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January 25, 2002

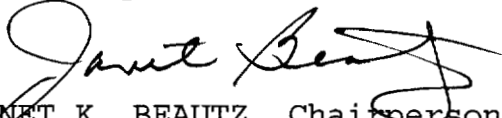
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701 Ocean Street
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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LONG TERM
CARE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Long Term Care Interagency Commission for calendar year 2001. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairperson to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,


JANET K. BEAUTZ, Chairperson
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 24, 2002

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Please find attached the Long Term Care Interagency Commission's 2001 Annual Report approved at their January 10, 2002 meeting. As you will see, the Commission continues to support and monitor the long-term care service delivery systems for the County.

The Commissioners are comprised of representatives from a wide variety of service agencies (both private and public), consumers of long term care services, and other individuals interested in quality long-term care for the residents of this County. The collaborative efforts of this group and commitment to representing the interests of those individuals who require long-term care services are representative of a quality advisory Commission to your Board. I am pleased to submit this Annual Report on their behalf.

Sincerely,

Gail Goodman
Staff to Commission

c: Cecilia Espinola, HRA Administrator
Don Allegri, HRA Adult Services Director



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LONG TERM CARE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION 2001 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 Room 206, HRA, 1400 Emeline Avenue, Santa Cruz and Room 202, CalWorks, 1040 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

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 Gail Goudreau, an Analyst with the Adult & Long Term Care Division of the Human Resources Agency.

ATTENDANCE

Please see attached Attendance Roster.

2001 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:

- Members of the Commission participated on the In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee, that developed *the IHSS Public Authority Implementation Team – Findings and Recommendations* Report, that was accepted by the Board of Supervisors to develop the "Employer of Record" required by AB 1682.
- Commissioners continued to support and monitor progress of the County's Long Term Care Integration Pilot Project. Health Services Agency's received a grant for \$50,000 from the State Department of Health & Human Services and applied for a \$25,000 grant from the Robert Woods Foundation, to continue the integration effort.
- The Commission supported, in concept, the operation of an "Under One Roof" facility that would offer various services for the elderly and dependent adults, including Adult Day Care, in South County.
- Supported as a Commission the Gault Street Complex, to be built by the nonprofit affordable housing developer Mercy Housing California, and provide low-income housing for seniors.
- The Chair of the Long Term Care Commission appeared before the Grand Jury regarding the gaps in long term care in Santa Cruz County.
- The Commission monitored and addressed issues as they arose pertaining to the following issues:
 - ✓ Provision of adult day health care services;

- ✓ Senior transportation and paratransit services, including provision of services in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
 - ✓ Continued to monitor the skilled nursing facilities with commission members making periodic visits;
 - ✓ The diminishing numbers of SSI and low-income beds in residential care facilities and Medical beds in skilled nursing facilities – an ongoing crisis;
 - ✓ Provided valuable feedback regarding the County’s upcoming bid for ambulance service;
 - ✓ The ongoing crises in home health care due to shrinking state and federal funds.
- Members of the Committee reported on adult day health, paratransit, housing, and other long-term care issues.
 - Maintained awareness of and addressed issues as they arose 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 IHSS in the community
 - ✓ Adult Day Health Care expansion


2002 GOALS

- Monitor the impact of Medicare prospective Pay System (PPS), on the delivery of home healthcare services and continue visits and relationship building to the skilled nursing facilities and expand to the residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFE) and assisted living facilities.
- Continue to review the composition of the Committee, recommending the IHSS Public Authority be added as a category representative and delete the Organic Brain Syndrome category that has been vacant for the past year.
- Continue to advocate for the implementation of the County’s Long Term Care Integration Pilot Project.
- Monitor efforts of the newly created IHSS Public Authority.
- Advocate for increased recruitment of long term care providers and promote the creation of a career ladder and training for providers.
- Advocate for resources to address the affordable housing crisis in Santa Cruz County, especially for low-income seniors and disabled adults.
- Continue to advocate for more SSI and low-income beds in residential care facilities and increased access to Medical beds in skilled nursing facilities.
- Encourage and support all efforts toward obtaining Medical waivers for residential care facilities.
- Monitor the influence of HMO’s and managed care on the recipients and providers of long term health care.
- Monitor and advocate for increased mental health and other specialized services for elderly and disabled consumers, including those with dementia.
- Advocate for increased support services for caregivers.
- Be more proactive regarding legislation at the State level for seniors and dependent adults.

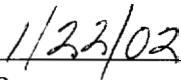
RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Commission again recommends that the Board of Supervisors continue to support legislation to address the shortage of SSI and low-income beds in residential care facilities and Medical beds in skilled nursing facilities by advocating to increase Medicare/MediCal reimbursements for skilled nursing facilities and increase SSI reimbursements for residential care facilities.
- The Commission recommends that that the Board of Supervisors endorse and encourage Medical waivers for residential care facilities.
- The Commission applauds the Board of Supervisors recent actions to increase wages to in-home support services workers and other activities that will lead to improved delivery of service to consumers of IHSS.
- 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 be supportive of the expansion of the adult day health care services in South County.
- The Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors be supportive of the purchase/lease of a facility in South County for "Under One Roof" services.

The Long Term Care Interagency Commission approved this annual report at their January 10,2002 meeting.



 Larry Friedman, LCSW, Chair



 Date

LONG TERM CARE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION

2001 ATTENDANCE ROSTER

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| CATEGORY | COMMISSIONER | JAN | MAR | MAY | JULY | SEPT | NOV |
|--|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| 1st District | VACANT | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2nd District | Marian Wood | X | X | R | | | |
| 2nd District | VACANT | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3rd District | Lucille Des Jardins | A | X | X | E | X | X |
| 4th District | Bill George | X | X | E | X | E | X |
| 5th District | Bernice Robertson | X | X | E | E | X | E |
| Over 55 – At Large/Exempt | Bob Phillips | - | - | X | E | X | X |
| Over 55 – At Large | Charles R. Downey | A | X | X | X | X | X |
| Over 55 – At Large | Lenore Wilkerson | E | X | E | X | A | E |
| Over 55 – At Large | Alice Ritchie | X | E | E | E | A | A |
| Area Agency on Aging | Clay Kempf | E | A | E | X | E | X |
| Co. Health Agency | Suzanne Koebler | R | | | | | |
| | Carmen Robles | - | - | X | A | X | X |
| Functionally Impaired Adult (18-55) | Roger McKowan | - | - | X | X | A | X |
| Medical Society | Dr. John G. Mahaney | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Transportation | Mark Hartunian | - | - | X | X | A | A |
| Acute/Long Term Care | Vicki West | E | X | X | X | A | X |
| Alternatives to LTC | Larry Friedman | X | X | X | E | X | X |
| Info & Referral | Brenda Moss | E | E | X | X | X | X |
| MSSP | Don Allegri | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Home Health Agency | Pam Goodman | A | X | A | X | E | X |
| Regional Center for Developmentally Disabled | Gina Fiallos | - | - | X | X | A | X |
| Independent Living Center | Liz Sparks | E | X | X | E | E | E |
| Adult Day Health Care | Majel Jordan | X | X | X | E | X | E |
| Caregiver Resource Center | Jill Ginghamer | E | E | X | E | A | E |
| Organic Brain Syndrome | VACANT | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nursing Home Care | Kathleen Johnson | A | A | E | X | X | X |

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