



County of Santa Cruz

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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IHSS Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, February 23, 2024
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Location: 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 206. Santa Cruz, CA
Present: Michael Molesky (Consumer, Chair), Lois Sones (Seniors Commission, Vice-Chair), Foster Andersen (Consumer), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Jozett Irgang (Consumer), Christine Kiebert-Boss (Consumer), Patricia Fohrman (Provider), Maria Arreola (Provider)
Guests: Sondra Bitonti (Presenter, Health Projects Center), Claudia Mendez (Presenter, Health Project Center), Vanessa Segura (Presenter, Health Projects Center), Blanca Fernandez (Social Worker, Public Authority), Norma Diaz (Social Worker, Public Authority), Deanna Hernandez (Social Worker, IHSS), Maryann Medrano (Social Worker, IHSS), Julie Gabriel (Division Secretary, ALTC)
Staff: Juan Magaña (Public Authority Manager)

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM; a quorum was present.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
 - a. Agenda reviewed; no changes were made.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - i. January 26, 2024 Meeting
 - b. Commission Vacancies
 - i. One (1) – Consumer Representative
 - ii. One (1) – Representative of Advocate Organization
 - c. Kiebert-Boss indicated that she was marked in error as absent on item 7.b.ii of the January 26, 2024, meeting minutes; staff to correct.
 - d. Motion to approve consent agenda, with amended minutes, called by:
 - i. First/Second: Sones/Kiebert-Boss
 - ii. Ayes: Molesky, Sones, Taylor, Andersen, Campbell, Irgang, Kiebert-Boss, Fohrman, Arreola
 - iii. Nays: None
 - iv. Abstentions: None
 - v. Absent: None
 - e. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Oral Communications and Announcements:
 - a. Taylor reported that the Commission on Disabilities has lots of vacancies.

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- b. Molesky reported that Paracruz is providing free rides on Saturdays and Sundays.
 - c. Andersen reported that Shared Adventures will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on April 13 at San Lorenzo Park, they will have live music, resource tables and food to celebrate.
 - d. Sones reported that Elderday has partnered with Dientes to provide onsite dental care.
 - e. Sones reported that the Seniors Commission discussed the Age Well Santa Cruz Survey and wanted to urge all commission members to spread the word out.
6. Presentation – Health Project Center, Multi-Purpose Senior Services Program, and Enhanced Care Management
- a. Sondra Bitonti, Claudia Mendez, and Vanessa Segura presented information on the services offered through the Health Projects Center. The presentation included information on:
 - i. General overview of the Health Projects Center website, services offered, contact information.
 - ii. Multipurpose Senior Services Program – program goals, requirements, referral process, and services offered.
 - iii. Enhanced Care Management – services offered under enhanced care management, application process, and who can benefit from this service.
7. Regular Agenda – Action Items
- a. Approval of Commission Bylaws
 - i. Staff reported that the commission’s bylaws have been updated to include the changes to County Code section 2.38. A clean and strike out copy of the bylaws were included in the meeting packet. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the changes.
 - 1. Molesky inquired about the requirements for serving on the commission.
 - a. Staff informed that those requirements were not included in the current bylaws but will look for them to see when they were removed.
 - ii. Motion to approve updated bylaws was called by:
 - 1. First/Second: Taylor/Sones
 - 2. Ayes: Sones, Taylor, Andersen, Campbell, Irgang, Kiebert-Boss, Fohrman, Arreola
 - 3. Nays: None
 - 4. Abstentions: Molesky
 - 5. Absent: None
 - iii. Motion carried with 8 ayes and 1 abstention.
 - b. Location IHSS Advisory Commission Meetings
 - i. Staff reported that at the November commission meeting, the commission voted to alternate meeting locations between north and south county. At the January meeting, the commission was to discuss the meeting location for south county, but it was decided to hold off the conversation until a full commission was present.
 - 1. Sones mentioned that one of the stated goals on the biennial report was to hold meetings in different locations throughout the county, but transportation was not factored into the November decision.

2. Molesky indicated that Lifeline does not provide non-medical transportation and Paracruz services are limited due to staffing.
 3. Commission members also indicated that one of the purposes to hold meetings in south county was to try to get appointed commissioners that live in south county.
 4. Molesky indicated his preference would be to hold meetings in north county until June and then re-visit the topic as there is pending legislation that may allow for remote participation for advisory bodies.
 5. Commissioners mentioned that traffic on Fridays is also a factor to take into consideration.
 - ii. Molesky stepped down from his role as chair and gave Sones authority to continue with the meeting.
 - iii. A motion to hold commission meetings in north county until June and revisit the location of the meetings at that meeting was called by:
 1. First/Second: Molesky/Campbell
 2. Ayes: Molesky, Sones, Taylor, Andersen, Campbell, Kiebert-Boss, Arreola
 3. Nays: Fohrman
 4. Abstentions: None
 5. Absent: Irgang
 - iv. Motion carried with 7 ayes and 1 nay.
8. Adjournment
- a. Meeting adjourned at 3:00PM

The following meeting items were not discussed.

9. Regular Agenda – Information Items
 - a. Updates/Housekeeping
 - i. Reminders from the Chair
 - ii. Topics & Speakers
 - b. IHSS Providers
 - c. IHSS Program and Public Authority Updates
10. Report Outs
 - a. Legislative
 - b. CICA Conference Calls
 - c. Website/Technology

Next Regular Meeting: March 24, 2024, 1:00PM – 3:00PM @ 1400 Emeline, Rom 206, Santa Cruz.

Minutes approved on 03/22/2024; submitted to Board of Supervisors on 03/26/2024.