



County of Santa Cruz

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IHSS Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, February 28, 2025
Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM
Location: 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 206. Santa Cruz, CA
Present: Becky Taylor (Chair, Commission on Disabilities), Foster Andersen (Vice-Chair, Consumer), Maria Arreola (Provider), Linda Campbell (Consumer), Stephanie Auld (Consumer), Lois Sones (Seniors Commission), Michael Molesky (Consumer)
Excused: None
Absent: None
Guests: Tracey Heggum, Sr. Social Worker Julie Gabriel (Division Secretary)
Staff: Juan Magaña (Staff), Elizabeth Byrd (Staff)

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 1:01pm; a quorum was present
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
 - a. Agenda reviewed; no changes made.
4. Public Comment:
 - a. Zack Johnson of the Seniors Council stopped by to invite members to the March 4, 2025 meeting. *Provided an update on the Master Plan for Aging as well as the Caregiving Subcommittee*
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - i. January 24, 2025 Meeting
 - b. Commission Vacancies
 - i. Two (2) – Consumer Representatives (A)
 - ii. One (1) – Provider Representative (B)
 1. To be filled – pending Board of Supervisors appointment
 - a. Staff reported that Charlie Walker was appointed by the Board on 2/25. Staff invited Charlie to the meeting, but he did not respond.
 - iii. One (1) – Representative of Advocate Organization (C)

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- c. Motion to approve Consent agenda was called by:
 - i. First/Second: Campbell/Sones
 - ii. Ayes: Taylor, Andersen, Arreola, Campbell, Sones
 - iii. Noes: none
 - iv. Abstain: Molesky
 - v. Absent: Auld (not present for vote)
 - d. Motion carried
 - 6. Guest Speaker: Tracey Heggum, Adult Protective Services
 - a. Heggum presented information on Mandated Reporter
 - b. See attached presentation for information for information that was presented.
 - 7. Regular Agenda – Action Items
 - a. Recruitment Strategies: IHSS Advisory Commission Vacancies
 - i. Strategies suggested:
 - 1. Have Zach Johnson recruit new commission members at his Senior's Council work group.
 - 2. Sones to reach out to Senior Disability Providers group to let them know of the Advocacy seat.
 - 3. Staff to develop digital flyer for Commission's social media page.
 - 4. Booth at "Day at the Park", April 26th in San Lorenzo Park - Taylor and Campbell will be at the booth to recruit new commissioners.
 - 5. Taylor to compose a recruitment letter, Anderson will post it in Shared Adventures newsletter.
 - ii. The commission inquired on the appointment process for new commissioners.
 - 1. Staff provide info the application and appointment process. Informed that at times, Board of Supervisor staff have reached out to seek input from staff regarding an applicant, but this is rare as most of the time, staff is not aware of a new commissioner until after the Board has appointed them.
 - 2. The commission discussed the need to have more input on who is appointed to the commission. They would like to vet the applicant before they are appointed.
 - iii. Motion to write a letter to Board of Supervisors proposing that prospective commission members attend one commission meeting to have members judge their suitability; letter is to be written by Taylor.
 - 1. First/Second: Molesky, Auld
 - 2. Ayes: Molesky, Auld, Andersen, Sones
 - 3. Noes: Taylor, Campbell, Arreola
 - 4. Abstain: None
 - iv. Motion carried.
 - 8. Regular Agenda – Information Items

- a. Information Sharing
 - i. Announcements- None
 - ii. Topics & Speakers
 - 1. Tentative Schedule
 - a. March 28, 2025 – Golden PACE Health
 - b. April 25, 2025 – IHSS Provider Trainings, Health Project Center
 - c. To be scheduled:
 - i. Senior Network Services: Caregiver Matching
 - ii. Goal Setting Facilitator/Data Collection
- b. Staff Updates:
 - i. April 25, 2025, IHSS Advisory Commission Meeting
 - 1. Change in Location: 1020 Emeline AVE, Building B, Santa Cruz.
 - 2. Election of Officers
 - 3. Meeting Schedule 2025-2026
 - ii. Commission Staff Transition
 - 1. Elizabeth Byrd to take over staffing the commission in April.
- c. Remote Participation Updates
 - 1. Staff provided info on recent legislative changes for remote participation for commission meetings.
 - 2. Auld suggested to add item to agenda for the commission to discuss how to allow public to attend remotely.
- d. IHSS Consumers
 - i. No comments from consumers
- e. IHSS Providers
 - i. Arreola reported on a presentation she did in Spanish.
- f. IHSS Program and Public Authority Updates
 - i. Staff reported that there were no updates from program as they are waiting to see what happens with the executive orders; Alicia Morales plans to attend the next meeting.

9. Report Outs

- a. Legislative
 - i. No report out.
- b. CICA Conference Calls
 - i. Campbell joined, reported on increasing hate crimes against disabled.
- c. Commission on Disabilities
 - i. No report out

d. Seniors Commission

i. October 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes

10. Future Agenda Items

a. Public participation at Commission meetings

11. Correspondence

a. Email from S. Auld regarding Brown Act

b. Email from S. Auld regarding CICA Meeting Materials

12. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 2:58pm

Next Regular Meeting: March 28, 2025, 1:00PM – 3:00PM @ 1400 Emeline AVE, Building K, Room 206, Santa Cruz.

Minutes approved by Commission on March 28, 2025; submitted to Board of Supervisors on April 1, 2025.