



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, April 22, 2022
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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 - ii. One (1) – Representative of an organization that advocates for people

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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.*
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Next Regular Meeting: May 27, 2022, 1:00PM – 3:00PM



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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: None
Absent: Foster Andersen (Consumer),
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



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, January 13, 2022
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Robert Schindler (*1st District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), Michael Leimbach (*4th District*), Lynn Stipes (*5th District*), David Molina (*Chair - 5th District*)
EXCUSED: None
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*)
GUESTS: Faina Segal (*Friends of Rail and Trail*) and 5 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:36 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
Motion to revise agenda moving items requiring a vote to the top of the agenda.
Motion/Second: Molina/Schindler
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Approve November 10, 2021 Minutes
Minutes were amended to correct a typographical error.
Motion to Approve Minutes as amended.
Motion/Second: Molina/Grijalva
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment: None
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. Cabrillo Accessibility Support Center Advisory Committee Representation
Item pended until the February meeting.
 - 6.2. Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
Commission considered whether to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361.
Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely
Motion/Second: Molina/Schindler
Motion passed unanimously.

6.3. Rail and Trail Project Accessibility

Segal presented an overview of the importance of improved public transportation for people with disabilities, including an overview of the unified corridor study results, funding sources, environmental impact, impact on existing public transportation system, and some specifics about the accessibility of trains including level boarding, increased room for mobility devices, etc. No information was provided about the accessibility features of the proposed trail. Staff read a statement from Guy Preston (*RTC Executive Director*) on the status of the project. The RTC is approaching the rail and trail portions of the project independently as funding for the rail portion has not yet been secured. Dedicated local funding will need to be allocated in order to obtain State funding for the train. The trail project is well underway.

6.4. 2021 Attendance Report

Commission reviewed the 2021 Attendance Report.

7. Commission Reports:

7.1. History Report: None

7.2. Legislation Report: None

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

8.1.1. Shared Adventures Mural Dedication Report

Gutierrez Baeza and Leimbach shared an update on the October 16th event at Ramsey Park, which was well-attended by members of the Commission and well-received by the community. According to all reports, Gutierrez Baeza did an excellent job as one of the presenters.

8.1.2. Adaptive Swim Program Update

Molina reported that an Adaptive Swim Program launch event is being proposed to coincide with the reopening of Simpkins Swim Center in June. Staff is conducting a mini-survey to determine the best weekday to offer low-stimulation swim hours, and currently all swim programming is being conducted at Harvey West Park while Simpkins is being refurbished.

Commissioner Gubash arrived.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported that the EEO/CC Plan is being updated with the December 31, 2021 workforce data and the 2018 ACS available workforce data for comparison to identify any inequities. Baurmeister updated the Commission on the status of the *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Employee Survey* to collect feedback from County employees on the impact of County diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

10. Emerging Matters: None

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: Robert Schindler (1st District), Stacie Grijalva (2nd District), Fay Levinson (2nd District), Becky Taylor (3rd District), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (Vice Chair - 4th District), Michael Leimbach (4th District), Lynn Stipes (5th District), David Molina (Chair - 5th District)
EXCUSED: John Daugherty (1st District), Richard Gubash (3rd District)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)
GUESTS: 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:31 PM.
2. Roll Call
Commission welcomed new Commissioner Fay Levinson representing District 2.
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve January 13, 2022 Minutes
Motion to Approve Minutes.
Motion/Second: Molina/Taylor
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment:
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. Cabrillo Accessibility Support Center Advisory Committee Representation
Item pended until the March meeting.
 - 6.2. Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
Commission considered whether adopt a statement of findings authorizing them to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361.
Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely
Motion/Second: Molina/Leimbach
Motion passed unanimously.
7. Commission Reports:
 - 7.1. History Report: None
 - 7.2. Legislation Report: None

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

8.1.1. Adaptive Swim Program Report

Staff reported that Parks is considering a remote learning program to train instructors to teach swimming safely and effectively with people with disabilities. Some elements of the program are being featured in the Summer Activity Guide, including the addition of 2 scheduled low stimulation hours.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported that the *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Employee Survey* was published and has been well received. The EEO Officer will speak to the Commission on survey results if they are made public.

