Act teleconferencing rules in the event of a personal need.
- Narrow and limited circumstances for individual members either due to "emergency circumstances" or a "just cause" as defined in the statute.
- AB 2449 also contains significant procedural and technical requirements that must be satisfied.

"Just Cause" Exception

Cal. Gov't Code §54953

<u>Definition: "Just cause" means any of the following:</u>

- A. A childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely.
- B. A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person.
- C. A need related to a physical or mental disability as defined under State Law.
- D. Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.

Requirements for the Individual Member:

- Must notify the legislative body at the "earliest opportunity possible", including the start of the regular meeting;
- Must include a "general description of the circumstances" related to their need to appear remotely;
- Shall not be used by any member for more than two meetings per calendar year.

"Emergency Circumstances" Exception

<u>Definition:</u> "Emergency Circumstances" means:

 "a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person."

Requirements:

- Individual member must request the legislative body to allow them to participate remotely "as soon as possible";
- The legislative body must:
 - Request a general description of the circumstances related to the need to appear remotely, not to exceed 20 words;
 - > Does not require a member to disclose any medical diagnosis, disability, or any personal medical information;
 - > Take an action (vote) to approve the request "at the earliest opportunity";
 - > If not enough time to include on the agenda, then can approve by a majority vote.
- Individual member must make a <u>separate request at each meeting</u> (*with limitations).

Individual Exceptions: Narrow and Limited in Scope

In utilizing the "Just Cause" or "Emergency Circumstances" Exceptions, the following also must be followed:

- 1. Disclosures: Individual member must publicly disclose before any action is taken:
 - Whether any other individual 18 years of age or older is present in the room at the remote location; and
 - > The general nature of the relationship of the other individual(s) who is present.
- 2. Participation: Individual member must participate through **BOTH AUDIO AND VISUAL** technology
- 3. Limitations:
 - > "This subdivision shall not serve as a means for any member of a legislative body to participate in meetings solely by teleconference from a remote location..."
 - NOT more than three consecutive months OR 20 percent of the regular meetings within a calendar year;
 - > OR **NOT** more than two meetings if the legislative body meets fewer than 10 times per calendar year.

Additional Technical and Procedural Requirements

1. Location:

- ✓ A <u>quorum</u> of the legislative body must be present in <u>a singular physical location clearly identified on the Agenda;
 </u>
- ✓ The location must be open to the public and within the jurisdiction;
- ✓ MAY provide the public with more than one physical location for observing and addressing body.
- 2. **Technology:** must provide one of the following as a means for public to remotely hear, observe, and participate:
 - √ A two-way audiovisual platform; or
 - ✓ A two-way telephonic service AND a live webcasting of the meeting

3. Public Participation:

- ✓ Must be provide notice on the agenda on how members of the public can access the meeting and offer public comment;
- ✓ Options for Public Comment: call-in, internet-based, and/or in-person physical location of the meeting;
- ✓ Cannot require public comments to be provided in advance; must have opportunity for comments in real-time;
- ✓ If there is a disruption to any of the methods of participation, then no votes may be taken;
- ✓ Must be ADA accessible and provide reasonable accommodations. Must include notice of procedure for receiving and resolving requests for accommodations.

Oaths Required for ALL Appointments

Oaths of Office

New Oath Form, New Oath Practices!

- Historically, only appointees to certain groups were required to complete an Oath of Office
- An Oath of Office will be required for all members on all boards, commissions, committees and advisory bodies.
- Debuting new, updated Oath of Office form

This update will apply to both newly appointed members and existing members. Clerk of the Board will facilitate the transition.



Oaths of Office

New Appointments:

This change will take effect for new incoming appointees starting with items on the February 28th, 2023, agenda.

We expect that there will be high quantities of appointments made by new Supervisors at the March 28th, meeting. New protocols will apply.

Existing Members:

This change will take effect for existing members starting in April 2023. Oaths will be collected by the Clerk of the Board April – May.

Clerk of the Board staff will coordinate with each liaison to select one meeting to attend and facilitate Oaths for existing members. Liaisons will need to communicate with any members not present at the selected meeting to schedule an appointment at the COB office.

Feb. 28: First BOS meeting with new protocol

March 28: Mass Reappointments by New Supervisors

April – May: COB collects retroactive oaths



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MICHAEL MOLESKY, CHAIR

DATE: January 31, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors FROM: Juan C. Magaña, Staff

RE: In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Commission 2020-2021 Report

Attached is the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Commission biennial report. The commission would like to thank the Board for your ongoing support and the opportunity to provide input in the operations of the IHSS program. Currently, there are three vacancies that the commission is seeking to fill. The Commission appreciates the Board's advocacy in filling these vacancies. Lastly, the Commission would like to recognize the Human Services Department and its staff for its dedication to the Commission throughout the years.

In the next two years, the Commission plans on advocating for greater access to health care for both recipients and care providers of IHSS and advocate for livable wages for IHSS care providers. In addition, the commission plans on working collaboratively with Public Authority staff to increase the number of registry care providers that are available to work in the most needed areas of Santa Cruz County. Finally, the Commission will continue to monitor new developments with Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the potential impact to both recipients and care providers of IHSS.

