

**Contra Costa County In-Home Supportive Services
Advisory Committee Meeting
September 17, 2019 Meeting Summary**

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

Absent: Keegan Duncan and David Boots

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 1:27pm. 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 that John Roe and herself attended the Master Plan for Aging –Local Perspective workshop organized by Debbie Toth, Executive Director of Choice on Aging Agency. The event was held at the Pleasant Hill Community Center and had an attendance of about 150 members of the community and People involved with Senior Services.

According to what Sydney said the main intention of the workshop was to convince people to commit to push through the plan.

One of the speakers, Kim McCoy Acting Director at California Department of Aging talked about the Governor's vision for the master plan on aging, she also talked about the price of nonconformance, which would be higher than the plan itself. Sydney explained that they are trying to do Local blue prints, because one plan that works for every community will be very hard to conceive. She also mentioned that the State has a website called Engage where you can submit your suggestions for the Master plan on Aging.

She also mentioned that at the moment, there are four themes that they can move on:

- Aging in place
- Having Age from the communities
- Remain healthy (including fall and Dementia prevention)
- Economic security and safety

Sydney also mentioned 8-80 cities which basically is a program that try to make communities friendly for people all ages from 8-80.

Sydney finally announced the following events:

Thursday September 19, 2019, the city of Brentwood is having a Senior Resource event at the Senior Activity Center located at 193 Griffin Lane, Brentwood.

The city of Antioch is holding an Alzheimer’s Awareness and health fair on November 1, 2019 at the Antioch Senior Center from 9AM to 12PM.

The Grand Opening of the East Family Justice Center on September 27, 2019 from 12pm to 2pm. The event will take place at 3501 Lone Tree Way, Antioch, CA 94509.

June 18, 2019 Meeting Summary

Wilson Chen moved, Wendell Snyder seconded, to approve the June 18, 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			

REPORTS

Fraud/Quality Assurance Report:

None

Staff Reports:

Elizabeth informed AC members that Public Authority is now fully staffed. PA retained a temporary employee who was hired during the staff shortage to assist with registering consumers and providers on ESP (Electronic Services Portal) in readiness for the roll out of EVV. Elizabeth mentioned that Contra Costa is in the 3rd group to be phased in.

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

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 passed out of both houses and was enrolled to the Governor on 9/9/2019. 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 was signed into law by the Governor on 9/4/2019 as Chapter 218, Statutes of 2019. 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 passed out of both houses and was enrolled to the Governor on 9/9/2019. 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 passed out of both houses and was enrolled to the Governor on 9/9/2019. 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 on the Senate Floor, awaiting a vote of concurrence in Assembly Amendments. Recommended Position: Support.***

Elizabeth called the AC member to a discussion in regards the training offered to IHSS Advisory Committee Members in Humboldt County. After the discussion, AC members decided not to attend this training.

Elizabeth shared with the AC members that PA is in negotiations, and there will not be any updates on this subject until the parties come to an agreement.

Lorena reported that PA is now conducting informal volunteer trainings for recipients and providers whom wants to be enroll or need information in how to use the new IHSS ESP (Electronic Services Portal). The trainings were successful and PA will keep offering this trainings.

John roe mentioned that the union SEIU 2015 is offering these trainings as well.

Chair Report:

John Roe mentioned that the San Ramon Valley Fire Department Community Services Response Team will be offering a Dementia training tomorrow (September 18, 2019) from 6:30PM to 8:00PM.

John shared with the AC members that PA received a letter from Civil Grand Jury requesting a copy of the AC Bylaws, PA Operating Policies and Procedures and Organizational Chart. Elizabeth already submitted the information requested.

Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:

The report for July 9, 2019 through June 31, 2019 was handed out for committee review.

Health, Safety & Education Committee Report:

Wendell reported that the meeting was held on September 10, 2019 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Wendell also reported that the members reviewed the Training Update for 2019 as follow:

Training Update for 2019

JANUARY	CPR & First Aid– East January 19, 2019: 12 reserved / 8 attended
FEBRUARY	Alzheimer’s/Dementia – Central February 21, 2019 12 reserved / 9 attended CPR & First Aid– West February 27, 2019: 8 reserved / 3 attended
MARCH	CPR & First Aid – Central March 29, 2019: 13 reserved / 8 attended

- APRIL** **Mental Health/Grief – East**
Cancelled (Registry Training Specialist became ill)
Lorena informed the members that the training has been re-scheduled to September 11, 2019.
- MAY** **CPR & First Aid – Central**
May 20, 2019: 6 reserved / 3 attended
- JUNE** **CPR & First Aid – West (Spanish) 2 Reserved**
Cancelled (There were not enough providers interested in attending)
- Alzheimer's/Dementia – West**
June 26, 2019: 19 reserved / 8 attended
- JULY** **CPR & First Aid – East**
July 24: 9 reserved / 5 attended
- AUGUST** **Mental Health/Grief – Central**
August 7: 10 reserved / 6 attended
- CPR & First Aid – East (Spanish)**
August 21, 2019: 8 reserved / 5 attended

Rapid Response Committee Report:

Sydney reported that Rapid Response meeting was held on September 10, 2019 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. The members reviewed the reports as follows:

On the month of July, the total number of hours requested was 72 of which 45 were filled. The total number of hours requested on the month of August was 149.5 of which 55.5 were filled.

The number of consumers in the IHSS Program as of July 30, 2019 is 10,771. The number of registry consumers is 3,211. The number of providers in the IHSS Program as of August 31, 2019 is 8,917 and number of the registry providers is 1,520.

After reviewing the Rapid Response reports, AC members noticed the high number of requests for service that Visiting Angels were unable to fill.

AC members would like to know if Visiting Angels will be able to fill requests if there is an increase in requests for services. Lorena mentioned this is something that could be asked by PA when the contract is set to renew.

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 members discussed the possibility of attending the CICA training in Humboldt County. After a discussion, members decided not to attend training because of the remoteness of the location which it makes it difficult for members to make necessary arrangements to attend.

Independent Living Resource (ILR) Report:

John Roe reported that for now, ILR will desisted from the idea of the fundraising, instead, they are planning to hold a recognition day for Consumers and Providers sometime in the month of November.

John also reported that IRL received new grant from PG&E for emergency situations.

SEIU 2015 Report: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Other – agenda items for next meeting

None

Next meeting: November 19, 2019.

John adjourned the meeting at 2:42 pm.

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

John Roe, Chair

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