



County of Santa Cruz

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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IHSS Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, April 22, 2022
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Present: Michael Molesky (Consumer, Chair), Lois Sones (Seniors Commission, Vice-Chair), Becky Taylor (Consumer), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Patricia Fohrman (Provider)
Excused: Foster Andersen (Consumer), Jozett Irgang (Consumer), Maria Arreola (Provider)
Absent: None
Guests: Tricia Webber (County Clerk)
Staff: Juan Magaña (IHSS Public Authority)

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting started late due to lack of quorum, was called to order @ 1:34PM; a quorum was present
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
 - a. No changes made to published agenda
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of March 25, 2022 Minutes
 - i. Staff made the following change to the minutes:
 1. Foster Andersen's attendance was changed from Absent to Excused
 - b. Correspondence
 - i. Commission on Disabilities Minutes.....Page 6.
 1. January 13, 2022 Meeting
 2. February 10, 2022 Meeting
 - ii. Seniors Commission Minutes..... Page 10.
 1. December 21, 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 amended consent agenda called by:

- i. First/Second: Campbell/Sones
- ii. Ayes: Molesky, Sones, Taylor, Campbell, Fohrman
- iii. Noes: None
- iv. Abstain: None

e. Motion carried unanimously

5. Oral Communications and Announcements

a. Tricia Webber, County Clerk provided the following information:

- i. The Santa Cruz County elections is looking to transition from the traditional polling place model to the Voters Choice Act, which is the model that was used for the November 2020 election and the three (3) elections that were conducted in 2021.
- ii. With the Voter's Choice Act model, everyone is sent a vote by mail ballot, under current state law, and then two (2) in-person voting locations are open twenty-nine (29) days before each election.
- iii. Eleven (11) days before the election, three (3) more in-person voting locations will open and four (4) days before the election an addition thirteen (13) in-person voting locations will open.
- iv. On Election Day, there would be a total of eighteen (18) locations where a voter can go in and do in-person voting.
- v. With this model, any registered voter can go to any location and obtain the ballot that belongs to them based their address.
- vi. Part of the process to transition to the Voters Choice Act model is that the Elections Department put together what's known as an Election Administration Plan (EAP). The EAP indicates everything that Santa Cruz County elections will be doing to implement this model for elections. It also indicates how they will do education and outreach to the voters in Santa Cruz County, about the model change and how voters can get access to their ballot.
- vii. The draft EAP is up on the Elections Department website and today is the first day of the 14-day public comment period. Listed there are the proposed voting locations and the days that they would be open as well as the proposed ballot drop off locations.
- viii. On May 5th, 2022 the Elections Department will hold two (2) public hearings to take in public input in-person or via a zoom link. However, public comments can be given to the Elections Department office either through a form on their website, via email, in person, or by phone. Public comments will be accepted during the entire 14-day period not just at the public hearings.

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.

1. Sones expressed interest in resuming in-person meetings. Taylor, Campbell and Fohrman expressed interest in continuing remote meetings.
- ii. Motion to approve the AB 361 findings and hold the next IHSS Advisory Commission meeting remotely was called by:
 1. First/Second: Campbell/Taylor
 2. Ayes: Molesky, Sones, Taylor, Campbell, Fohrman
 3. Noes: None
 4. Abstain: None
- iii. Motion carried unanimously

REMAINDER OF MEETING WAS INFORMATION SHARING ONLY DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

- b. Election of Officers
 - i. Not discussed due to lack of quorum
 - c. IHSS Provider Trainings for Fiscal Year 22/23
 - i. Not discussed due to lack of quorum
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
 - i. Staff provided the following IHSS program updates:
 1. The county has concluded the Request For Quote process for the countywide needs assessment for our local Master Plan for Aging. Once a vendor is selected, we will begin to engage this commission for feedback on how we can ensure we obtain robust and meaningful data from this process.
 2. The department is adding positions in Adult Protective Services with funding from Home Safe and the new state allocation given in response to increasing caseloads. We are very grateful for these funding augmentations but the program is currently under-resourced so we hope the funding will be ongoing and increase.
 3. The department is on schedule for the Public Guardian office to transition from the Health Services Agency to the Human Services Department effective July 1, 2022.
 - c. Public Authority Updates
 - i. Staff provided the following Public Authority update:
 1. Targeted provider recruitment – at last month’s commission meeting, Public Authority staff provided an overview of the new recruitment pilot project. As of this date, staff have sent out a total of 62 registry applications to potential registry care providers. Of these 62 applications, 29 applications have been received and 18

new care providers have been added to the registry. In 2021, the Public Authority received a total of 32 registry applications which is 3 more applications that have been received to date this year.

2. Career Fairs – in addition to the targeted provider recruitment project, last week Public Authority participated in the Cabrillo College in-person job fair. Staff were able to connect with a lot of students at that job fair. Public Authority staff will also be participating in a virtual career fair that is being put together by Cabrillo College on April 28th.
- ii. Sones informed the group that the Seniors Commission will be sending a letter to the IHSS Advisory Commission informing the Commission of their concern with the lack of care providers and offer assistance to address this issue.
- iii. Taylor inquired if the Public Authority has reached out to Senior Network Services to see if they know of any care providers needing additional work?
 1. Staff reported that there has been no contact yet, but staff will reach out to Senior Network Services to inquire.

d. Subcommittee Reports

i. Legislative/Advocacy (Molesky)

1. Molesky reported that he reached out to the Alliance to see about filling the advocacy spot on our commission. Molesky was informed that the Alliance is currently being reorganized and staff responsibilities are being moved around but are open to sending a representative to our meetings.

ii. Website (Taylor/Andersen) – *This item was not discussed*

iii. CICA Conference Calls (Campbell)

1. Campbell provided the following information:

- a. CICA is requesting that the funding for advisory committees be increased from \$6000.00 to \$56,000 and is looking for our support. A sample letter has been sent out to the advisory commissions and they are seeking our support.

- i. Since there was no quorum present to vote on this request, the commission decided to hold a Special Meeting on Friday, April 29, 2022 at 1:00PM to review and vote on this request. Staff was instructed to set up this Special Meeting.

b. There was an overview of the following pending legislation:

- i. AB 1751 – Worker’s Compensation: COVID-19: Critical Workers
- ii. AB 1900 – Medi-Cal Income Level for Maintenance
- iii. AB 2262 – IHSS: Needs Assessment

iv. SB 1098 – IHSS and Waiver Personal Care Services

8. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned @ 1:53PM

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