

**Contra Costa County In-Home Supportive Services  
Public Authority Advisory Committee  
September 19, 2017  
Meeting Summary**

**Members present:** Sydney Anderson, Mustafa Alsalihi, Wilson Cheng, Keegan Duncan, Gary Gray, John Roe, Wendell Snyder and Chantana Vornvilaipan.

**Absent:** Sarah Birdwell and Joe Juarez

**Staff:** Elizabeth Dondi and Beatriz Salgado

**Roll Call and Introductions:**

Chair Sydney Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM. Roll call was called and the sign-in sheet was completed. A quorum was established.

Sydney Anderson welcomed Chantana the new member and introductions were made.

**Public Comment Period:**

None

**Individual Member Reports & Announcements:**

Gary Gray reported on El Cerrito BART Stations' two year elevator modernization project. The work has begun and improvements are noticeable.

Gary also expressed his frustration with inefficient transport services provided by East Bay Paratransit. He shared about his latest bad experience scheduling a ride to attend the Rapid Response meeting.

John Roe mentioned that one of his friends is currently serving in different transportation commissions and he will ask him to attend one of the AC meetings to listen to the problems the disabled users are facing.

John Roe also shared with the AC members, the Service Directory from Solano County. John is very impressed with the way that the information was laid out and all the information that the small booklet covers.

**July 18, 2017 Meeting Summary:**

John Roe moved and Wendell Snyder seconded a motion to approve the July 18, 2017 meeting summary with corrections. The motion carried; see votes below:

		<b>Meeting Summary</b>			
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
1	Mustafa Alsaliyh	X			
2	Sydney Anderson	X			
3	Sarah Birdwell			X	
4	Wilson Cheng	X			
5	Keegan Duncan	X			
6	Gary Gray	X			
7	Joe Juarez			X	
8	John Roe	X			
9	Wendell Snyder	X			
10	Chantana Vornviloipan				X

**REPORTS:**

**Staff Report:**

Elizabeth reported that on October 10, the new IHSS Electronic Timesheets System (ETS) will be implemented in Contra Costa County. Public Authority Staff will be attending a CDSS (California Department of Social Services) two hours webinar which will give an overview of ETS in preparation of heightened customer service needs from providers and Consumers.

Elizabeth gave an update regarding AB 432 which seeks to authorize the California In-Home Supportive Services Authority to meet and confer in good faith regarding wages, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment with representatives of recognized employee organizations for providers working under the waiver Personal Care Services Program. This bill passed out of both houses and is now to the Governor for Enrollment.

Elizabeth reported that on September 9, 2017 Senators Lindsey Graham and Bill Cassidy released another ACA repeal and replace bill that would have devastating consequences for health and well-being of older Americans. The proposals in this bill

would strip coverage from millions, gut the Medicaid program and undermine the ACA's most popular consumer protections. A hearing on the bill is set for Monday September 25th at 10am Eastern Time. The bill will also be heard in the US Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee next. The Bill does not have the minimum 50 votes. The legislation faces a September 30th deadline to pass with 51 votes. After this deadline, under US senate rules any repeal and replace bill would need 60 votes.

Finally, Elizabeth reported that the House of Representative Committee on Ways and Means is working on a bill that would suspend the SSI benefits for certain people, leaving them without even the meager assistance. The proposal H.R. 2792 would bar payment of SSI benefits to people with any outstanding arrest warrants for an alleged felony or parole violation. A very high percentage of those who would lose their benefits have a mental illness or intellectual disability, making it difficult or impossible to navigate the process of resolving or removing old outstanding warrants from their record.

### **Chair Report:**

Sydney Anderson reported that the Bethel Island Health & Safety Fair event will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Scout Hall and Community Park from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Sydney also mentioned that she will attend the Senior Transportation Forum 2017 which will be held on Friday September 29, 2017 at John Muir Medical Center Ball Auditorium in Walnut Creek from 9:00am to 3:00. Sydney will give a report on this event at the next AC meeting.

Finally, Sydney informed members that a new adult care center was opened at St. Anne Catholic Church in Byron City. Sydney explained that the Day care center is not related to the Church and the center specializes in Alzheimer's and dementia cases.

### **Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:**

The report for July 1, 2016 through August 17, 2017 was reviewed by the members.

### **Health, Safety & Education Committee:**

Sydney reported that the meeting was held on September 12, 2017 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Sydney reported that the remaining trainings for this year are CPR for West County to be held in the month of September, CPR for East County to be held in the month of October, Alzheimer's/ Dementia scheduled for Thursday October 19, 2017 from 10:00am to 12noon and finally Mental Health / Grief for West County scheduled to be held on Wednesday November 1st from 10am to noon.

### **Rapid Response Committee Report:**

Sydney stated that the AC member went over the Demographic reports as well as call log for the program. In the month of July 2017 there were four calls received. In the month of August 2017 the Registry received 25 calls, 17 of these calls were filled and 8 were not filled because they did not meet eligibility criteria.

Sydney reminded everyone that the CICA meetings are available via phone and email updates.

### **Nominating Committee Report:**

No report as no meeting was held.

### **Advocacy Committee Report:**

No report. Meeting will be held later today.

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

None

### **Independent Living Resource (ILR) Report:**

John Roe reported that Independent living is having a fundraiser. The expected date for the fundraiser will be sometime in the first week of November 2017.

### **SEIU 2015 Report:**

Mustafa reported that SEIU is conducting some training on the new Electronic Timesheets.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Other – agenda items for next meeting**

AC Money - Allowable and disallowable expenditures.

**Next Meeting:   October 17, 2017**  
**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, 500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill**

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Sydney Anderson, Chair

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