

**Contra Costa County In-Home Supportive Services  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
May 15, 2018 Meeting Summary**

**Present:** Sydney Anderson, Wilson Cheng, Wendell Snyder, Mustafa Alsaliyh (On the phone) and Chantana Vornvilaipan (on the phone).

**Absent:** John Roe

**Staff:** Elizabeth Dondi, Lorena Orellana and Beatriz Salgado

**Guests:** Kim Lee

**Roll Call and Introductions:**

Sydney Anderson, chair of the AC Committee called the meeting to order at 1:36pm. Roll call was called and the sign-in sheet was completed. A quorum was established.

**Public Comment Period:**

None

**Individual Member Reports & Announcements**

None

**April 17, 2018 Meeting Summary**

Wilson Cheng moved, Wendell Snyder seconded, to approve the April 17, 2018 meeting summary as written. 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	Wilson Cheng	x			
4	John Roe			x	
5	Wendell Snyder	x			
6	Chantana Vornvilaipan	x			

## **REPORTS**

**Fraud/Quality Assurance Report:** None

### **Staff Reports:**

Elizabeth reported that Public Authority is experiencing delays in Joe and Keegan's reappointments because of staff changes at the County Administration office as well as the cancelation of March, 2018 Family and Human Services Committee (which considers and process appointments for Consumers members and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors BOS). The Family and Human Services Committee will meet on April 2018 and Joe's and Keegan's re-appointment will be on the board agenda of May 22, 2018.

Elizabeth also reported that on May 4, 2018 On May 4, 2018 IHSS Consumers and Provider who could potentially be eligible for Extraordinary Circumstance Exemption on Workweek Limits, were mailed informational notices. In order for a provider to be considered for this exemption, the provider must be working for two or more consumers. The consumers must either have complex medical or behavioral needs that must be met by a provider who lives in the same home as the consumer, live in a remote area where available providers are limited, therefore, consumer is unable to hire another provider or consumer is unable to hire another provider who speaks the same language, therefore consumer is unable to direct his or her own care. The number of consumers who will be getting the notice in our county is 156 and the number of providers is 78.

Elizabeth informed the members that on May 16, 2018 the National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER) is hosting a free webcast on understanding Durable Medical Equipment (DME). Participants will learn about:

- DME coverage through Medicare and Medicaid
- Coordination between the two programs
- Practice tips and solutions help clients who denied access to DME.

Elizabeth will make the link for the webcast available to AC members interested in participating in the webcast.

Elizabeth also gave the AC members an updated on some of the legislative bills that CAPA (California Association of Pubic authority) is following as follows:

**SB1040** which addresses longstanding inadequacies in emergency responses to natural disaster. The bill passed Senate Appropriations Committee and is with the Assembly Human Services and Housing Committees awaiting to be scheduled for hearings.

**AB1909** which clarifies that State Department of Social Services is required to provide translation of written content, as defined, in languages spoken by a substantial number of providers of in-home Supportive Services. The bill is currently in the possession of the Senate Human Services Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on June 12, 2018.

**AB 3114**, this bill will authorize certain entities to meet and confer in good faith regarding wages, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment with representatives of recognized employee organizations for an individual who is employed by a recipient of waiver personal care services. This bill did not meet the policy committee deadline in its house of origin, and accordingly is dead for the 2018 Legislative year.

Regarding recruitment for Bi-lingual Registry Specialist, Elizabeth informed the AC members that PA is experiencing delays from Human Resources and therefore, has not be able to make an offer to the potential candidate.

**Chair Report:**

Sydney Anderson reported that the Annual Senior Health Fair & Appreciation Day will be held at the Pittsburg Senior center on May 19, 2018, starting from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There will be health screenings, Community resources, exercise demonstrations, music, and entertainment.

Sydney also shared with the staff and AC members her frustration in trying to contact IHSS Social Workers in East County. Sydney also reported some problems she experienced with the automated phone system at the same office.

**Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:**

The report for April 2018 through Mary 4, 2018 was handed out for committee review.

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

No report as no meeting was held. The meeting was canceled; Next meeting will be on July 10,2018.

**Rapid Response Committee Report:**

No report as no meeting was held. The meeting was canceled, Next meeting will be on July 10, 2018.

**Nominating Committee Report:**

Sydney reported that the Nominating sub-committee met to interview Dr. Michelle Hernandez, Advisory Committee candidate to the Consumer Any Age Seat 3. The Nominating sub-committee recommended to the AC that Ms. Hernandez to be referred to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the AC Committee.

Wilson Cheng made a motion to recommend the candidate to the Board for appointment; Wendell Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed. See votes below:

		Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
1	Mustafa Alsalihiy	x			
2	Sydney Anderson	x			
3	Wilson Cheng	x			
5	Wendell Snyder	x			
6	Chantana Vornvilaipan	x			

**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.

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

The meeting was held, but there is no important information to report.

**SEIU 2015 Report:**

Mustafa Alsalihiy reported that the Union SEIU 2015 is committed to raising the current wages.

Mustafa also mentioned that SEIU 2015 is now partnering with Consumer Disability Rights Organization to oppose the implementation of the Electronic Visit Verification requirement.

Finally, Mustafa reported that effective March 1, 2018, SEIU 2015 is offering Life and accident insurance plans for members and their families.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Next meeting:** June 19, 2018.

Sydney adjourned the meeting at 2:10pm.

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

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Sydney Anderson, Chair

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