IHSS Advisory Commission Report - 2022

2020 - 2021

Role of the Commission

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Commission is a state-mandated advisory board established under AB 1682. The powers and duties of the IHSS Advisory Commission, as defined by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors' Ordinance #4655, Chapter 2.124.070 of the Santa Cruz County Code, are to:

- 1. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors, as the governing board of the IHSS Public Authority, and any administrative body in the County related to the delivery and administration of the IHSS;
- 2. Review policies related to the delivery of IHSS and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding any proposed changes;
- 3. Review pending State and Federal legislation that may impact the IHSS program, consumers, and/or providers and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding any proposed changes;
- 4. Stay informed and educated on IHSS and Public Authority issues;
- 5. Provide a forum for consumers and providers of personal assistance services, advocates and other interested parties to participate in IHSS policy and program development.

Meetings dates, time and location

The IHSS Advisory Commission meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 1:00-3:00. The commission does not meet in the months of July and December. Due to the onset of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health pandemic, the commission met virtually via teleconference for the majority of its meetings in 2020 and 2021.

Commission Structure

The Commission comprises no more than 11 members, of which a majority must be current or former users of personal assistance services paid for through public or private funds. The remaining slots include: two current for former providers of In-Home Supportive Services; and three at-large members from any of the following: a representative of an organization that advocates for people with disabilities or seniors and/or a representative who also concurrently holds a seat on either the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission or the Commission on Disabilities.

Currently, there are three vacancies that the commission is seeking to fill. These vacancies are comprised of two former or current users of personal assistance services and one representative of an organization that advocates for people with disabilities or seniors.

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Commission staff

The IHSS Advisory Commission is staffed by the Public Authority, under the auspices of the Human Services Department. Staff from the IHSS Program attend each meeting.

Attendance 2020 and 2021

The attendance charts for 2020 and 2021 are attached.

Goals and Accomplishments

During 2020 and 2021, the IHSS Advisory Commission:

- 1. Hosted the following guest speakers: Sam Trevino from the Health Project Center and Janie Whiteford from the California IHSS Consumer Alliance.
- 2. Welcomed one new commission member: Patricia Fohrman (IHSS care provider).
- 3. Renewed membership with the California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA).
- 4. Kept informed of state budget issues by California Association of Public Authorities advocates.
- 5. Received updates of the State Olmstead Advisory Board as relevant.
- 6. Assisted in the planning of the Caring Community Summit in March of 2020.
- 7. Collaborated with the Health Project Center to develop training curriculum for IHSS care providers.
- 8. Recommended changes to County Code to better define the membership criteria for at-large representatives and aligned its bylaws to the recommended County Code language.
- 9. Monitored the impact of the COVID-19 health pandemic on IHSS recipients and care providers.
- 10. Transitioned from in-person meetings to remote meetings because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- 11. Kept informed on the Master Plan on Aging (MPA).
- 12. Collaborated with the IHSS program to provide facemasks to IHSS care providers.
- 13. Advocated for COVID-19 vaccines for care providers.
- 14. Successfully implemented disaster protocols due to local fire and flood disasters.
- 15. Continued providing ongoing input to IHSS Public Authority staff for posting relevant and educational information on the IHSS Public Authority website.
- 16. Shared information with Seniors Commission and Commissions on Disabilities.
- 17. Subcommittees monitored activity in the areas of interest to IHSS recipients and providers.
- 18. Performed ongoing work to fill the remaining vacancies in the commission.

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Future Goals

The goals of the IHSS Advisory Commission include the following:

- 1. Participate in Public Authority Registry recruitment efforts. Particularly providers willing to work in Santa Cruz and San Lorenzo Valley and/or willing and able to provide care for high needs clients.
- 2. Monitor the success of the provider enrollment process.
- 3. Promote ongoing education of IHSS for consumers, care providers and the community.
- 4. Work collaboratively with the Health Project Center to develop training curriculum for IHSS providers.
- 5. Participate in the development of enhanced supports for IHSS recipients and care providers.
- 6. Continue to monitor payroll activity to assure providers are being paid timely.
- 7. Monitor the ongoing use of the Electronic Visit Verification requirement for IHSS and its impact on consumers and providers.
- 8. Increase collaboration with the local labor organization.
- 9. Network with community-based organizations and other commissions to solve issues that affect IHSS and related services.
- 10. Hold IHSS Advisory Commission meetings in south and mid-county locations.
- 11. Work collaboratively with partner agencies and commissions on disaster planning and emergency preparedness.
- 12. Monitor the impact of the CZU fire and its aftermath on consumers and providers and make recommendations as necessary.
- 13. Identify community resources that IHSS consumers and providers can access in emergency situations.
- 14. When allowable under public health recommendations, the commission will seek to resume the Caring Community Summit.
- 15. Resume new commissioner orientation and conduct annual refreshers for existing commissioners.
- 16. Advocate for fall prevention and supports in the home of all recipients of IHSS.

