

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

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

Absent: Wendell Snyder Keegan Duncan

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 1:23pm. Roll call was called and the sign-in sheet was completed. A quorum was established.

John Roe welcomed David Boots the new member and introductions were made.

Public Comment Period:

None

Individual Member Reports & Announcements

Sydney share and make available to the members the schedule for the upcoming events at the new Oakley Senior Center.

Sydney also announced that City of Brentwood in collaboration with Family Caregiver Alliance and Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services is holding a Dementia and Caregiving Event on March 7, 2020 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Brentwood Senior Activity Center located at 193 Griffith Lane, Brentwood, CA 94513.

Sydney finally referred to the 2020 Census that will be conduct in the USA on May 2020. Sydney briefly mentioned that internet, paper and phone are the three options to complete the Census forms.

September 17, 2019 Meeting Summary

Wilson Chen moved, Michelle Hernandez seconded, to approve the September 17, 2019 meeting summary as written. The motion carried; see votes below:

		Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
1	Mustafa Alsalihi	x			
2	Sydney Anderson	x			
3	Wilson Cheng	x			
4	David Boots				x
5	Keegan Duncan			x	
6	Michelle Hernandez	x			
7	Joe Juarez	x			
8	John Roe	x			
9	Wendell Snyder	x			

Presentation from Rashida Manager of Accessible Services for County Connections

Rashida Kamara, Manager of Accessible Services for County Connections, made a presentation to members about Paratransit Services.

Rashida explained that County Connections (The Transportation Authority) has both fixed route and Paratransit bus services that covers about 10 cities (Concord, Pleasant Hill, Martinez, Walnut Creek, Clayton, Lafayette, Orinda, Moraga, Danville and San Ramon).

County Connections serves over 200 square mile service area ratio, transporting about 151,000 passengers a year on the Paratransit service.

According to what Rashida said, Paratransit is compatible ADA (American with Disabilities ACT) required service to fixed route.

County Connections provides what is called Enhanced ADA Paratransit Service. The law says that in order to provide compatible Paratransit services, the services has to be provided at the same time as the time for the fixed route and within $\frac{3}{4}$ of miles from the active bus route. County connections has an enhanced service that allows them to pick up and drop off passengers within 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles instead.

During BART operations hours, but when County Connections is not operating, Paratransit can pick up eligible passengers only within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from a BART Station.

Rashida also explained Paratransit Services eligibility criteria, according to what Rashida said, not all the people with disabilities is eligible for Paratransit Services. All the applicants have to fill out an application, and submit a proof that their disability or disabling condition prevents them to use the fixed route service sometimes or all of the times.

The applicant can be full eligible or only in specific circumstances when the disability or disabling condition makes it hard to take fixed route bus service.

If the case is denied, the applicant has the option to appeal the initial decision, a panel made up of advocacy groups, staff members, and a medical professional will review the case for a second time, interview the applicant and make the final decision.

The application process can take up to 21 days, if for some reason the process takes more than 21 days, the case will be granted presumptive eligibility.

Rashida mentioned that the Paratransit Services are transferable one region to another since the Paratransit Services in the surrounding areas share a database called Red. If the user travels to another city, they just need to look for agencies that provides Paratransit Services and show them the user eligibility ID to be granted the services (if available) in that specific city.

REPORTS

Fraud/Quality Assurance Report:

None of the workers from quality Assurance was available to attend the AC meeting this month, but they sent a copy of the last quarter Reports. The Reports were distributed to the members for revision.

Staff Reports:

Elizabeth informed AC members that Public Authority is short of one clerical staff and unfortunately, last temporary employee was not able to stay with PA after the contract ended. PA is considering hiring another temporary clerk.

Elizabeth informed the AC members that effective January 1, 2020 IHSS provider wage will increase by \$75 cents to \$13 an hour. This increase brings provider pay to the State minimum wage and it is not part of ongoing negotiations.

Elizabeth also shared with the members the Framework draft for the California Master Plan for Aging. A copy was distributed for member's review.

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:

AB 426 (Maienschein):
In-Home Supportive Services program.

