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February 23, 2000

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 Annual Report of the Long Term Care Interagency Commission for calendar year 1999. 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 the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

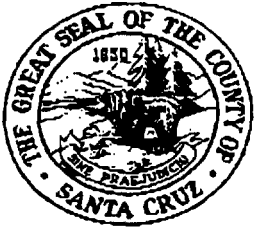
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MARDI WORMHOUDT, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Long Term Care Interagency Commission

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LONG TERM CARE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION

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January 28,200

Board of Supervisors
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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Please find attached a copy of the Long Term Care Interagency Commission's 1999 Annual Report, which the Commission approved at their annual meeting January 13, 2000. The Commission **respectfully** requests that the Board of Supervisors accept its 1999 **Annual** Report.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Weiser Caswell
HRA Departmental Administrative Analyst
Assigned **Staff**

cc: CAO

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LONG TERM CARE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION 1999 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 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Room, Visiting Nurses Association, 1041 **41st** Avenue, Santa **Cruz**. In November, the Commission met at 2:00 p.m. at Room 207, **HRA**, 1400 **Emeline** Avenue, Santa **Cruz**.

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

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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

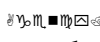
The Commission shares staff with the Seniors Commission. The assigned staff person is Elizabeth **Caswell**, HRA Departmental Administrative Analyst.

ATTENDANCE

Please see attached Attendance Roster.

1999 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.

- Several members of the Commission participated on the **In-Home** Support Services (**IHSS**) Workgroup, an informal group that evolved out of the **IHSS** Task Force. The Workgroup met regularly regarding the development of a plan to provide back up services for **IHSS** recipients with independent providers. The Workgroup included representatives from the Commission, Seniors Commission, Long Term Integration Pilot Project, SCCHO, **HRA**, United Domestic Workers, **IHSS** contract provider agency, and **IHSS** consumers. This group reported its progress at each Commission meeting. The Workgroup also completed a **client** handbook, which addressed issues such as back up care, complaints, and resources. Special needs **IHSS** clients received the handbook.
- Commissioners continued **to** monitor the progress of the County's Long Term Care Integration Pilot Project. The Health Services Agency received a grant of \$50,000 and contributed \$10,000 in matching **funds** to plan for long term care integration. A director is in place through the Health Services  Suzanne Koebler, the Director, provides support to a Task Force, which oversees planning. The Task Force created four smaller workgroups, which are: Services Team, Governance, Finance, and Data- A majority of the Commissioners are serving as members of workgroups or the Task Force.
- The Commission provided support and advocacy for **AB** 1492 Traumatic Brain Injuries (**TBI**). This bill extends funding for four **original** TBI Demonstration Project sites (including New Options in Santa **Cruz County**) and expands the Project to four additional sites. The bill also requires the State Department of Mental Health to develop a system of post-acute continuum of care models. Governor Davis signed the bill. The funding for

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New Options, the existing TBI Demonstration Project in Santa **Cruz** County, is extended until January, 2005.

- The Commission **advocated** for the reauthorization of the Older Americans **Act** (United States HR1671).
- The Commission reviewed, made recommendations, and took positions on various bills that came to its attention.
- The Commission monitored the following issues:
 - ✓ Provision of adult day health care services;
 - ✓ Caregiver respite programs;
 - ✓ Senior transportation and p-transit services, including provision of Services in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
 - ✓ The need for **lifecare** services and facilities;
 - ✓ The diminishing numbers of SSI **beds** in residential care facilities and Medical beds in skilled nursing facilities – an ongoing crisis;
 - ✓ The provision of service through the Multipurpose Senior Service Program (**MSSP**) and the declining population of eligible clients.
 - ✓ The changing climate in the provision of **IHSS** and the implications of the passage of **AB 1682**.
 - ✓ The ongoing crisis in home health care due to shrinking state and federal funds.

