Aging & Independence Services Advisory Council  
Monday, July 12, 2021 | 12:00pm – 2:00pm  
Call in: 1 (669) 900-9128  
Meeting ID (access code): 992 5390 3588 | Passcode: 251412

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<th>Members</th>
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| Judi Bonilla  
Faye Detsky-Weil  
La Rue Fields  
Joe Garbanzos  
Stephen Huber  
Shirley King  
Ethel Larkins  
Paul Ling  
Chris Maeoka  
Susan Mallett  
Martha McCarthy (5465) | Jack Miller  
Paul Monarrez  
John Osborne  
Linda Prager  
Paula Saracen  
Jacqueline Simon  
Wanda Smith  
Thomas Splitgerber  
Lorelei Taylor  
Darlene Weber | Morgan Cadmus  
Molly Nocon  
Monica Flynn  
Luz Villafana  
Jacqueline Jackson (9433)  
Thomas Johnson (PA)  
Meredith McCarthy (PA) |

Distinguished Merit Recipients
- Naomi Chavez
- Brynn Viale
- Kendall Bremner
- Samantha Hasler
- Jana Jordan
- Mary Grace Sadile
- Jana Schwartz
- Kristen Smith
- Jennifer Sovay

Item | Outcome
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1. Call to Order | John Osborne, Chair, 12:00pm
   a. Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance
   b. Guest/Member Introductions
   c. Confirmation of Quorum: 20 present at this time.

2. Standard Business | 
   a. Public Comments/Announcements: Members or non-members
      - L. Fields wished the Council a Happy Pride Month. Also attended Juneteenth event.
   b. Approval of June 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Action):
      [M/S – S. Mallett/L. Fields (Passed with 20 votes)]

3. Election of Council Year 2021-2022 Officers – Lorelei Taylor, Nominating Committee Chair | 
   a. Presentation on Nominees for Council Year 21/22 Officers
      - Chair – John Osborne
      - 1st Vice Chair – Chris Maeoka
      - 2nd Vice Chair – Stephen Huber
      - Secretary – Paula Saracen
   b. Nominations from the floor (None)
   c. Elections of Council Year 21/22 Officers (Action)
      [M/S – L. Fields/W. Smith (Passed with 21 votes)]
   d. Officer transition briefing: July 26, 2021 Executive & Membership Committee
   e. Swearing in of Council Year 21/22 Officers: September 13, 2021.

4. Guest Speaker Presentation | 
   a. Behavioral Health Services, Adult and Older Adult Services – Piedad Garcia Ed.D., LCSW, Deputy Director and Connie German-Marquez, MFT, Behavioral Health Program Coordinator.
      Highlights included:
      - In FY19/20 BHS AOA served approximately 43,000 adults and older adults in which 62% of those clients have persistent mental health issues. 6,000 of those were over the age of 60.
      - In the last 3 years BHS has increased access to services for older adult population from 6,100 to 6,500 unique clients.
      - Programs available through Adult and Older Adult System of Care: Assertive Community Treatment Services (ACT), Strengths-Based Case Management Services (SBCM), Institutional Case Management Services, Older Adult Housing, Older Adult Preventions and Early Intervention Services.
      - Partnerships with AIS/APS Senior Team and BHS/Geriatric Outpatient Services (GOS).
      - Older Adult Council: Meeting every Wednesday of the month 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
**b. Adult Protective Services/Senior Team/Specialized Case Management Program. Updates from Kimberly Pearce, Program Manager.** Highlights included:

- **APS client criteria:** 65 years or older, or dependent adult between 18-64 years old, must reside in their own home or unlicensed location and have allegations of abuse and neglect.
- **APS responds to reports of abuse by others and self-neglect.** Abuse by others is abandonment, financial abuse, isolation, mental suffering, neglect, and physical abuse. Self-neglect is the failure to provide food, clothing, shelter or health care for oneself.
- **Anyone can make an APS report to AIS Call Center or through AIS Web Referral system.**
- **Caseload numbers go up around 10% every month but went up by 30% in June 2021.**
- **Demographics:** 19.40% Dependent Adults and 80.60% Older Adults. 60% of clients are women and 40% of clients are men.
- **APS is expanding and adding 3 new teams as a result of the caseload increase.**
- **APS received $450,000 in federal funding in April 2021 for transportation, food and caregiver needs as a result of the pandemic. Funding also used to address scams impacting older adults. 2nd and 3rd round of funding forthcoming.**

### a. Board Letters

- **T. Johnson reported on the following:**
  - FY21/22 Board Letter, IHSS Public Authority Approved Budget:
    - Budget approved for $37.5 million for a total of 62 positions within agency.
    - Allowed Public Authority to add 2 positions: Enrollment training staff member which is a front-line staff member used to increase the speed to enroll caregivers in the system to become a provider. The second position is a recruitment position which will help recruit caregivers in hard to serve areas.
    - Budget increased last year by 8.4%; $29 million of that budget is contributed to caregiver health benefits. This budget will also allow PA to increase number of individual providers that are available to work emergency backup services program (EBUS).
  - IHSS Public Authority Annual Report to be sent out to Council.
- **K. Smith reported on the following:**
  - Aging Roadmap Annual Update (Action)
    - For the Council’s consideration and approval: Board Letter that is set to be heard on September 14, 2021. Board action required to receive the second annual report of the Aging Roadmap.
    - The Board Letter includes an attached Annual Report that includes the accomplishments that each of the 10 focus areas have achieved: Health & Community Support, Transportation, Housing, Dementia-Friendly, Social Participation, Medical & Social Services System, Silver Economy, Preparedness & Response, Safety and Caregiver Support.