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 existing law, the Medi-Cal program provides services similar to those offered through the IHSS program, to eligible individuals, with these services known as personal care option services. Existing law requires an applicant for, or recipient of, either of these in-home supportive services, as a condition of receiving these services, to 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. ***The Governor signed this bill into law on October 2, 2019 as Chapter 424, Statutes of 2019.***

AB 911 (Rodriguez)
911 services: elder adults and persons with disabilities.

Would require the Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with relevant experts and stakeholders, to develop a plan and timeline of target dates for the testing, implementation, and operation of a statewide system, consistent with the requirements of this bill, that would enable all Californians, including older adults, individuals with disabilities, and other at-risk persons, to voluntarily provide vital health and safety information to be made available to all first responders in an emergency if a "911" call is placed. The bill would make information submitted through the statewide system confidential and not a public record. ***This bill was signed into law by the Governor on October 9, 2019, Chapter number not yet assigned. Recommended Position: Support.***

**AB 1088 (Wood): Medi-Cal:
Eligibility.**

Would provide that an individual who would otherwise be eligible for Medi-Cal benefits, but for the state's contribution to their Medicare premium, would be eligible for Medi-Cal without a share of cost if they 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.

The Governor signed this bill into law on October 2, 2019, as Chapter 450, Statutes of 2019.

**SB 228 (Jackson):
Master Plan on Aging.**

Would require the Governor to appoint a Master Plan Director and establish an Aging Task Force, consisting of 13 members, with the President pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly each appointing 2 members and the Governor appointing 9 members to the task force. The bill would require the director, with the assistance of the task force, to work with representatives from impacted state departments, stakeholders, and other agencies to identify the policies and priorities that need to be implemented in California to prepare for the aging of its population. ***This bill was signed into law by the Governor on October 11, as Chapter 742, Statutes 2019.***

Chair Report:

None

Advisory Committee Expenditure Report:

The report for July 9, 2019 through October 8, 2019 was handed out for committee review.

Health, Safety & Education Committee Report:

Sydney reported that the meeting was held on November 12, 2019 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Sydney 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 <i>Cancelled (There were not enough providers interested in attending)</i> 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
SEPTEMBER	CPR & First Aid – West Friday September 13, 2019: 11 reserved / 8 attended Mental Health/Grief – East Wednesday September 11, 2019- <i>Cancelled</i> <i>(No confirmations from providers)</i>

OCTOBER

Alzheimer's/Dementia – East

Wednesday October 23, 2019: 9 reserved / 4 attended

CPR & First Aid – Central

Tuesday October 29, 2019: 13 reserved / 5 attended

Rapid Response Committee Report:

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

For the month of October, the total number of hours requested was 138.3 of which 87.3 were filled. The total number of hours requested for the month of September was 104 of which 29 were filled.

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

SEIU 2015 Report: John Roe mentioned that SEIU 2015 is conducting EVV (Electronic Visit Verification) trainings. John also mentioned that negotiations between SEIU 2015 and the county are still in process.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Election of 2020 Chair and Vice Chair:

The Nomination Subcommittee nominated John Roe to serve a second term as a Chair; the Nomination Sub-Committee also nominated Wilson Cheng to serve as Vice Chair.

John Roe and Wilson Cheng accepted the nominations. The meeting floor was opened for board members to nominate fellow board members for the positions of chair and Vice-Chair. There were no additional nominations for the Chair seat and Mustafa Alsaliyh nominated himself as Vice-Chair. Votes ended as follows:

Chair

John Roe was unanimously re-elected as Chair and will continue to serve as a Chair on 2020.

Vice-Chair

Nominee	No. of votes
Mustafa	3
Wilson	4

Wilson Cheng was elected to serve as the new Vice-Chair for 2020.

Wilson Cheng moved, Michelle Hernandez seconded, to table the appointment of Sub-Committee Chairs and composition of sub-committees. The motion carried; see votes below:

		To Table the Appointment of Sub-Committee Chairs and composition			
		Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
1	Mustafa Alsaliyh	x			
2	Sydney Anderson	x			
3	David Boots	x			
4	Wilson Cheng	x			
5	Keegan Duncan			x	
6	Michelle Hernandez	x			
7	Joe Juarez	x			
8	John Roe	x			
9	Wendell Snyder	x			

Other – agenda items for next meeting

Under unfinished Business: Appointment of sub-committee Chairs and composition of sub-committees.

Next meeting: January 21, 2020.

John adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

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

John Roe, Chair

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