

**Contra Costa County In-Home Supportive Services
Advisory Committee Meeting
March 19, 2019 Meeting Summary**

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

Absent: Keegan Duncan, and Chantana Vornvilaipan

Staff: Elizabeth Dondi, Lorena Orellana and Beatriz Salgado

Guests: None

Roll Call and Introductions:

John Roe, Chair of the AC Committee called the meeting to order at 1:11pm. 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 on a training she recently attended about CalFresh expansion to SSI Recipients. The main points are as follows:

CAP (Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants) will increase \$10 per person per month for equity with SSI/SSP.

Beginning May 1, 2019 people receiving SSI/SSP can apply to receive CalFresh benefits on June 1, 2019. If the SSI/SSP recipient does not apply for Cal-Fresh, they will be offered these benefits at their annual recertification visit.

Sydney also explained that if adding the SSI recipient reduces a household's CalFresh food benefits, the family will be eligible to receive a state-funded nutrition benefits called the Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) on their existing EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) card. If adding the SSI recipient leads to a total loss of CalFresh food benefits, the family will be eligible to receive a state-funded nutrition benefit called the Transitional Nutrition Benefits (TNB) on their existing EBT card.

In short, SSI beneficiaries will start receiving an informational letter from Social Security Administration with all the details in this regard.

John Roe shared with the AC members a phone number (925) 206-7585, as the best phone number to call to apply or request information about the Assisted Living Waiver Program.

Sydney announced the 14th annual “Living Better After 50” event to be held on Saturday, April 13th at the Black Diamond High School located at 1131 Stoneman Ave. in Pittsburg, CA from 8:45am to 4:00pm. There will be workshops, table resources and more.

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Wendell Snyder moved, Michelle Hernandez seconded, to approve the February 19, 2019 meeting summary as written. The motion carried; see votes below:

		Meeting Summary			
		Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
1	Mustafa Alsalihy	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 informed AC members that the Benefits Clerk candidate of choice took an offer with the County. The remaining potential candidates did not work out. PA has re-announced the position. Elizabeth will keep the AC members updated in this regard.

Elizabeth also reported that PA is having an Audit on the employee's retirement plan. Elizabeth will be attending an on-site session tomorrow with the compliance team, personnel and fiscal.

Elizabeth also reported that the AC member for the District V seat, Chantana Vornvilaipan will resign her AC seat due to personal issues.

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

SB 229 (Nazarian):

In-Home Supportive Services: Written Content Translation

Current law requires the State Department of Social Services to translate a specified notice of action into the four threshold languages of the public receiving in-home supportive services. This bill would clarify that the department is required to provide translations of written content into the four threshold languages of providers of in-home supportive services in California. The bill would permit the department to work with counties and the County Welfare Directors Association to repurpose existing, county-produced translations of written content. ***This bill passed out of Assembly Human Services Committee on Consent on February 26, and is now in the possession of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. This bill is co-sponsored by CAPA, CWDA, and AFSCME-UDW.***

AB 426 (Maienschein):

In-Home Supportive Services program.

Current law requires a county welfare department to assess each recipient's continuing monthly need for in-home supportive services at varying intervals, but at least once every 12 months. Current law authorizes a county to reassess a recipient's need for services at a time interval of less than 12 months from a recipient's initial intake or last assessment if the county social worker has information indicating that the recipient's need for services is expected to decrease in less than 12 months. This bill would require a reduction of a recipient's monthly authorized number of service hours to be based solely on a verified change of a recipient's medical condition, a change in the recipient's living arrangements, a change in the recipient's functionality, a change in the recipient's circumstances, a change in the law, or an error in computing a recipient's monthly authorized number of service hours. ***This bill is passed Assembly Human Services Committee on March 12 and was re-referred to Appropriations Committee. Recommended Position: Watch.***

AB 477 (Cervantes):

Emergency preparedness: vulnerable populations.

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would ensure that state and local emergency management preparedness efforts, specifically for transportation, include people with disabilities, people with mental illness, and seniors. ***This bill has yet to be referred to policy committee. Recommended Position: Watch.***

AB 683 (Carrillo):

Medi-Cal: eligibility.

