



County of Santa Cruz

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IHSS ADVISORY COMMISSION AGENDA

Date/Time: Friday, January 25, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 1400 Emeline Ave. Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Reminder from the Chair- Please remember to bring a guest to Commission Meetings

Present: Michael Molesky (Consumer, Chair), Becky Taylor (Consumer), Foster Andersen (Consumer), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Patricia Howes (Provider, Vice-Chair), Erin Hohengarten (Guest, CCAH Case Mgt Sup), Juan Magaña (Staff, IHSS Public Authority Manager)

Excused: Maria Arreola (Provider), Lois Sones (Seniors Commission)

Absent: N/A

Agenda:

ID	Time	Item	Speaker
1	10 Min.	<p>Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting was called to order @ 1:09PM - A quorum was present - Agenda reviewed, Next Meeting date was corrected, to be held on February 22nd, 2019. - Reviewed minutes of December 7, 2018 meeting, no changes made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Motion to approved minutes called by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First/Second: Taylor/Howes ▪ Ayes: Andersen, Campbell, Molesky ▪ Noes: none ▪ Abstain: none 	Chair
2	10 Min.	<p>Oral Communications & Announcements</p> <p>Anyone wishing to address the commission on any item within the jurisdiction of the Commission <i>and not listed on the agenda</i> may do so at this time. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes in duration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Campbell reported that private caregiver companies are recruiting IHSS providers, starting wage is \$15.00. Campbell stated that an agency reached out to her provider. 	All
3	5 Min.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magaña provided a copy of the following article: “Santa Cruz effort aims to match employment, care, social needs” dated December 17th, 2018 from the Santa Cruz Sentinel. 	Chair
4	10 Min	<p>Updates/Housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topics & Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Molesky requested that Senior Network Services be invited to a future commission meeting to discuss their Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) – Magana to contact Senior Network Services to schedule 	Staff

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change in Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Magaña reported that the request to increase the meeting frequency would be on the 1/29/2019 Board of Supervisor’s meeting agenda; Once approved, the public website would be updated. - Change in Commission By-Laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Magaña reported that the change in the By-Laws was included in the aforementioned Board letter. - Joint Commissions Meeting Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Magaña reported that he will be reaching out to Kaite McGrew, staff of the Seniors and Commission on Disability, in February to continue planning the joint meeting. 	
5	10 Min	<p>Federal Shutdown impact on benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magaña reported that at this time, IHSS services are not impacted by the federal shutdown. - Magaña did report that individuals receiving CalFresh benefits (supplemental nutrition assistance or Food Stamps) received their February benefit early (in January) as a result of the federal shutdown. 	Staff
6	10 Min	<p>Earthquake Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Molesky requested that this is a possible topic of discussion at the Joint Commission meeting - The topic should be expanded to Disaster Preparedness in order to include information on other disasters such as fire, flood, earthquakes and power outages. 	Staff
7	10 Min	<p>Update on Minimum Wage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magaña provided the following info on IHSS wages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o In Santa Cruz County, IHSS providers earn \$12.46/hour. o Starting on 1/1/2019, the State minimum wage increased to \$12.00/hour. o The current agreement with SEIU Local 2015 and the County, IHSS providers would receive a \$1.21/hour increase whenever the State minimum wage exceeds the current provider wage for Santa Cruz County o Since IHSS providers are currently earning above the State minimum wage, there is no impact on their hourly pay. o When the State minimum wage increased to \$13.00/hour (scheduled for 1/1/2020), IHSS provider wages in Santa Cruz County will be raised to the State minimum wage of \$13.00/hour and receive a \$1.21 increase, making their hourly wage \$14.21/hour. 	Staff
8	10 Min	<p>Unauthorized Tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Molesky reported that building/property managers are pressuring IHSS consumers to make their IHSS provider do tasks that are not authorized by IHSS. An example is when the property is being renovated, the building/property managers need furniture inside the consumer’s home to be moved in order for work to be done 	Staff & Chair

