

**Contra Costa County In-Home Supportive Services
Advisory Committee Meeting
January 16, 2018 Meeting Summary**

Present: Mustafa Alsaliyh, Sydney Anderson, Wilson Cheng, Joe Juarez (On the phone) John Roe, Wendell Snyder, Chantana Vornvilaipan and Keegan Duncan (On the phone)

Absent: Sarah Birdwell

Staff: Elizabeth Dondi, Beatriz Salgado

Guests: Kim Lee

Roll Call and Introductions:

Chair Sydney Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:13pm. Roll call was called and the sign-in sheet was completed. A quorum was established.

Public Comment Period:

None

Individual Member Reports & Announcements

None

November 21, 2017 Meeting Summary

John moved, Wendell seconded, to approve the November 21, 2017 meeting summary as written. The motion carried; see votes below:

		Meeting Summary			
		Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
1	Mustafa Alsaliyh	x			
2	Sydney Anderson				x
3	Sarah Birdwell			x	
4	Wilson Cheng	x			
5	Keegan Duncan	x			
6	Joe Juarez	x			
7	John Roe	x			
8	Wendell Snyder	x			
9	Chantana Vornviloipan			x	

REPORTS:

Fraud / Quality Assurance Report: None

Staff Report:

Elizabeth reported that on January 10, 2018 Governor Jerry Brown released his 2018-2019 Budget plan. The full Budget committees in both Assembly and State Senate will be holding hearings on January 18, 2018 - Senate committee hearing and on January 23, 2018 - Assembly committee, for an overview of the Governor's 2018-2019 Budget plan.

Elizabeth also reported that all beneficiaries of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income will receive a 2% COLA increase in their benefit amount. The federal SSI payment will increase from \$735 per month to \$750 per month for an individual and from \$1,103 per month to \$1,125 per month for a couple.

Elizabeth reported that Medicare Part B premium remains the same at \$134 per month. However, many people have been paying a lower amount – on average \$109 - because of a “hold harmless” provision that prohibited Medicare from increasing premiums by more than the Social Security COLA. Because Social Security made no COLA adjustments in recent years, CMS did not increase premiums for individuals already in the system. This year, however, the 2% SSA COLA will allow CMS to catch up so that individuals who had been paying less than \$134, and will be required to pay more. The exact increase will depend on what they had been paying and how much their Social Security benefit increases under the COLA. It is estimated that as many as 70% of Medicare beneficiaries will see some or all of their COLA increase eaten up by the catch-up Medicare Part B premium increase.

Finally Elizabeth reported that The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved California's proposal to create Medicaid health homes to improve care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with chronic health conditions.

CMS approved amendments to the California Medicaid State Plan and the state's Medi-Cal 2020 waiver, authorizing the Department of Health Care Services to implement a Health Homes Program (HHP) beginning in July 2018.

The approval was received December 19, 2017. It allowed California to implement the program, authorized by Affordable Care Act Section 2703 through the Medi-Cal managed care delivery system.

Chair Report:

Sydney Anderson reported that the 13th Annual Living After 50 event will be held on Saturday March 24, 2018 at 1131 Stoneman Ave. in Pittsburg, CA from 8:45 am to 4:00pm. There will be workshops speakers and local celebrities Rosemary Greyshock (radio personality) and Charleen Earley (writer, teacher and comedian).

Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:

The report for July 1, 2016 through December 12, 2017 was handed out and reviewed by the members.

Health, Safety & Education Committee Report:

Sydney Anderson reported that the meeting was held on January 9, 2018 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Sydney reported that the members reviewed the Training Plan for 2018. The plan includes CPR trainings on each part of the County; two of these trainings in Spanish, Alzheimer's and Dementia, and Mental Health/ Grief training also offer on each part of the County. Sydney also mentioned that the trainings are available for Providers and Consumers. The next HS&E meeting will be on March 13, 2018

Rapid Response Committee Report:

Sydney reported that the AC members went over the Demographic reports as well as call log for the program. Sydney mentioned that the AC members noticed that some of the cities were omitted in the Demographic reports. Elizabeth will contact the vendor for corrections and the report will be presented to the AC members at the next RR meeting.

Sydney also mentioned that in November Rapid Response program received a total of 31 service requests, 21 of these calls we filled, 5 requests were cancelled and 1 was not eligible for services. In the month of December, Rapid response program received 33 service requests, 22 of these requests were filled, 5 were cancelled, 1 was not filled and 4 were not eligible for services.

Nominating Committee Report: No report as no meeting was held.

Advocacy Committee Report: No report as no meeting was held.

California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA) Report:

None

Independent Living Resource (ILR) Report:

John reported that the main focus of the ILR board right now is the coming fundraiser planned for February 24, 2018 at the IBEW Local 302 1875 Arnold Dr. Martinez, CA. It will feature a Mardi Gras theme.

SEIU 2015 Report:

Mustafa shared with the AC members that SEIU 2015 is against Electronic Visit Verification because they consider that this measure does not prevent fraud and does not benefit the program in any way.

Unfinished Business:

Sydney Anderson (Chair) appointed subcommittee chairs as follows:

Advocacy – Wilson Cheng

Health, Safety and Education – Wendell Snyder

Nominating – Joe Juarez

Rapid Response – Keegan Duncan

New Business:

Sydney reminded to the AC member that it is important for the purpose of the AC meetings to be on time and let the PA secretary know whether or not they are able to attend to the meeting.

Next meeting: February 20, 2018.

Sydney adjourned the meeting at 3:08pm.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, 500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill

Sydney Anderson, Chair

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