**Contra Costa County In-Home Supportive Services**

**Advisory Committee Meeting (Via MS Teams)**

**March 16, 2021 Meeting Summary**

**Present:** Mustafa Alsalihy, Sydney Anderson, Wilson Cheng, Joe Juarez, Michelle Hernandez and Wendell Snyder.

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Elizabeth Dondi and Monique Rodriguez

**Guests:** None

**Roll Call and Introductions:**

Mustafa Alsalihy, Chair of the AC Committee called the meeting to order at 1:24 pm. Roll call was called and the sign-in sheet was completed. A quorum was established.

**Public Comment Period:**

None

**Individual Member Reports & Announcements**

Sydney reported that as of 03/10/2021, Stoneman Village had received the Second Vaccination and their first outing would be March 20, 2021

### March 16, 2020 Meeting Summary

Wilson Cheng moved, Michelle Hernandez seconded, to approve the February 16, 2021 meeting summary with corrections. The motion carried; see votes below:

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|  | |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **Absent** | **Abstain** | |
| 1 | | Mustafa Alsalihy | X |  |  | |  | |
| 2 | | Sydney Anderson | X |  |  | |  | |
| 4 | | Wilson Cheng | X |  |  | |  | |
| 6 | | Michelle Hernandez | X |  |  | |  | |
| 7 | | Joe Juarez | X |  |  | |  | |
| 9 | | Wendell Snyder | X |  |  | |  | |

**REPORTS**

**Fraud/Quality Assurance Report:**

No report was available at this time. Elizabeth is waiting for follow regarding Q/A’ representative and will they be attending meetings.

**Staff Reports**:

**ESP - Registration**

We continue to provide ESP/EVV registration assistance to both consumers and providers. According to numbers from the State Contra Costa County has a total population of 22,521 active consumers and providers. As of March 15 2020, 21,251 of the total 22,521 Contra Costa County population have enrolled in ESP or TTS, which is 94.36%. Consumer registration rate is 91.33% in Contra Costa County – the State consumer average registration rate is 98.5%. Provider registration rate for Contra Costa County is 97.80% - the State provider average registration rate is 99.41%.

**COVID-19 Consumer Vaccination**

Beginning Monday March 15, 2020 CDSS begun sending out notices to IHSS and WPCS recipients ages 16-64 years old informing them of their eligibility for COVID vaccine. The state will pay IHSS providers up to 4 hours (2 hours per vaccine appointment) for accompanying IHSS consumers to receive their COVID vaccines. There is a new form for recipients to claim the time for payment to their provider.

**Advisory Committee Membership**

We have five vacant seats on the Advisory Committee as follows:

* Consumer 60 or Older Seat 2
* Consumer 60 or Older Seat 1
* Consumer Any Age Seat 4
* District 5
* District 2

While we have advertised for these seats on our website, it is very important that AC members work with Staff to fill these seats. Please forward names of individuals whom you know would be interested to serve on the Committee, with their permission and we will be happy to follow up with them. I am asking all of you to engage in this effort so that we can fill these seats and have a full committee.

**Provider Enrollment**

Beginning April 2020, PA has been providing orientations online, including Union presentation because of the Pandemic. We have provided orientation to 2500 providers to date.

**Staff**

Beatriz promoted to the Bilingual Registry Specialist position and Monique promoted to the Secretary/Office Manager position, which left vacant a Clerical position. Due to Public Health Order, we will recruit for this position as soon as it is safe to do so. We still have one clerk who is on medical leave.

**Legislative Bills**

**AB 339 (Lee) – Brown Act: Translations & Remote Access**

Existing law requires all meetings, as defined, of a house of the Legislature or a committee thereof to be open and public, and requires all persons to be permitted to attend the meetings, except as specified.

This bill would require all meetings, including gatherings using teleconference technology, to include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option that provides closed captioning services and requires both a call-in and an internet-based service option to be provided to the public. The bill would require all meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed legislation, as provided, and requires translation services to be provided for the 10 most-spoken languages, other than English, in California, and would require those persons commenting in a language other than English to have double the amount of time as those giving a comment in English, if time restrictions on public comment are utilized, except as specified. The bill would require instructions on how to attend the meeting to be posted at the time notice of the meeting is publicized, as specified.

**AB 580 (Rodriguez) – Local Emergency Planning: Vulnerable populations**

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, establishes, within the office of the Governor, the Office of Emergency Services (OES) under the supervision of the Director of Emergency Services. Existing law makes OES responsible for addressing natural, technological, or manmade disasters and emergencies, including activities necessary to prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of emergencies and disasters to people and property.

Existing law requires OES to establish a standardized emergency management system for use by all emergency response agencies. Existing law requires the director to appoint representatives of the disabled community to serve on pertinent committees related to that system, and to ensure that the needs of the disabled community are met within that system by ensuring certain committee recommendations include the needs of people with disabilities. Existing law requires those representatives to be from groups of persons who are blind or visually impaired persons with sensory or cognitive disabilities, and persons with physical disabilities.

This bill instead would require the director to appoint representatives of the access and functional needs population to serve on those committees and to ensure the needs of that population are met within that system. The bill would require those representatives to include persons not within the above-described groups of people with disabilities but who are part of the access and functional needs population.

**AB 703 (Rubio) – Brown Act/Teleconferences**

Existing law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency, as those terms are defined, be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act contains specified provisions regarding the timelines for posting an agenda and providing for the ability of the public to observe and provide comment. The act allows for meetings to occur via teleconferencing subject to certain requirements, particularly that the legislative body notice each teleconference location of each member that will be participating in the public meeting, that each teleconference location be accessible to the public, that members of the public be allowed to address the legislative body at each teleconference location, that the legislative body post an agenda at each teleconference location, and that at least a quorum of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the local agency’s jurisdiction. The act provides an exemption to the jurisdictional requirement for health authorities, as defined.

This bill would remove the requirements of the act particular to teleconferencing and allow for teleconferencing subject to existing provisions regarding the posting of notice of an agenda and the ability of the public to observe the meeting and provide public comment. The bill would require that, in each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the local agency also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment and that the legislative body have and implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, as provided.

**AB 995 (Gonzales) – IHSS Providers: Paid Sick Leave**

Existing law establishes that providers of in-home supportive services accrue sick leave in accordance with a schedule that is based on the timeline for state minimum wage increases, up to a maximum of 24 hours or 3 days when the minimum wage reaches $15 per hour.

This bill would amend the schedule for in-home supportive services providers to increase the sick leave accrual maximum to 40 hours or 5 days in each year of employment, beginning January 1, 2026.

**Chair Report**:

Nothing to report

**Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:**

There were no expenditures to report since members had not met since November 2020.

**Nominating Committee Report:**

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

**Chair:** Mustafa Alsalihy

**Vice-Chair:** Wilson Cheng

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

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

**Rapid Response 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:**

No report as no meeting was held. Elizabeth suggested making a schedule and sign-up sheet that our office can assist with so that AC members can begin attending the meetings and reporting to the committee.

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

Wilson reported that ILR had just completed the audit for the current year and the Audit went well. Nothing else to report at this time

**SEIU 2015 Report**:

None. Still fighting for $15.00 minimum wage. Elizabeth informed Mustafa that as of January 1, 2021 the wages for Contra Costa County went up to $15.00 an hour.

**Unfinished Business**:

None

**New Business:**

None

**Other – agenda items for next meeting**

**Next meeting**: May 18, 2021

**Mustafa Alsalihy adjourned the meeting at 2:22 pm.**

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

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Mustafa Alsalihy, Chair

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