Recommendations

Recommendations from the IHSS Advisory Commission include the following:

- 1. Advocate for mixed housing with caregivers to support integrated caregiver and community planning.
- 2. Advocate for a living wage for caregivers so they can remain in our community.
- 3. Advocate for the county to develop a comprehensive emergency preparedness program.

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- 4. Explore the feasibility of an agency-based (Contract Mode) IHSS system in Santa Cruz County.
- 5. Advocate for the needs of IHSS recipients and caregivers to be included in plans when developing the MPA.
- 6. Connect with Central California Alliance for Health to help coordinate services under the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) program.

2020 Attendance

IHSS Advisory Commission 2020 Attendance Roster											
Name Affiliation Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Aug						Sep	Oct	Nov			
Lois Sones	Seniors Commission	Χ	Х	С	С	Χ	Χ	С	Х	С	Χ
Vacant	Commission on Disabilities	n/a									
Vacant	Rep. of Commission or Staff	n/a									
Foster Andersen	Consumer	Χ	Χ	С	С	Χ	Χ	С	Χ	С	Χ
Michael Molesky	Consumer	Χ	Χ	С	С	Χ	Χ	С	Χ	С	Χ
Linda Campbell	Consumer	Χ	Е	С	С	Χ	Χ	С	Χ	C	Χ
Becky Taylor	Consumer	Χ	Χ	С	С	Χ	Χ	С	Е	С	Χ
Jozett Irgang	Consumer	Χ	Χ	С	С	Χ	Α	С	Χ	C	Χ
Vacant	Consumer	n/a									
Maria Arreola	Provider	Е	Χ	O	С	Χ	Α	O	Χ	O	Χ
Patricia Howes	Provider	E	R								
Patricia Fohrman	Provider	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Χ	С	Χ	С	Е

Key: X = Present

E = Excused A = Absent R = Resigned

n/a = Not yet appointedC = meeting cancelled

2021 Attendance

IHSS Advisory Commission											
2021 Attendance Roster Name Affiliation Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Aug Sep Oct No								Nov			
Lois Sones	Seniors Commission	X	E	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X
Becky Taylor	Commission on Disabilities	n/a	n/a	n/a	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Х
Vacant	Rep. of Commission or Staff	n/a									
Foster Andersen	Consumer	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Х	Χ	Α	Χ	Х
Michael Molesky	Consumer	Х	Е	Χ	Х	Χ	Е	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х
Linda Campbell	Consumer	Χ	Е	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Becky Taylor	Consumer	Χ	Χ	Χ	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Jozett Irgang	Consumer	Χ	Χ	Χ	Е	Α	Е	Χ	Α	Χ	Χ
Vacant	Consumer				n/a						
Vacant	Consumer	n/a									
Maria Arreola	Provider	Е	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Е	Χ	Χ	Е
Patricia Fohrman	Provider	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Α	Χ	Х

Key: X = Present

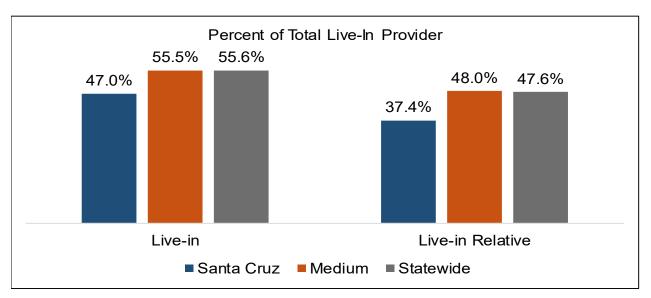
E = Excused A = Absent R = Resigned

n/a = Not yet appointedC = meeting cancelled

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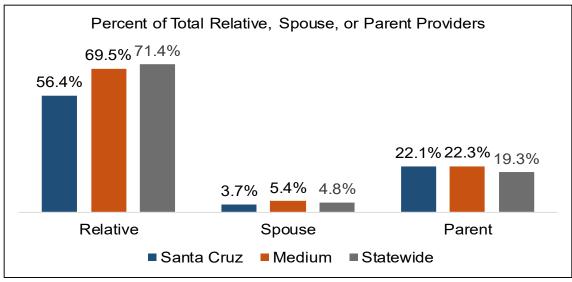


Table 1: Providers: Live-In Providers & Percent (%) of Total Providers							
Santa Cruz Medium Statewide							
Total Providers	2,718	3,714	609,976				
Live-In Providers	1,278	2,063	338,952				
% of Total Providers	47.0%	55.5%	55.6%				
Live-In Relative Providers	1,017	1,781	290,285				
% of Total Providers	37.4%	48.0%	47.6%				

Table 2: Providers: Relative, Spouse, or Parent Providers & Percent (%) of Total Providers								
Santa Cruz Medium Statewide								
Total Providers	2,718	3,714	609,976					
Relative Providers	1,533	2,581	435,439					
% of Total Providers	56.4%	69.5%	71.4%					
Spouse Providers	101	199	29,255					
% of Total Providers	3.7%	5.4%	4.8%					
Parent Providers	602	830	117,800					
% of Total Providers	22.1%	22.3%	19.3%					



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