10. Emerging Matters: None

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, December 21, 2021
TIME: 12:30 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: Dena Taylor (1st District), Antonio Rivas (*Vice Chair - 2nd District*), Mark Johannessen (*2nd District*),
Enda Brennan (*3rd District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4th District*), Carol Childers (*Chair - 5th District*),
Lynn McKibbin (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: Lois Sones (*3rd District*), Charles Molnar (*CSL Ex Officio Member*)
ABSENT: Tom Haid (*1st District*)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: No members of the public were present

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
Meeting convened at 12:34 PM.
2. **Motion to Approve August 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
Motion/Second: Brennan/Johannessen
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Senior Legislature Report:
Commission reviewed and discussed *California Senior Legislature Top Legislative Priorities for 2022* and 2021 legislative summaries for the Assembly Human Services Committee, Insurance Committee and the Health Committee. The Aging and Long Term Care Committee has not yet posted their 2021 legislative summary.
5. New Business/Action Items:
 - 5.1 2020-2021 Biennial Report
Commission reviewed and discussed the Biennial Report and amended it to: include specific language related to the Live Oak Senior Center in the Goals and Recommendation section; correct an error; and update meeting attendance report to include attendance for this meeting.
Motion to approve 2020-2021 Biennial Report as amended
Motion/Second: Taylor/McKibbin
Motion passed unanimously.
 - 5.2 Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
Commission considered whether to authorize meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361 in February. Commissioners prefer the Zoom meeting platform for 2022.

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361.

Motion/Second: Johannessen/Taylor

Motion passed unanimously.

5.3 *Justice in Aging 2021-2022 California Budget Summary* Discussion

Commission reviewed and discussed a 2021-2022 California budget summary compiled by the *Justice in Aging* organization. Staff will research potential speakers to update the Commission on how State budget decisions are impacting Santa Cruz County programs and services.

5. District Reports:

5.2. District 1:

Taylor reported outreach to Supervisor Koenig, the Area Agency on Aging, the Mid-County Senior Center, the Retired Public Employees Association (via their newsletter) and the Commission on Disabilities. Issues discussed were senior volunteerism, proposals for the rail corridor, senior loneliness, senior housing, status of the senior center location, and aging and disability resource center (ADRC) funding. The pandemic is impacting senior volunteerism.

5.3. District 2:

Rivas reported having met with Watsonville's new mayor and the status of senior services and programs in Watsonville City. Johannessen reported that recent Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) meetings have addressed State budget decisions and will continue to update the Commission.

5.4. District 3: No Report

5.5. District 4:

Fohrman reported that caregiver scarcity is ongoing.

5.6. District 5:

McKibbin reported that the San Lorenzo Valley Highland Senior Center is open and thriving, though substantial repairs to the facility are needed. Supervisor McPherson is working with representatives to obtain funding for repairs. Boulder Creek and Felton Sheriff's offices are scheduled to reopen in July 2022. Childers is monitoring the recent purchase of a resort property on Hwy 9 to be converted to veteran's housing. Hopefully some units will be set aside for senior veterans. Meals on Wheels continues to operate, using safety precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

6. Staff Report:

Staff invited Commissioners to attend the January 13, 2022 meeting of the Commission on Disabilities to hear the Friends of Rail and Trail (FORT) presentation.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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MICHAEL MOLESKY, CHAIR

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMISSION'S FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, this IHSS Advisory Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2021, the IHSS Advisory Commission held its initial teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, this IHSS Advisory Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the IHSS Advisory Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the IHSS Advisory Commission makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the IHSS Advisory Commission.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the IHSS Advisory Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today's findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the IHSS Advisory Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 22nd day of April, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chair, IHSS Advisory Commission

ATTEST:

Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

Office of the County Counsel



**IHSS Provider Training
 Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Topic Proposals

Please select 6 topics from the list below.

Number	Topic
	Introduction to Palliative Care
	Home Safety & Falls Prevention
	Person Centered Care
	Abuse and Mandated Reporting
	The Aging Process
	Depression & Anxiety
	Dementia Care Challenges: Bathing, Dressing & Oral Care
	Dementia Care Challenges: Anxiety, Agitation, & Anger
	Dementia Care Challenges: Wandering, Sleep, & Sundowning
	Dementia Care Challenges: Paranoia, Hallucinations & Delusions