

**Contra Costa County In-Home Supportive Services
Advisory Committee Meeting
June 19, 2018 Meeting Summary**

Present: Sydney Anderson, Wilson Cheng, Wendell Snyder, Mustafa Alsaliyh (On the phone), Keegan Duncan (on the phone), Joe Juarez (On the phone) and John Roe.

Absent: Chantana Vornvilaipan

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 1:14pm. Roll call was called and the sign-in sheet was completed. A quorum was established.

Public Comment Period:

None

Individual Member Reports & Announcements

None

May 15, 2018 Meeting Summary

Wilson Cheng moved, Wendell Snyder seconded, to approve the May15, 2018 meeting summary as written. The motion carried; see votes below:

		Meeting Summary			
		Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
1	Mustafa Alsaliyh	x			
2	Sydney Anderson	x			
3	Wilson Cheng	x			
4	Keegan Duncan				x
5	Joe Juarez				x
6	John Roe	x			
7	Wendell Snyder	x			
8	Chantana Vornvilaipan			x	

REPORTS

Fraud/Quality Assurance Report: None

Staff Reports:

Elizabeth reported that Public Authority is experiencing delays in the appointment of the new AC member Michelle Hernandez. The paperwork was sent to Family and Human Services Committee on May 22, 2018 and two follow ups have been made but we have not heard back from the staffer concerned at CAO (County Administration Office.)

Elizabeth also reported that Wilson Cheng referred a possible candidate to the AC Committee and paperwork will be mail out if the candidate meets the criteria for the open positions.

Elizabeth also reported that after a lengthy recruitment and on boarding process the new Bi-lingual Registry Specialist will start on 6/20/2018.

Elizabeth informed the members that effective July 1, 2018, providers will accrue 8 hours of sick leave after they work 100 hours. They can use the sick after they work 200 more hours or after 60 days of work whichever comes first. Sick leave will not accumulate, any unused hours expire and it resets back to 8 hours. Elizabeth also distributed a copy of the informational flyers and webinar information that providers and consumers started receiving on the mail.

Elizabeth mentioned that the Department of Justice has decided not to defend the provisions of the Affordable Care Act that protects those with pre-existing conditions which directly affects coverage to the older adults. In California, over 80 percent of adults aged 55-64 have at least one pre-existing condition, which means that they will either be denied coverage or have exceptionally higher premiums which they will not afford. This decision destabilizes the insurance market raising cost for people who depend on ACA for coverage.

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 –In-Home Supportive Services: natural disaster resulting in a state of emergency. This bill would require a county to use a void and reissue warrant process for any provider who lost or had damage an uncashed warrant because of a natural disaster resulting in a state of emergency. This bill would require a county, including a city and county, at the next update to its emergency plan, to integrate and require

the assessment and provision of supportive services to IHSS recipients. **This bill passed Assembly Human Services Committee on June 12, 2018 and was re-referred to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee with recommendation to consent calendar.**

AB1909-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. **This bill is currently in the possession of the Senate Appropriations Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on June 25, 2018.**

AB 3082 –Would require the State Department of Social Services, on or before July 1, 2019, in consultation with interested stakeholders, to develop a program to address the issue of sexual harassment of IHSS providers. The bill would require the program to include a uniform statewide protocol to follow whenever a provider reports sexual harassment, a continuing program of sexual harassment education for providers and recipients, a procedure for providers to report sexual harassment with guidelines and timelines for investigation, and a procedure to ensure protection against retaliation. The bill would require the department, on or before July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, to submit a report to the Legislature summarizing the outcomes of the program. **This bill is currently in possession of the Senate Human Services Committee, where it is scheduled for hearing on June 26, 2018.**

Chair Report:

Sydney Anderson reported that she attended a PA New Provider Orientation in Antioch, she found it interesting. She met staff from the new Navigator Program which will guide new applicants to specific Government programs according to their specific needs.

Sydney also reported that she attended the Understanding Durable Medical Equipment (DME) webcast on May 16, 2018. The Webinar presented the complications people commonly face in accessing DME and how to handle them.

Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:

The report for May 2018 through May 31, 2018 was handed out for committee review.

Health, Safety & Education Committee Report:

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

Rapid Response Committee Report:

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

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:

Sydney participated in the last CICA Statewide Call meeting on May 16, 2018, and reported as follows:

Regarding the Good Faith request to extend the deadline for the implementation of EVV (Electronic Visit Verification) beyond January 2019, CDSS reported the Good Faith extension application will be sent out to the State for an extension of one-year this summer.

Sydney reported that CDSS has started talks with the current vendor for the payroll system (CMIPS) EDS which use to be HP regarding enhancing the Electronic Timesheet System (ETS) and Telephonic System, as well as developing an EVV application. The plan is to have EVV accessed via landline telephone, on-line and a tablet/smart phone application.

Regarding the Stakeholder Communication Plan, Sydney reported that the plan is to send an email out to the Stakeholder distribution list for May and June, with plans to hold the next in person Stakeholder meeting towards the second half of July. CDSS is planning on mailing out information to recipients and providers to inform them about the EVV process and how it will impact them as well as inform them how to get involved in the Stakeholders process. For providers, information will be distributed with their payroll documents in the mail and the recipients will receive the information through the mail.

Finally, Sydney informed the AC members that there will be no change in the funding for advisory Committees in the Governor's Budget.

Independent Living Resource (ILR) Report:

John reported that ILR started planning on the next fundraising event which will be on March 2, 2019. John also mentioned that ILR is also moving in September 2018 to a new office in Concord.

SEIU 2015 Report:

John reported that SEIU 2015 and Bargaining Unit for IHSS providers in the County will stating bargaining meetings possibly in the month of December. John also mentioned that SEIU is completely against implementation EVV. Regarding sick leave for providers, John mentioned in that SEIU considers this as a beginning, but they still have a long way to go.

John also wanted information on the PACE program. Elizabeth will provide information in the next AC Meeting.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: None

Next meeting: July 17, 2018.

Sydney adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm.

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

Sydney Anderson, Chair

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