

**Contra Costa County In-Home Supportive Services  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
September 18, 2018 Meeting Summary**

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

**Absent:** Keegan Duncan

**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 1:20pm. Roll call was called and the sign-in sheet was completed. A quorum was established.

Sydney Anderson welcomed Dr. Michelle Hernandez, the new member and introductions were made.

**Public Comment Period:**

None

**Individual Member Reports & Announcements**

None

**July 10, 2018 Meeting Summary**

Wilson Cheng moved, Wendell Snyder seconded, to approve the July 10, 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	Michelle Hernandez				x
6	Joe Juarez	x			
7	John Roe			x	
8	Wendell Snyder	x			
9	Chantana Vornvilaipan	x			

## **REPORTS**

### **Fraud/Quality Assurance Report:**

None

### **Staff Reports:**

Elizabeth reported that the Department of Social Services has made some provider enrollment modifications in CMIPS which include the ability to track the duration of enrollment. Providers will not be required to complete the enrollment process within 90 days. The 90 days may be extended by 45 days at the discretion of enrolling county if there is a need. Providers who do not complete the enrollment process within 90 days or the additional 45 days' extension, will have their status automatically updated to ineligible. Because of the way this county processes enrollment for providers, PA anticipates that the number of providers affected will be very limited.

Elizabeth mentioned that CICA (California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance) needs the AC members help and involvement in identifying venues, affordable lodging, training topics (in addition to what is suggested) and speakers for the regional trainings in the coming year and into the future. A copy of the letter from CICA including the proposed topics for the Regional Trainings was distributed to the members.

Elizabeth mentioned that Lorena found an article from the National Center on Law and Elder Rights named "Tools for Addressing Elder Financial Exploitation in rural areas" and a copy will be forwarded to the members via email.

Elizabeth shared that the National Center on Law and Elder Rights will hold a webcast on Utility Rights and Older Adults on September 26, 2018. The information was already distributed and forwarded to the members via email.

Elizabeth also announced that the position of Supervisor for the Benefits Clerk has been filled. Yolanda Patterson who has been working for Public Authority as a Senior Benefits Clerk Specialist was promoted to this position effective August 13, 2018. Ms. Patterson has worked for Public Authority for the last 16 years.

Finally, Elizabeth gave the AC members an update on some of the legislative bills that CAPA (California Association of Public 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 was enrolled on August 21, 2018 and presented to the Governor on August 24, 2018.**

**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 was enrolled on August 22, 2018 and presented to the Governor on August 24, 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 was enrolled and presented to the Governor on September 5, 2018.**

John Roe inquired about the status of SB 2233, Elizabeth will report on it at the next AC meeting.

## **Chair Report:**

Sydney Anderson confirmed that tentatively starting June 2019, the beneficiaries of SSI will be eligible to receive Cal-Fresh benefits.

Sydney also announced that Bethel Island is having the 3rd Annual Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event will be held at Scout Hall 3090 Ranch Lane, Bethel Island, CA 94511.

Sydney also reported that County Public Health is conducting a series of 13 Focus groups, all around the county. The purpose of these groups is collecting information regarding health needs of the Senior community to improve the services that the non-profit hospitals provide to this population. Sydney was invited to host the group in the Pittsburg-Bay Point area. The group was comprised of about 9 seniors, residents of the area. Sydney considers that the group provided very valuable information to meet the planned goal.

Finally, Sydney mentioned that the East County Senior Coalition organized a local meeting regarding how to bring the needs of seniors to the legislators. Sydney attended the first of these visits, held at the Somersville Towne Center in Antioch. At the meeting they had 3 speakers, one of them talked about the California partnership for long term care. The second one was from Senator Glazer's office and the last one was Susan Reeves who shared information on how to make a legislator visit.

## **Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:**

The report for July 2018 through August1, 2018 was handed out for committee review.

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

Wendell Snyder reported that the meeting was held on September 11, 2018 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Wendell reported that the members reviewed the Training Plan for 2018 as follow:

<b>JULY</b>	<b>CPR – East</b> July 25, 2018:5 Reserved / 5 Attended
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>CPR – East (Spanish)</b> August 29, 2018- ( <i>No signups</i> )  <b>Mental Health/Grief – Central</b> August 23, 2018: 8 Reserved / 6 Attended
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>CPR – West</b>

Upcoming trainings as following:

- OCTOBER**      *CPR – East*  
*October 31, 2018: 9am - 3pm 4549 Delta Fair Blvd Antioch*
- Alzheimer's/Dementia – East*  
*October 3, 2018: 10am-1pm 4549 Delta Fair Blvd. Antioch*
- DECEMBER**    *Mental Health/Grief – West*  
*Wednesday December 5th 2pm-5pm 1275-A Hall Avenue Richmond*

**Rapid Response Committee Report:**

Sydney mentioned that the meeting was held on September 11, 2018 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Sydney reported that the members reviewed the reports as follows:

In the month of June, the total number of hours requested was 139 of which 77 were filled (55% of the services were filled). For the month of July, the total number of hours requested was 180 of which 139.5 (about 77%) were filled. Finally, in the month of August, the total number of hours requested was 99.5 of which 69.5(70% of the requests) were filled.

The next Rapid Response Meeting will be on November 13, 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:**

Joe Juarez participated in the last CICA Statewide Call meeting on July 18, 2018, and reported that there was not any relevant information to report about this meeting.

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

Wilson reported that ILR did not meet because they have recently moved to a new office, and they are not well situated yet.

**SEIU 2015 Report:**

John Roe reported that the bargaining meetings between the Bargaining Unit for IHSS provider in the County and SEIU 2015 started yesterday. At the meeting they reviewed with the County Administrator David Twa, pros and cons and some of the upcoming bargaining issues.

Mustafa mentioned that SEIU 2015 is now offering Legal Services for their members at a very reasonable cost. Mustafa also announced that SEIU is offering a part time position to their current members, to recruit other providers to become SEIU 2015 members.

**Unfinished Business:** None

Sydney brought up to the member’s attention her concern about having the AC November meeting on the Thanksgiving week due to quorum reasons. The AC members agreed to move the November meeting from Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 3:00pm to Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 1pm – 3pm.

**New Business:** None

**Next meeting:** October 16, 2018.

Sydney adjourned the meeting at 2:52pm.  
**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, 500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill**

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Sydney Anderson, Chair

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