		<p>and want the IHSS provider to move it. Molesky inquired on what resources are available for IHSS providers and consumers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magaña provided a copy of the IHSS Authorized Tasks guide that is provided by the Department of Social Services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The commission requested that a soft copy be sent out to them. - Magaña also informed the group that at time of hire, the IHSS provider is send a letter listing the number of hours and tasks that the consumer is authorized; the consumer also receives this at their initial approval and the completion of their annual reassessment. - Consumers and providers should reference these documents whenever they are not sure if a task is authorized. 	
9	10 Min	<p>Commission Vacancies update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current vacancies are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Consumer (2) o Representative from the Commission on Disabilities (1) o Representative of a Commission or Staff (1) - Taylor reported that there is someone from the Commission on Disabilities that may be interested in joining the Commission; the individual will attend the February meeting as a guest. 	Staff
10	10 Min	<p>IHSS Program Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magaña provided the following IHSS program updates on behalf of Mike McConnell: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The governor released his proposed, the department is still analyzing what the proposed budget means to us, but everything looks goof thus far; we will still need to wait for the May revise to be released. o At the last meeting it was reported that the department applied for the Home Safe Grant which would help at-risk and recently homeless Adult Protective Services clients with monies and support to avoid homelessness. The grant was awarded to Santa Cruz County and we will be receiving \$743,440 to serve individuals in our county. o The department is currently working on the logistics for the Alliance grant that was awarded to us last year. From this grant, we received \$100,000 from the Central California Alliance for Health (The Alliance) for a program we entitled MENU (Making Easy Nutrition Usable). The funds will allow us to conduct healthy cooking classes for IHSS clients and Providers. The grant will also help us assess IHSS clients for food insecurity and connect them to ongoing food resources. o The Transforming Lives with Care unit will provide long-term and intensive health, mental health and cognitive health services to our most vulnerable clients. The department continues to work on setting this unit up. 	McConnell
11	10 Min	<p>Public Authority Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magaña provided the following PA updates: 	PA Staff

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The PA has started offering weekly Live Scan services in Santa Cruz ○ An additional Office Assistant has been hired to assist with day-to-day PA operations. ○ In December, the PA held its first One-Stop enrollment session at the Santa Cruz Public Library. This event was held for a targeted group and resulted in 10 individuals enrolling as IHSS providers and starting the process to join the registry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The PA will be holding monthly One-Stop enrollment sessions that will be open to the public; the logistics are still being worked on, but there will be one session in Santa Cruz and one in Watsonville per month. ○ The PA continues to work with Ryan Althaus to recruit IHSS providers; Ryan is doing a lot of work with various community agencies (faith-based groups, schools, non-profits). - Anderson inquired about Electronic Visit Verification (EVV); Magaña reported that EVV is a federal mandate and the state will be required to implement EVV or face financial penalties. EVV requires providers to record the number of hours worked via the online portal or phone; consumers would then need to approve the providers hours via the portal or phone; there has been talk that the provider would also need to record the tasks that were performed, but this may have been removed. Magaña recommended that Commission members review the emails received from CICA as they include a lot of information on EVV. 	
12	15 Min	<p>Subcommittee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seniors Commission (Sones) – not present - Commission on Disabilities (Taylor) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Commission on Disabilities met to discuss possible topics of discussion for the joint commission meeting in May - Legislative (Molesky) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Molesky reported that he just received the governors proposed budget and is in the process of reviewing the documents. - Advocacy/Outreach (Molesky) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trying to keep health care workers with low wages with health coverage. - Website Review (Taylor) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Taylor inquired on the possibility of adding a link to the CICA website to the Commission’s webpage. Magaña will inquire and let the group know. - CICA Conference Calls (Molesky) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Molesky reminded the Commission to call in to the CICA conference calls. 	
		Meeting adjourned at 2:14pm	

Next Meeting: Friday, February 22nd, 2019

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