

**Aging & Independence Services Advisory Council**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022 | 12:00pm – 2:00pm**  
**Call in: 1 (669) 900-9128**  
**Meeting ID (access code): 992 5390 3588 | Passcode:**  
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**MINUTES**

<b>Members</b>		<b>Absent Members</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Attendance	Judi Bonilla La Rue Fields Monica Flynn Joe Garbanzos Stephen Huber Shirley King Ethel Larkins Paul Ling Chris Maeoka	Susan Mallett Bradlyn Mulvey Molly Nocon Jacqueline Simon Wanda Smith Thomas Splitgerber Lorelei Taylor Darlene Weber	Faye Detsky-Weil John Osborne Luz Villafana
	<b>Distinguished Merit Recipients</b>		<b>Staff</b>
			Kendall Bremner Elsa Caprioglio Wendy Contreras Kim Gallo Samantha Hasler Jana Jordan
			Julie Lara Lourdes Ramirez Jennifer Sovay Joyce Uy Brynn Viale
<b>Item</b>	<b>Outcome</b>		
1. Call to Order	<b>Chris Maeoka, Vice Chair, 12:00pm</b> a. Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance b. Guest/Member Introductions c. Confirmation of Quorum: <b><u>16 present at this time.</u></b>		
2. Continuance of Teleconferencing Meeting Option: AB 361	a. Executive Order 29-20, which allowed local or state bodies to participate in meetings remotely, ended on September 30, 2021. Effective October 1, 2021 Assembly Bill (AB) 361 amends government code 54593 to add sub-section e, which allows suspension of general teleconferencing rule if there is a proclaimed state of emergency and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On September 23, Dr. Wooten (Public Health Officer) released a health recommendation stating that utilizing teleconferencing options for public meetings is effective and a recommended social distancing measure to facilitate participation in public affairs.</li> <li>AB 361 requires renewal of resolution every 30 days.</li> </ul> b. Action to approve renewal resolution to continue to allow Teleconferencing Meeting Option (Action)* <b>[M/S – L. Fields/W. Smith (Passed with 16 votes)]</b>		
3. Standard Business	a. Public Comments/Announcements: Members or non-members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>L. Fields thanked Joe Garbanzos for representing the agency on equity, diversity, and inclusion in the San Diego Union Tribune. Invited Silvia Martinez from Gary Mary West to attend today's council meeting. On February 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a Black History Month presentation at Gary Mary West.</li> <li>E. Larkins shared the kickoff for National City Senior Day at Kimball Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from February through May 2022.</li> </ul> b. Approval of January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 Meeting Minutes (Action)* <b>[M/S – E. Larkins/S. Mallett (Passed with 17 votes)]</b>		
4. Guest Speakers	a. California Department of Aging, Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blanca Castro, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman</li> <li>Eden Rosales, Deputy State Long-Term Care Ombudsman</li> <li>Jill Hernandez, Program Manager</li> </ul> Presentation Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2021 Facilities and Total Complaints</li> <li>Visits, Complaints and Categories</li> <li>Challenges and Barriers</li> <li>Training Staff and Volunteers</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Recruitment</li> <li>• Plans for 2022</li> </ul> <p>b. In-Home Supportive Services Program Overview, Julia Lara, IHSS Social Work Supervisor Presentation Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of IHSS Program</li> <li>• Eligibility Requirements</li> <li>• Public Authority</li> <li>• IHSS Application Process</li> <li>• IHSS Population</li> <li>• Impacts of COVID-19 on IHSS Program</li> <li>• COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements for IHSS Providers</li> <li>• EVV</li> </ul>
5. AIS Director's Items (possible action)	<p>a. Board Letters:</p> <p>i. Competitive Solicitation for Nutrition Services (Action)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Letter set to be heard on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Board action is required to authorize the competitive procurement of our Senior Nutrition Program Services. This program provides free, nutritionally-sound meals throughout the county either in a congregate setting, home-delivered, or to-go during the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> </ul> <p><b>[M/S – L. Fields/E. Larkins (Passed with 16 votes)]</b></p> <p>b. AIS Director's Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ombudsman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o K. Gallo reported that in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 62% of RCFEs and 100% of SNFs received a non-complaint related general visit.</li> <li>o There are currently 50 certified volunteers, and we are enhancing volunteer communication by supporting remote work and providing them with county emails and tablet.</li> <li>o San Diego LTC Ombudsman Program trainer is conducting new virtual certification class, making the program more accessible for staff and volunteers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>COVID-19 Response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The most recent email blast from the Older Adult and Disability sector included the County's latest recommendations on testing, vaccines and staying safe while going out. The last day for the mask mandate for indoor places ends tomorrow, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.</li> <li>o Homebound Vaccine Program continues to operate, and the sector staff continue to route more than 100 referrals per week to our contracted vaccine providers.</li> <li>o With funding from the CDA, AIS staff worked with the HHSA Live Well team to increase vaccine outreach to older adults and executed five short-term contracts to provide these vaccine services.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Homelessness Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o At last Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board adopted an item brought forward by Supervisor Anderson and Supervisor Lawson-Remer to address homelessness among older adults. County staff will be developing proposals for a shallow rental subsidy program for older adults who are low-income, rent-burdened and at risk of homelessness.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>New Funding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Last week, CDA released funding information and allocation amounts for additional ARPA funding and we are currently brainstorming ideas on how to utilize the funding.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>c. Legislative Update: None</p>

