



County of Santa Cruz

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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IHSS Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, May 26, 2023
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Location: 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 206. Santa Cruz, CA
Present: Michael Molesky (Consumer, Chair), Rebecca Jordan (Relative of Consumer), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Patricia Fohrman (Provider), Becky Taylor (Commission on Disabilities), Maria Arreola (Provider)
Excused: Lois Sones (Seniors Commission, Vice-Chair), Foster Andersen (Consumer), Jozette Irgang (Consumer)
Absent: None
Guests: Juliette Burke (Chief Deputy Clerk), Jim Lyons and Angela Millhouse (Central Alliance for Health), Ashley Atkins (PA Social Worker I)
Staff: Juan Magaña (IHSS Public Authority)

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 1:05PM; a quorum was present.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
 - a. The following change was made to the agenda:
 - i. Staff reported that the next regular meeting date was incorrect. The published agenda read June 28, 2023; the correct date is June 23, 2023. Meeting minutes will reflect this change.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - i. March 24, 2023 Meeting
 - b. Commission Vacancies
 - i. Two (2) – Consumer Representatives
 - c. Motion to approve consent agenda called by:
 - i. First/Second: Campbell/Fohrman
 - ii. Ayes: Molesky, Jordan, Campbell, Arreola, Fohrman, Taylor
 - iii. Noes: None
 - iv. Abstain: None
 - v. Absent: Sones, Andersen, Irgang
 - d. Motion carried unanimously

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5. Oral Communications and Announcements:
 - a. No oral communications or announcements were made
6. Administration of Oaths of Office for existing members of the IHSS Advisory Commission
 - a. Juliette Burke, Chief Deputy Clerk, administered the Oaths of Office for the following commission members:
 - i. Michael Molesky
 - ii. Becky Taylor
 - iii. Maria Arreola
 - iv. Linda Campbell
 - v. Rebecca Jordan
 - vi. Patricia Fohrman
7. Central California Alliance for Health Presentation
 - a. Jim Lyons and Angela Millhouse presented information on the Central California Alliance for Health, or the Alliance as it is commonly referred to. Information provided in their presentation included general info on the Alliance, its membership composition, the areas it serves, and the services it provides.
 - i. Lyons advised that the slides used in his presentation will be forwarded to staff so they can be shared with the commission.
8. Regular Agenda – Action Items
 - a. Election of Officers
 - i. Molesky reminded the group that the election of officers is to take place each year. He opened the floor for any appointed member to nominate an individual or self-nominate themselves for either the chair or vice-chair position.
 - ii. Campbell nominated Molesky to continue as Chair
 - iii. Staff informed the group that Sones, current Vice-Chair, informed staff that she would be happy to continue as Vice-Chair if the commission chooses.
 - iv. Molesky informed the group that both he and Sones would continue in their role as Chair and Vice-Chair and would approve this by acclamation:
 1. Ayes: Molesky, Jordan, Campbell, Arreola, Fohrman, Taylor
 2. Noes: None
 3. Abstain: None
 4. Absent: Sones, Andersen, Irgang
 - v. Approval by Acclamation carried unanimously
 - b. CICA Membership Renewal – FY 23-24
 - i. The commission discussed renewing its membership with the California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA).
 1. Campbell stated that she finds the CICA calls very informative; Taylor agreed with Campbell's statement

2. Molesky indicated that he didn't see any benefit to renewing the membership with CICA
 - ii. The commission agreed to not make a decision on this at this time and agreed to push this item to the June meeting.
 - iii. A motion to move this item to the June 23 Meeting was called by:
 1. First/Second: Campbell/Taylor
 2. Ayes: Molesky, Jordan, Campbell, Arreola, Fohrman, Taylor
 3. Noes: None
 4. Abstain: None
 5. Absent: Sones, Andersen, Irgang
 - iv. Motion carried unanimously
 - c. IHSS Provider Trainings
 - i. The commission reviewed the training topics that were provided by the Health Projects Center for the 2023-2024 IHSS Provider Training Series.
 - ii. Staff informed the commission that six courses needed to be selected.
 - iii. The commission selected the following training topics/courses:
 1. Nutrition and Food Handling
 2. Caregiver Wellbeing: Preventing Burnout
 3. Boundaries: Managing Personal & Work Relationships
 4. Chronic Conditions and Caregiving
 5. Keeping the Care Receiver Active at Home
 6. Infection Control in the Home
 - iv. A motion to approve the selected topics/courses was called by:
 1. First/Second: Campbell/Jordan
 2. Ayes: Molesky, Jordan, Campbell, Arreola, Fohrman, Taylor
 3. Noes: None
 4. Abstain: None
 5. Absent: Sones, Andersen, Irgang
 - v. Motion carried unanimously
9. Regular Agenda – Information Items
 - a. Updates/Housekeeping
 - i. Reminders from the Chair
 1. Molesky reminded commission members of their responsibility to meet with their district supervisor and state legislator at least once per year.
 - ii. Topics & Speakers
 1. Staff inquired if the commission would see benefit in having a representative from the Employment and Benefit Services Division present on the recent Medi-Cal program changes.

