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AGENDA: 3/28/06

March 16, 2006

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LONG TERM
CARE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the 2005 Annual Report of the Long Term Care Interagency Commission. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chair to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on behalf of the County.

Sincerely,

MARK W. STONE, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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Attachment

cc: Long Term Care Interagency Commission

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LONG TERM CARE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION

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LARRY FRIEDMAN, CHAIR

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

ROLES OF THE COMMISSION

1. To serve as the Adult Day Health Care Council (ADHC) for Santa Cruz County, pursuant to State Health and Safety Code Section 1572.5.
2. To serve as the community long term care task force for Santa Cruz County, pursuant to State Welfare and Institutions Code Section 9811.
3. To serve as the Interagency Committee on Aging for the Area Agency on Aging.
4. To identify and support those efforts that assist in achieving a single point of entry system for long term care in Santa Cruz County.
5. To monitor legislation and long term care service delivery to Santa Cruz County and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
6. To exercise any other responsibilities that may be set forth in the Commission's by-laws as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

MEETING DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATION

The Commission's regular meeting time and location is the second Thursday of every other month – January, March, May, July, September, and November. This year the Commission met from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Dominican Hospital Rehabilitation Services Solarium, 610 Frederick Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE

The Long Term Care Interagency Commission is composed of 25 members. Nine of these are community representatives: one from each supervisorial district and four at-large members. The other 16 members represent each of the following agencies or categories: Area Agency on Aging, County Health Agency, County Medical Society, Senior Transportation Program, Acute or Long Term Care Health Facility or Organization, Alternatives to Institutional Long Term Care, Younger Functionally Impaired Adult (18-55), Senior Information and Referral Program, Multipurpose Senior Service Program, Home Health Agency, Regional Center for the Developmentally Disabled, Independent Living Center, Adult Day Health Care Facility, Caregiver Resource Center, Interest in Organic Brain Syndrome, and Interest in Nursing Home Care.

COMMISSION STAFF

The assigned staff person is Gail Goudreau, Senior Analyst with the Adult & Long Term Care Division of the Human Resources Agency.

ATTENDANCE

Please see attached Attendance Roster.

2005 ANNUAL GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Long Term Care Interagency Commission's activities focus on advocacy for consumers and oversight of agencies and facilities that deliver long term care services. A major benefit of the Commission is ongoing communication and education among agencies and individuals involved with long-term care issues. The results are an avoidance of unnecessary duplication of services and the promotion of cooperation, coordination and collaboration among health and human service providers. Following are specific issues that the Commission addressed during the past year:

- Commissioners continued to monitor the progress of the IHSS Public Authority.
- A legislative sub-committee provided informative reports to the Commission on legislation of interest to the Long Term Care Interagency Commission.
- The Commission heard reports on legislation regarding the sale of mobile home parks (SB740) from the California Senior Legislature, Bud Winslow.
- The Commission was informed of the demise of the Older Adults Services program in Mental Health and provided current alternatives.
- The Commission heard a presentation on the Central Coast Alliance for Health operations.
- The Commission monitored and addressed issues as they arose pertaining to the following issues:
 - ✓ Provision of adult day health care services including following the development of the South County facility;
 - ✓ Improved specialized transportation in Santa Cruz County for a ParaTransit Task Force to address this important issue;
 - ✓ Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act Implementation Planning for Santa Cruz County;
 - ✓ Long Term Care Planning;
 - ✓ Housing Authority services including Section 8 Housing Program;
 - ✓ Veterans Services available in Santa Cruz County to veterans and family members;
 - ✓ The diminishing numbers of SSI and low-income beds in residential care facilities and Medi-Cal beds in skilled nursing facilities - an

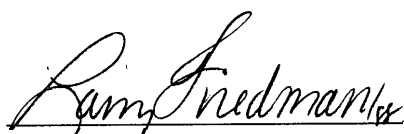
- ongoing crisis; in particular the closing of Capitola Care and the impact on residents of that facility;
 - ✓ Updates on the fast approaching implementation of Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program and the uncertainty facing the affected seniors;
 - ✓ Support of Santa Cruz County's Medi-Cal and Medicare reimbursement rate being changed from a rural to urban area rate to more properly align with the high cost of living and of health care services;
 - ✓ The Commission heard updates on the progress of the Underrepresented Elderly Group formed to assist skilled nursing home patients who are incapacitated and have no one to represent them; and
- ✓ The Commission viewed an Elderday Video presentation for the new facilities and met new staff of the South County program.
- Members of the Commission reported on:
 - ✓ The delivery of IHSS in the community and the continued status of the Multipurpose Senior Services and the Public Guardian programs;
 - ✓ Growing problem of increased adult and dependent adult abuse in the community, including the rise in financial abuse reports;
 - ✓ Paratransit services;
 - ✓ Long Term Care housing;
 - ✓ Medicare and Medi-Cal billing and claims;
 - ✓ Adult Day Health Care expansion; and
 - ✓ Regular reports on senior services and unmet needs through the Area Agency on Aging.

