

**Contra Costa County In-Home Supportive Services
Advisory Committee Meeting
January 21, 2020 Meeting Summary**

Present: Mustafa Alsalihi, Sydney Anderson, David Boots, Wilson Cheng, Michelle Hernandez (On the phone), Joe Juarez, John Roe, and Wendell Snyder.

Absent: Keegan Duncan

Staff: Elizabeth Dondi, Lorena Orellana and Beatriz Salgado

Guests: Eric Sydney and Kim Cheng

Roll Call and Introductions:

John Roe, Chair of the AC Committee called the meeting to order at 1:25pm. Roll call was called and the sign-in sheet was completed. A quorum was established.

Public Comment Period:

None

Individual Member Reports & Announcements

Sydney shared about Covia-Well Connected Program. Well-connected is a nationwide program that offers over the phone and on line trainings, support groups, education groups and many different interesting classes. It is especially a good program for persons who are isolated like seniors.

November 19, 2019 Meeting Summary

Sydney Anderson moved, Wendell Snyder seconded, to approve the November 19, 2019 meeting summary as written. The motion carried; see votes below:

		Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
1	Mustafa Alsalihi	x			
2	Sydney Anderson	x			
3	Wilson Cheng	x			
4	David Boots	x			
5	Keegan Duncan			x	
6	Michelle Hernandez	x			
7	Joe Juarez	x			
8	John Roe	x			
9	Wendell Snyder				x

REPORTS

Fraud/Quality Assurance Report:

No report was available at this time

Staff Reports:

Elizabeth informed the AC members that PA will resume the ESP Trainings to assist providers and consumer to register on the Electronic Service Portal where consumers and Providers will be able to access the Electronic Timesheets for reporting time for pay and reporting time to meet the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirements. PA will hold first training this year here at 500 Ellinwood Way on January 30, 2020.

Elizabeth distributed a copy of the flyer and asked the AC members to help spread the word about the training. Elizabeth also offered to keep the members informed on any additional training sessions as staff schedules them.

Elizabeth also mentioned that the State is also offering online trainings for both consumers and providers and that Contra Costa County is at 41% registration. The expectation is to be at 70% registration by May/June 2020, the roll out months for our county.

As a part of her report, Elizabeth gave the AC members an update on some of the legislative bills that CAPA (California Association of Pubic authority) is following as follows:

Legislative Bills

SB 596 (Stern): In-Home Supportive Services: additional higher energy allowance.

This bill requires county departments of social services to advise IHSS consumer applicants that they may be eligible for an additional higher energy allowance, pursuant to PUC rules. It was scheduled to be heard last week on January 13, 2020 in Senate Human Services Committee. **Recommended position: Support.**

AB 1042 (Wood): Medi-Cal: beneficiary maintenance needs: home upkeep allowances: transitional needs funds.

Would establish eligibility and other requirements for providing the home upkeep allowance or a transitional needs fund to Medi-Cal patients residing in a long-term care facility, as specified. The bill would prescribe both general and specific requirements for both facility residents who intend to leave the facility and return to an existing home, who would receive the home upkeep allowance, and for residents who do not have a home but intend to leave the facility and establish a new home, who could establish a transitional needs fund for the purpose of meeting the transitional costs of establishing a home. **This bill failed to meet deadline pursuant to Rule 61 (a)(12) and accordingly is a 2 year bill. Recommended Position: Support.**

AB 1434 (Kalra): Public Social Services: SSI/SSP.

Current law provides for the State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (SSP), which required the State Department of Social Services to contract with the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to make payments to SSP recipients to supplement Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments made available pursuant to the federal Social Security Act. This bill would reinstate the cost-of-living adjustment beginning January 1 of the 2020 calendar year. The bill would also require a maximum aid payment provided to an individual or a married couple that does not equal or exceed 100% of the federal poverty level. **This bill was held under submission on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File. Recommended Position: Support**

AB 50 (Kalra): Medi-Cal: Assisted Living Waiver Program.

Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to submit to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services a request for amendment of the Assisted Living Waiver program with specified amendments. The bill would require, as part of the amendments, the department to increase the number of participants in the program from the currently authorized 5,744 participants to

18,500, to be phased in, as specified. The bill would require the department to increase its provider reimbursement tiers to compensate for mandatory minimum wage increases, as specified. ***This bill failed to meet deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12) and accordingly is a 2 year bill. Recommended Position: Support.***

Finally, Elizabeth brought up AC attendance confirmation issue. She asked members to share how best to ensure attendance confirmation is done in a timely manner. Elizabeth explained that Staff have had to chase members to gain their attendance confirmation and that should not be the case. Elizabeth closed her report by reminding AC members that confirmation of attendance is part of their responsibilities as AC members.

AC members agreed to confirm their attendance using Doodle application.

Chair Report:

John Roe opened a discussion regarding member's expectations for the current year 2020 plans and activities they would like to be involved in as AC members. Since this item was not on the agenda, Elizabeth reminded members that items of discussion need to be on the agenda so that members can have an open discussion.

Members agreed to forward any ideas they have to Beatriz Salgado (PA secretary) to be summarized, and to be included in the next meeting agenda as an action item.

John Roe also informed members that San Mateo County Public Authority Chair reached out to him and Wilson Cheng (Vice-Chair) with the idea of collaborating for Bay Area Public Authority Committees. John responded to her but he has not received any response since then.

Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:

The Expenditure Report for July 1, 2019 through December 26, 2019 was distributed to members for committee review.

Health, Safety & Education Committee Report:

No report as no meeting was held. Next meeting will be on January 28, 2020.

Rapid Response Committee Report:

No report as no meeting was held. Next meeting will be on January 28, 2020.

Nominating Committee Report:

No report as no meeting was held. No meeting is scheduled.

Advocacy Committee Report:

No report as no meeting was held. No meeting is scheduled.

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

None

Independent Living Resource (ILR) Report:

John Roe reported that ILR recently had a financial audit and there were no findings to address. The organization is in compliance with all the financial requirements. John also mentioned that ILR will possibly get a grant from County Connections for a training on transportation.

SEIU 2015 Report:

John mentioned that negotiations between SEIU 2015 and the county are still in process. John also mentioned that there is a possibility of bargaining going statewide instead of union bargaining with each county.

Finally, John mentioned that SEIU 2015 is conducting monthly Electronic Timesheets trainings in Concord City. The average attendance has been 15 attendees per class. John will share the trainings information with staff and members as soon as he gets it.

Unfinished Business:

The current Sub-Committees Chairs are as follows:

Health Safety and Education – Wendell Snyder

Rapid Response- Sydney Anderson

Advocacy – Wilson Cheng

Nominating – Joe Juarez Jr.

John Roe asked the current Sub-Committee Chairs if they would like to serve as chairs for one additional year.

Wendell Snyder, Sydney Anderson, Wilson Cheng and Joe Juarez Jr, agreed to serve as Chairs in the same Sub-Committees for the year 2020.

New Business:

Members discussed about recommending to Board of Supervisors the replacement of member Keegan Duncan due to lack of attending 4 scheduled meetings last year. Members requested to see Mr. Duncan’s attendance report and staff shared the report.

After a quick discussion, Wendell Snyder Moved, Wilson Cheng seconded to recommend to the BOS to replace Keegan Duncan on the IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee. The motion carried; see votes below:

		To remove Keegan Duncan from Any Age Seat 4			
		Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
1	Mustafa Alsalihi	x			
2	Sydney Anderson	x			
3	David Boots	x			
4	Wilson Cheng	x			
5	Keegan Duncan			x	
6	Michelle Hernandez	x			
7	Joe Juarez	x			
8	John Roe	x			
9	Wendell Snyder	x			

Other – agenda items for next meeting

None

Next meeting: February 18, 2020.

John adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

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

John Roe, Chair

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