Current law requires Medi-Cal benefits to be provided to individuals eligible for services pursuant to prescribed standards, including a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) eligibility standard. Current law prohibits the use of an asset or resources test for individuals whose financial eligibility for Medi-Cal is determined based on the application of MAGI. This bill would require the department to disregard specified assets and resources, such as motor vehicles and life insurance policies, in determining the Medi-Cal eligibility for an applicant or beneficiary whose eligibility is not determined using MAGI, subject to federal approval and federal financial participation. ***This bill is currently in the possession of Assembly Health Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Support.***

AB 924 (Voepel):

In-home supportive services.

Current law requires that in-home supportive services and waiver personal care services be performed by providers within a workweek, as defined, that does not exceed 66 hours per week, as reduced by a specified net percentage, and specifies that there are bimonthly payroll periods. This bill would instead require the county welfare department to measure each recipient's continuing need for supportive services on a weekly basis for purposes of its required assessment of the recipient's continuing need, and would specify that a "payroll period" means 2 workweeks. ***The bill would make other technical, non-substantive changes. This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Human Services Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Pending.***

AB 1088 (Wood):
Medi-Cal: eligibility.

Would provide that an aged, blind, or disabled individual who would otherwise be eligible for Medi-Cal benefits, as specified, would be eligible for Medi-Cal without a share of cost if their income and resources otherwise meet eligibility requirements. The bill would authorize the State Department of Health Care Services to implement this provision by provider bulletins or similar instructions until regulations are adopted. The bill would require the department to adopt regulations by July 1, 2021, and to provide a status report to the Legislature on a semiannual basis until regulations have been adopted. ***This bill is currently in the possession of Assembly Health Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 2. Recommended Position: Support.***

Chair Report:

None

Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:

The report for July 2018 through February 28, 2018 was handed out for committee review.

Health, Safety & Education Committee Report:

Wendell reported that the meeting was held on March 12, 2019 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Wendell also reported that the members reviewed the Training Update for 2019 as follow:

Training Updated for 2019

JANUARY	CPR & First Aid– East January 19, 2019: 12 reserved / 8 attended
FEBRUARY	Alzheimer’s/Dementia – West February 21, 2019: 12 reserved / 9 attended
	CPR & First Aid – Central February 27, 2019: 8 reserved / 3 attended

Rapid Response Committee Report:

Sydney mentioned that the meeting was held on March 12, 2019 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Sydney reported that the members reviewed the reports as follows:

In the month January, Rapid Response Program received 24 service requests, 15 of those were filled and 9 were cancelled (61% of the services were filled). For the month of February, Rapid Response Program received 19 requests, 13 of these were filled, 4 were not filled and 2 were cancelled.

In the month of February, the total number of IHSS providers in the entire County was 9,082 of which 1,449 are Registry providers.

In the month of February, the total number of IHSS consumers in the entire County was 10,249 of which 2,954 are Registry consumers.

The next Rapid Response Meeting will be on May 14, 2019.

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:

None

Independent Living Resource (ILR) Report:

John reported that ILR hired a part time receptionist as well as a Client Services employee. John also mentioned that the fundraiser for ILR is scheduled to happen on September 7, 2019 but it has not been confirmed yet.

John also announced that ILR currently has vacant seats to meet State requirements.

Finally, John reported that ILR started working with John Muir on a new program to provide Medical equipment and other services to John Muir patients.

SEIU 2015 Report:

John reported on the Statewide e-board meeting held on March 18, 2018. It was announced at the meeting that SEIU finally hired a new Statewide Organizing

Director. John also reported that bargaining has not commenced yet. John estimates that the union will start with this process in about four to six weeks.

Mustafa announced that SEIU 2015 will hold a community meeting on March 26, 2019 at 2520 Macdonald avenue. Some of the topics at the meeting will be:

- Bargaining
- Increasing wages
- EVV (Electronic Visit Verification)
- Restoration of the 7%
- Current events at the Union

John also announced that there will be another SEIU 2015 meeting for Central County on March 20, 2019 from 6:30pm to 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Central Labor Council located at 1333 Pine street in Martinez, CA from 6:30pm to 7:30 pm. The same topics as the previous meeting announced will be covered.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None.

Next meeting: April 16, 2019.

John adjourned the meeting at 2:17pm.

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

John Roe, Chair

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