- a. Commissioner agreed and tasked staff to set up the presentation.
- b. Electronic Visit Verification Update
 - i. Staff provided an overview of the upcoming changes regarding the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) program for IHSS. Staff referenced the most recent letter that was sent out by the California Department of Social Services which included general info as well as info on upcoming training sessions that will be held. A copy of the letter was included in the meeting packet.
 - ii. Staff informed that additional trainings will be available, and the schedule will be posted on the EVV website (www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/ihss/evvhelp)
- c. Discussion: Establishment of Technology Subcommittee
 - i. Molesky asked the commission if they are interested in establishing a technology subcommittee to look into adaptive technology. Molesky referenced the email that was sent to the commission on May 16th 2023 by staff (a copy of email was included in meeting packet).
 - ii. A motion to establish a technology subcommittee was called by:
 1. First/Second: Jordan/Taylor
 2. Ayes: Molesky, Jordan, Campbell, Arreola, Fohrman, Taylor
 3. Noes: None
 4. Abstain: None
 5. Absent: Sones, Andersen, Irgang
 - iii. Motion carried unanimously
- d. IHSS Providers
 - i. No concerns or issues at this time.
- e. IHSS Program and Public Authority Updates
 - i. Staff provided the following IHSS and Public Authority Updates:
 1. The Human Services Department, on behalf of the County, is applying to become a member of AARP Livable Communities <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/> and it is being anchored to our work under Master Plan for Aging <https://mpa.aging.ca.gov/>
 2. The Adult and Long Term-Care services division is bringing forward two requests to the Bard of Supervisors for proclamations: Older American's Month in May and Elder Abuse Awareness Month in June.
 3. We are getting ready to launch our Access to Technology grant program through the California Department of Aging. We are partnering with Senior Network Services to help bridge the digital divide among older adults and persons with disabilities. This grant period is time limited, scheduled to go through December 2023. Due to the short time period, we are focusing our efforts on IHSS and APS clients living in South County, prioritizing monolingual

Spanish speaking folks. What makes this program distinct from others is that someone will be going into people's homes to provide hands on training and technical assistance. We expect to begin serving clients in June.

4. The Public Authority is partnering with San Francisco's Homebridge program to provide in-person trainings to IHSS providers as part of the IHSS Career Pathways program. Homebridge has been selected as a training vendor for the state of California and as part of their contract, they must provide in-person trainings throughout the state. Santa Cruz will be hosting Homebridge during the week of October 30 – November 3. More information is to come.

f. Subcommittee Reports

i. Legislative/Advocacy (Molesky)

1. Molesky reported that the Alliance has written a letter of support for SB 282 and AB 1379 – a copy of the letter was provided.
2. Molesky also reported that he has been selected to participate in the county wide-needs assessment steering committee. Molesky will provide more info on this in the future.

ii. Website (Taylor/Andersen)

1. No report out provided.

iii. CICA Conference Calls (Campbell)

1. Campbell reported that this month's speaker was Matt Haney, author of AB 1672.
2. Additionally, Marya Colina from the California Collaborative, which CICA members are members of. They will be holding a Long-Term Care Advocacy webinar in the near future. Marya is also available to present to this commission if we choose to invite her.

10. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 3:08PM

Next Regular Meeting: June 23, 2023, 1:00PM – 3:00PM @ 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 206. Santa Cruz, CA

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