2006 GOALS

- Monitor efforts of the IHSS Public Authority.
- Monitor and advocate for probate services that meet the needs of the community.
- Monitor and report on new trends for long term care.
- Advocate for community inclusion and accountability of long term care facilities owners, staff and residents.
- Continue to advocate for more SSI and low-income beds in residential care facilities and support all efforts toward obtaining Medi-Cal waivers.
- Advocate for increased access to skilled nursing facilities through higher Medi-Cal reimbursement and other feasible methods.
- Advocate for increased access for mental health and other specialized services for elderly and disabled consumers (Proposition 63).
- Monitor the development of the Unrepresented and Incapacitated Persons Workgroup, especially pertaining to individuals in long-term care facilities

- At the local and State level advocate for policies and programs specific to the special needs of those with dementia and mental illness.
- Advocate for increased support services for caregivers.
- Continue to be proactive regarding legislation at the State and local level for disabled or and dependent individuals.
- Monitor the Medi-Cal reform process.
- Advocate preserving long term care services at the State and local level, recognizing the increasing need for these services.
- Advocate for comprehensive specialized transportation services that are efficient and effectively serve the needs of the community.
- Modify the membership and duties of the commission's by-laws to reflect the interest in long term care issues for all individuals with disabilities.

The Long Term Care Interagency Commission approved this Annual Report at their March 9, 2006 meeting.



Larry Friedman, LCSW, Chair



Date

cc: Cecilia Espinola, Director, HRA

LONG TERM CARE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION

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2005 ATTENDANCE ROSTER

CATEGORY	COMMISSIONER	JAN	MAR	MAY	JULY	SEPT	NOV
1st District	Harold Raphael	X	X	E	X	X	X
2nd District	Belicia Govine	E	D	/	/	/	/
2nd District	Majel Jordan	/	/	-	-	-	X
3rd District	Lucille Des Jardins	A	X	A	E	R	/
4th District	Bill George	X	E	X	X	X	X
5th District	Bernice Robertson	X	E	X	X	E	E
Over 55 – At Large/Exempt	Bob Phillips	E	E	X	E	A	R
Over 55 – At Large	Charles R. Downey	X	A	A	E	A	R
Over 55 – At Large	Barbara Hanson	X	X	E	X	A	X
Over 55 – At Large	Joan McIntyre	E	X	A	X	X	X
Area Agency on Aging	Clay Kempf	X	X	X	E	X	X
County Health Agency	Carmen Robles	E	E	E	X	E	X
Funct. Impaired Adult (18-55)	Roger McKowan	X	X	X	X	X	R
Medical Society	Dr. Todd Mitchell	X	A	X	A	A	X
Transportation	Link Spooner	E	E	A	A	R	/
Acute/Long Term Care	Vicki West	X	X	X	A	E	R
Alternatives to LTC	Larry Friedman	X	X	X	E	X	X
Info & Referral	Brenda Moss	X	X	X	X	X	X
MSSP	Francie Newfield	X	X	X	X	X	R
Home Health Agency	Pam Goodman	X	X	A	X	X	X
Reg. Ctr. for Dvlp. Disabled	Gina Fiallos	E	X	X	A	E	X
Independent Living Center	Michael Bradshaw	X	X	A	A	E	X
Adult Day Health Care	Majel Jordan	X	X	A	A	R	/
Caregiver Resource Center	Jill Ginghofer	X	X	X	X	E	X
Organic Brain Syndrome	Liz Sparks	X	E	X	X	X	X
Nursing: Home Care	Kathleen Johnson	E	X	A	E	X	X

CODE: X = Present
 E = Excused
 A = Absent
 R = Resigned
 D = Deceased
 - = Vacant