2000 GOALS

- Advocate for inclusion of long term care in any future state or federal health care plan and oppose reduced **funding** for existing programs supporting long term care.
- Monitor the implementation of AB1682 and the County's decision making process regarding designation of an employer of record for IHSS.
- Provide ongoing reports on adult day health, **paratransit**, housing, and other long term care issues.
- Enhance local coordination of long term care by serving as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas among service providers and representatives of **service** populations.
- Advocate for increased recruitment of long term **care** providers. Educate legislative bodies about the need for a living wage for care providers. Promote the creation of a career ladder and training for providers.
- Support the community's efforts to provide for unmet needs such as:
 - ✓ Respite
 - ✓ Continuing care communities
 - ✓ Affordable housing
 - ✓ Residential care for **SSI** recipients
 - ✓ Medical beds in skilled nursing facilities
 - ✓ Residential and continuing care dementia specific resources for low-income persons, and
 - ✓ Sliding scale services for clients that exceed income limits.
- Advocate on behalf of **younger** people with significant disabilities who are in need of long term care.
- Monitor the influence of HMO's and managed care **on** the recipients and providers of long **term** care.

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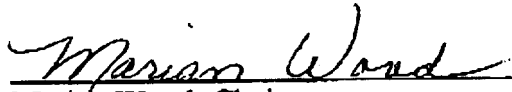
- Maintain awareness of and address issues as they arise concerning the following:
 - ✓ Delivery of services for long term care recipients by The Central Coast Alliance for Health (a.k.a. **SCCHO** or the Alliance)
 - ✓ The delivery of MSS in the community, and
 - ✓ **APS** expansion.
- Promote and encourage participation in the Long Term Care Integration Pilot Project.
- Promote access to long term care services through public education, improved communication between service providers, and input into the long term care integration process.
- Monitor the conditions in residential care facilities and skilled nursing facilities and advocate for improvements as needed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Commission again recommends that the Board of Supervisors support legislation to address the shortage of **SSI** beds in residential care facilities and **MediCal** beds in skilled nursing facilities.
- The Commission further recommends that the Board of Supervisors recognize and address the problems created by low wages paid to long term care providers and that the Board support any legislation to **increase** wages for providers.
- The Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors continue to support efforts of the Long Term Care Integration Pilot Project.
- The Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors advocate for increased funding for **paratransit** and fixed route transit.
- The Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors support any and all efforts to increase **Medicare/MediCal** reimbursements for skilled nursing facilities and to raise SSI for residential care facilities.

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The Long Term Care Interagency Commission approved this annual report at their January 13, 2000 meeting.


Marian Wood, Chair

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LONG TERM CARE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION

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1999 ATTENDANCE ROSTER

CATEGORY	COMMISSIONER	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
1st Dist.	Roger Stevens	E	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Jill Ginghofer	-	-	X	(moved to Resource Ctr)							
2nd Dist.	Marian Wood	X	X	X	X	E	E	E	X	X	X	X
3rd Dist.	Lucille Des Jardins	-	-	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X
4th Dist.	Bill George	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5th Dist.	Dorothy Simmers	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Over 55	Ken Nakamura	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	E
Over 55	Lenore Wilkerson	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X
Over 55	Ronald Price	E	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
Over 55-Exempt	Alice Ritchie	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	A
AAA	Mitsu Kumagai	X	X	E	A	R	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Health	Michela Barcus	X	E	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	R	R
18-55 Func. Imp.	Thom Onan	E	E	X	X	X	E	R	R	R	R	R
Medical Society	VACANT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	Scott Bugental	-	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X
Acute/LTC	Vicki West	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alternatives	Larry Friedman	X	X	E	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Info & Referral	Brenda Moss	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MSSP	Francie Newfield	E	E	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	'DonAllegri		-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Home Health	Pam Goodman	E	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Regional Center	VACANT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ind.Living Ctr.	Liz Sparks	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Adult Day	Majel Jordan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Resource Center	Lois Dell-Sones	E	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Jill Ginghofer				X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
OBS	Francie Newfield	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nursing Home	Jean Jardine	X	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Kathleen Johnson					X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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