

**Contra Costa County In-Home Supportive Services
Advisory Committee Meeting
April 16, 2019 Meeting Summary**

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

Absent: Chantana Vornvilaipan

Staff: Elizabeth Dondi, Lorena Orellana and Beatriz Salgado

Guests: None

Roll Call and Introductions:

Mustafa Alsalihi, Vice-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

John reported that Solano County IHSS will be conducting one-day seminar on May 29, 2019. The seminar will be covering topics of interest for IHSS recipients and providers. John highly recommends this free event.

John also reported that his consumer was recently approved for MSSP (Multipurpose Senior Service Program). John explained that the program provides some extra services and hours of care on top of IHSS hours.

John finally reported that in the month of May, San Ramon Valley Fire Department will be hosting Emergency Preparedness Training Program. In the past, this program has been very successful with Senior and Disabled persons.

Sydney informed members about Well-Connected Telephone and Online Program. Sydney explained that this program provides different classes and tours for senior over the phone or on line.

Mustafa expressed his frustration with his inability to get a hold of a Social worker for his consumer. Since the month of February, Mustafa has been unsuccessful to

contact his consumer’s social worker. Elizabeth explained to him, that for his specific concern, he could also contact Public Authority.

Elizabeth clarified to the AC members that Public Authority handles provider’s enrollment, timesheet duplicates, find a temporary provider, etc. In general, anything regarding an IHSS Provider. The Social workers on their side, they determine the number of hours and services approved for IHSS consumers, they make changes and adjustments accordingly to recipient’s medical condition, approved, denied or terminate consumer’s cases.

March 19, 2019 Meeting Summary

Wilson Chen moved, Sydney Anderson seconded, to approve the March 19, 2019 meeting summary as written. The motion carried; see votes below:

		Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
1	Mustafa Alsalihiy	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 Senior Benefits Clerk position was advertised on Indeed website. PA is reviewing the applications received, and plan to conduct interviews first week of May 2019.

Elizabeth also reported that CCERA Audit on-site meeting took place on March 20, 2019 and it went well. It is anticipated that a draft Audit Report will be out by April 26, 2019.

Elizabeth informed AC members, that Chantana verbally expressed her decision to resign from her seat on the IHSS PA Advisory Committee, but to the date, she has not turned in her written resignation, which means we are unable to request the seat be declared vacant.

Elizabeth informed that on May 21, 2019 Elaine Welch of Mobility Matters will be giving a half an hour presentation to AC Members about their services.

Elizabeth finally 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 is now in the possession of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and has not been scheduled for hearing. 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 currently on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File, where it will be taken up at the end of May. Recommended Position: Watch.***

AB 477 (Cervantes):

Emergency preparedness: vulnerable populations.

This bill would require cities, cities and counties, and counties to include representatives from the access and functional needs population in the next regular update of their emergency plans. ***This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Support.***

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 Appropriations Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Support.***

AB 715 (Arambula):

Medi-Cal: program for aged and disabled persons.

Current law requires the State Department of Health Care Services to exercise its option under federal law to implement a program for aged and disabled persons. Current law requires an individual under these provisions to satisfy certain financial eligibility requirements. Current law requires the department to implement this program by means of all-county letters or similar instructions without taking regulatory action and thereafter requires the department to adopt regulations. This bill would instead require, upon receipt of federal approval, all countable income over 100% of the federal poverty level, up to 138% of the federal poverty level, to be disregarded, after taking all other disregards, deductions, and exclusions into account for those persons eligible under the program for aged and disabled persons. ***This bill is currently in the possession of Assembly Appropriations Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Support.***

AB 911 (Rodriguez)

911 services: elder adults and persons with disabilities.

Would require the Office of Emergency Service, by January 1, 2022, to establish a statewide 911 Emergency Communication System. The bill would require the system to enable all Californians, including older adults, individuals with disabilities, and other at-risk persons, to voluntarily share specified information about themselves, via a secure internet website, to be transmitted to first responders during an emergency. ***This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Committee on Communications and Conveyance, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 10. Recommended Position: Support.***

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 Appropriations Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Support.***

SB 228 (Jackson):

Master Plan on Aging.

Would require the Governor to appoint an Aging Czar and a 15-member Aging Task Force to work with representatives from impacted state departments and with stakeholders to identify the policies and priorities that need to be implemented in California to prepare for the aging of its population and to develop a master plan for aging. The bill would require the master plan to address how the state should accomplish specified goals, including expanding access to coordinated, integrated systems of care. The bill would also require the Aging Task Force to solicit input from stakeholders and gather information on the impact of California's aging population. ***This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Human Services Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 22. Recommended Position: Pending***

Chair Report:

None

Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:

The report for July 2018 through March 21, 2019 was handed out for committee review.

Health, Safety & Education Committee Report:

No report as no meeting was held. Next meeting will be on May 14, 2018.

Rapid Response Committee Report:

No report as no meeting was held. Next meeting will be on May 14, 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:

The meeting was cancelled

Independent Living Resource (ILR) Report:

None

SEIU 2015 Report:

None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None.

Other – agenda items for next meeting

Elaine Welch from Mobility Matters Presentation

Next meeting: May 21, 2019.

Mustafa adjourned the meeting at 2:11 pm.

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

Mustafa Alsalihi, Vice-Chair

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