6. Executive & Membership Subcommittee Report/Other Business (possible action)	<p>a. Chair's Report: Chris Maeoka, Vice Chair</p> <p>i. Subcommittee Appointments and Updates:</p> <p>a) Long-term Care Ombudsman and Facilities Subcommittee</p> <p>- Appointment of Chris Maeoka (Action)*</p> <p><b>[M/S – L. Fields/W. Smith (Passed with 15 votes)]</b></p> <p>b) Convene the Budget Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Action)*</p> <p>- Role - Review the AIS Fiscal Year (FY) 22/23 Budget Build and provide input into the AIS FY 22/23 Budget presentation.</p> <p>- Term - February 14, 2022, through the presentation of the AIS FY 22/23 Budget.</p> <p>- Membership – Chris Maeoka (Chair), La Rue Fields, Stephen Huber, Paul Ling, Jacqueline Simon, Wanda Smith and Thomas Splitgerber.</p> <p><b>[M/S – L. Fields/S. Mallett (Passed with 16 votes)]</b></p> <p>b. Membership Report: Susan Mallett, Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vacating Seat 21, Morgan Cadmus, due to multiple absences.</li><li>• Reminder to complete ethics training.</li></ul> <p>c. Board of Supervisors Annual Visits (Dates posted as confirmed):</p> <table><tr><td>i. District #1: Vargas</td><td>[Garbanzos/Larkins]</td><td>11/18/2021</td></tr><tr><td>ii. District #2: Anderson</td><td>[Splitgerber/Nocon]</td><td>8/24/2021</td></tr><tr><td>iii. District #3: Lawson-Remer</td><td>[King/Osborne]</td><td>1/24/2022</td></tr><tr><td>iv. District #4: Fletcher</td><td>[Villafana/Flynn]</td><td>1/5/2022</td></tr><tr><td>v. District #5: Desmond</td><td>[Simon/Weber]</td><td>1/14/2021</td></tr></table>	i. District #1: Vargas	[Garbanzos/Larkins]	11/18/2021	ii. District #2: Anderson	[Splitgerber/Nocon]	8/24/2021	iii. District #3: Lawson-Remer	[King/Osborne]	1/24/2022	iv. District #4: Fletcher	[Villafana/Flynn]	1/5/2022	v. District #5: Desmond	[Simon/Weber]	1/14/2021										
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7. Ancillary Subcommittee Oral Reports	<p><i>Ancillary Subcommittee reports will be made at the next Council meeting due to time constraints.</i></p> <p>a. LTC Ombudsman/Facilities (met 12/16/2021): Joe Garbanzos, Chair</p> <p>b. Healthy Aging (met 1/6/2022): Wanda Smith, Chair</p> <p>c. Housing (met 1/6/2022): Paul Ling, Chair</p> <p>d. Nutrition (met 1/4/2022): Susan Mallett, Chair</p>																									
8. Auxiliary Liaison Written Reports	Please review attached addendum.																									
9. Other Announcements	<p>a. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Elections*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applications due to J. Jordan March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.</li></ul> <p>b. Annual Calendar*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See attached draft calendar.</li></ul>																									
10. Adjournment & Next Meetings	<p>a. <b>Meeting adjourned: 11:58 am</b></p> <p><b>Council Meeting:</b> March 14, 2022, 12 noon (When in-person, meetings are held at 5560 Overland Ave., San Diego, 92123. Virtual meeting details will be included in agendas posted online 72 hours before meetings at <a href="http://www.aging.sandiegocounty.gov/AISAdvisoryCouncil">www.aging.sandiegocounty.gov/AISAdvisoryCouncil</a>.)</p> <p><b>Future Subcommittee Meetings</b></p> <table><tr><td>➤ LTC Ombudsman/Facilities</td><td>1/20/2022</td><td>10:30 am</td><td>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays</td><td>Virtual</td></tr><tr><td>➤ Executive &amp; Membership</td><td>1/24/2022</td><td>10:30 am</td><td>4<sup>th</sup> Mondays</td><td>Virtual</td></tr><tr><td>➤ Healthy Aging</td><td>2/3/2022</td><td>10:00 am</td><td>1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays</td><td>Virtual</td></tr><tr><td>➤ Housing</td><td>2/3/2022</td><td>12:00 pm</td><td>4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays</td><td>Virtual</td></tr><tr><td>➤ Nutrition</td><td>2/1/2022</td><td>1:00 pm</td><td>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays</td><td>Virtual</td></tr></table>	➤ LTC Ombudsman/Facilities	1/20/2022	10:30 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays	Virtual	➤ Executive & Membership	1/24/2022	10:30 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays	Virtual	➤ Healthy Aging	2/3/2022	10:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursdays	Virtual	➤ Housing	2/3/2022	12:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays	Virtual	➤ Nutrition	2/1/2022	1:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesdays	Virtual
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*Minutes respectfully submitted by Kendall Bremner*