### b. AIS Director’s Update

- **N. Chavez reported on the following:**
  - Received response for Area Plan update for 21/22 from CDA with minor clarifications and corrections requested.
  - Meals Update: Still working on increasing the number of meals in the community because the need is still going up especially with great plates ending on 7/16/2021. Averaging 64,000 meals a week between the 14 contracted providers. Some providers have resumed congregate dining.
  - Budget Update: On June 29, 2021 BOS approved the HHSA budget. Aging and Independence Services for FY21/22 will have the budget of $248.2 million dollars ($55.9 million increase from previous fiscal year) with 492 positions. 43 new positions will be shared between APS and IHSS to bring caseloads down. This budget also includes the funding for Public Authority operations.

### c. Legislative Update

- **S. Mallett reported on the following:**
  - Bill that originated in CSL. AB 383 by Rudy Salis would establish an administrator for older adult mental health services through department
of health care services. Position funded through mental health services fund. Moved through to final stage which is in senate appropriation now before governor’s desk.

### 6. Executive & Membership Subcommittee (met 5/24/2021)

**Report/Other Business (possible action)**

- **Chair’s Report: John Osborne, Chair**
  - Open positions on the Council people can apply for.
  - Pushing for more representation from people receiving services.
  - Applications available from S. Huber or J. Jordan.

- **Membership Report: S. Huber**
  - Confirmed 5 open vacancies on Council.
  - Reminder about attendance - Members can only have 2 absences per Council year.
  - Reminder to please complete Ethics training.

- **Board of Supervisors Annual Visits (Dates posted as confirmed):**
  1. District #1 Vargas [Garbanzos/Larkins] 2021 TBD
  2. District #2 Anderson [Splitgerber/Nocon] 2021 TBD
  4. District #4 Fletcher [Villafana/Flynn] 2021 TBD
  5. District #5 Desmond [Simon/Weber] 1/14/2021

### 7. Ancillary Subcommittee Oral Reports

- **LTC Ombudsman/Facilities (met 5/20/21):** Linda Prager, Chair
  - Subcommittee monitoring the following closely: Choose Well program, legislative proposals, and long-term care ombudsman program.
  - Push for recruitment for the ombudsman program, AIDS society to recruit volunteers.
  - Hosting speaker from the AIDS society at next meeting.

- **Adult Services Connection (met 2/10/20):** TBA, Chair

- **Healthy Aging (met 7/8/21):** Wanda Smith, Chair
  - Topic of discussion: Previously identified two goals: Power of walking and mental health.
  - Subcommittee interested in geriatric training programs for mental health, PERT program, PACE program, dementia prevention.
  - Going dark in August and meeting September 2nd instead of September 9th.

- **Housing (met 7/1/21):** Paul Ling, Chair
  - Welcomed new member Molly Nocon and had first public attendance.
  - Guest speaker Robin Strickland from Elder Help. Talked about Homeshare and their other programs.
  - Continued talk: Grandparents raising Grandchildren and Homeshare.
  - Going dark in August and next meeting will be on 7/22/21.

- **Nutrition (met 7/6/21):** Susan Mallett, Chair
  - San Diego Hunger Coalition speaker at meeting. They address hunger throughout San Diego County from children to older adults. They have 4 basic programs that contain task forces with many agencies involved.
  - New focus for the coalition is nutrition security.
  - Note: Over 200,000 older adults eligible for Cal Fresh but only 60% apply for Cal Fresh.

- **Transportation (6/14/2021):** Judi Bonilla, Chair
  - 2 speakers from AIS Call Center that reviewed the transportation data information and reasons behind the statistics.

### 8. Auxiliary Liaison Written Reports

- **i. See Addendum**

### 9. Other Announcements

- **i. No announcements**

### 10. Adjournment & Next Meetings

- **Meeting adjourned: 2:00 pm**

**Council Meeting:** September 13, 2021, 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 [www.aging.sandiegocounty.gov/AISAdvisoryCouncil](http://www.aging.sandiegocounty.gov/AISAdvisoryCouncil).)

**Future Subcommittee Meetings**
- **LTC Ombudsman/Facilities**
  - 7/15/2021
  - 10:30 am
  - 3rd Thursdays
  - Virtual
- **Executive & Membership**
  - 7/26/2021
  - 10:30 am
  - 4th Mondays
  - Virtual
- **Adult Services Connection**
  - TBD
  - Virtual
- **Healthy Aging**
  - 9/9/2021
  - 10:00 am
  - 1st Thursdays
  - Virtual
- **Housing**
  - 7/22/2021
  - 12:00 pm
  - 4th Thursdays
  - Virtual
- **Nutrition**
  - 8/31/2021
  - 1:00 pm
  - 1st Tuesdays
  - Virtual
- **Transportation**
  - 7/12/2021
  - 2:00 pm
  - 2nd Mondays
  - Virtual

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Kendall Bremner*