

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

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

Absent: Joe Juarez, John Roe and 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 1:23pm. Roll call was called and the sign-in sheet was completed. A quorum was established.

Public Comment Period:

None

Individual Member Reports & Announcements

Sydney mentioned that Governor Gavin Newsom on his first State of the State, referred to the Long Term care problems in California, Governor Newsom recognized the need of having a new Master plan in aging. Sydney sees this as very positive up coming.

Sydney also mentioned an interview she listened recently between Debbie Toth, CEO and Executive Director of Choice in Aging non-profit organization and Mike Burkholder, Presenter of Contra Costa Today show, about the Plan in aging addressed by the governor in the mentioned State of State. Sydney highly recommends the members to listen the conversation and offered to share the link with the members.

January 15, 2019 Meeting Summary

Wilson Cheng moved, Wendell Snyder seconded, to approve the January 15, 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 reported to the AC members that PA already conducted interviews to hire the Senior Benefits Clerk on 2/15/2019. As a result, there is a candidate that PA is seriously considering to hire. PA is now in the process of reference checking and hopefully they can make an offer for a starting date of 1st March 2019.

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:

SB 229– In-Home Supportive Services: Written Content Translation

Existing law requires a state agency that serves a substantial number of non-English- speaking people and provides English language materials explaining services to provide the same type of materials in other languages, as specified. Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to translate a specified notice of action into all languages spoken by a substantial number of the public receiving in-home supportive services, as specified.

This bill would clarify that the department is required to provide translations of written content, as defined, in languages spoken by a substantial number 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. **Status: Referred to Committee on Human Services, where it will be heard on 2/26/2019**

AB 426 – In-Home Supportive Services: Medical Certification

Existing law provides for the county-administered In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, under which qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons are provided with services to permit them to remain in their own homes. Under the Medi-Cal program, similar services are provided to eligible individuals, with these services known as personal care option services. Existing law requires an applicant for, or recipient of, in-home supportive services to, as a condition of receiving these services, obtain a certification from a licensed health care professional, as specified, declaring that the applicant or recipient is unable to perform some activities of daily living independently, and that without services to assist the applicant or recipient with activities of daily living, the applicant or recipient is at risk of placement in out-of-home care.

This bill would repeal that requirement to obtain a certification from a licensed health care professional as a condition of receiving in-home supportive services. To the extent that the bill would impose additional duties on counties, the bill would impose a state- mandated local program. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above. **Status: Referred to Committee on Human Services on 2/15/2019**

Finally, Elizabeth referred to the '50 and over' bill, according to the information shared by Elizabeth, House and Senate Democrats unveiled a plan Wednesday that would allow anyone over age 50 to buy into Medicare — an incremental step to expand health coverage beyond Obamacare's gains that offers an alternative to the ambitious restructuring progressives envision in their push for Medicare for All.

Chair Report:

Mustafa Alsaliyh Vice-Chair reported that FCA (Family Caregiver Alliance) and the Bedford Center are hosting a free retreat for family caregivers. Participants will enjoy a day of rest and relaxation, with activities that include massage, yoga, and meditation. The event will be held at the Bedford Center located at 1811 C Street, Antioch, CA on Saturday April 6, 2019 from 9:30am to 3:00 pm.

Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:

The report for July 2018 through December 18, 2018 was handed out for committee review.

Health, Safety & Education Committee Report:

Wendell reported that the meeting was held on January 24, 2019 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Wendell also reported that the members reviewed the Training Plan for 2018 and the Training Plan for 2019 as follow:

Training Updated for 2018

JANUARY CPR – East

January 19, 2018: 11 reserved / 11 attended

FEBRUARY CPR – Central

February 13, 2018: 10 reserved / 6 attended

Alzheimer's/Dementia – West

February 28, 2018 – *(Training was canceled due to Registry staffing issues)*

MARCH CPR – West

March 30, 2018: 9 reserved / 7 attended

APRIL Mental Health/Grief – East

April 4, 2018: 15 Reserved / 8 attended

MAY CPR – Central

(Training was canceled due to Registry staff coverage)

JUNE CPR – West (Spanish)

June 20, 2018- *(No signups)*

Alzheimer's/Dementia – West

June 6, 2018 – *(Training was canceled due to Registry staffing issues)*

JULY CPR – East

July 25, 2018: 5 Reserved / 5 Attended

AUGUST **CPR – East (Spanish)**
August 29, 2018- *(No signups)*

Mental Health/Grief – Central
August 23, 2018: 8 Reserved / 6 Attended

SEPTEMBER **CPR – West**
September 5, 2018: 11 Reserved / 4 Attended

OCTOBER **Alzheimer’s/Dementia – East**
October 3, 2018: 17 Reserved / 7 Attended

CPR & First Aid – East
October 31, 2018: 12 Reserved / 8 Attended

Training plan for 2019

JANUARY CPR – East

FEBRUARY CPR – West
Alzheimer’s/Dementia – Central

MARCH CPR – Central

APRIL Mental Health/Grief – East

MAY CPR – Central (Spanish)

JUNE CPR – West (Spanish)
Alzheimer’s/Dementia – West

JULY CPR – East

AUGUST CPR – East (Spanish)
Mental Health/Grief – Central

SEPTEMBER CPR – West

OCTOBER CPR – Central
Alzheimer's/Dementia – East

DECEMBER Mental Health/Grief – West

Rapid Response Committee Report:

Sydney mentioned that the meeting was held on January 24, 2019 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Sydney reported that the members reviewed the reports as follows:

In the month of December, the total number of IHSS consumers in the entire County was 10,279 of which 2,899 are Registry Consumers.

In the month November, the total number of hours requested was 141.75 of which 96.25 were filled (68% of the services were filled). For the month of December, the total number of hours requested was 121 of which 103 (about 85%) were filled.

The next Rapid Response Meeting will be on March 12, 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: None

Wilson reported that the fund raising event previously cancelled, was re-schedule now for the month of August 2019. The exact date was not release yet.

SEIU 2015 Report: None

Unfinished Business:

Michelle volunteer to join the Health, Safety and Education, and Rapid Response Sub-Committees.

New Business: None

Next meeting: March 19, 2019.

Mustafa adjourned the meeting at 2:17pm.

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

Mustafa Alsalihi, Vice-Chair

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