

ADULT SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL

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Boards, Commissions and Community Representatives/Volunteers

Adult Abuse Prevention Council
Behavioral Health Board
Commission on Aging
County Board of Supervisors
Health Commission
SLO Supportive Housing Consortium

Elected Officials

CA Senator John Laird, 17th District
U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal, 24th District

Non-Profit Agencies

Access Support Network
Alzheimer's Association
Area Agency on Aging
CenCal Health
Central Coast Hospice
Coast Caregiver Resource Center
Community Action Partnership of SLO (CAPSLO)
Community Health Centers (CHC)
Dignity Health-French Hospital Medical Center
Gala Pride and Diversity Center Senior Advocacy
Hospice of SLO County
Independent Living Resource Center
Lifesteps Foundation
Los Osos Cares
LTC Ombudsman Services of SLO County
North County Connection
PathPoint
Peoples' Self Help Housing
Ride-On Transportation
San Luis Obispo Legal Assistance Foundation
Senior Nutrition Program
Senior Volunteer Services (RSVP/3CV/PLS)
SLO Hep C Project
SLO Hotline
San Luis Obispo Legal Assistance Foundation
SLO Village
Transitions-Mental Health Association
Tri-Counties Regional Center
United Cerebral Palsy
United Way of SLO County
Wilshire Community Services

Private Organizations

Amdal In-Home Care
Bella Vista Transitional Care
Home Instead Senior Care
Mariposa Music Therapy/Arts for Living
Maxim Healthcare Services
Ridership Development Consultants
Senior Living Consultants

Public Agencies

San Luis Coastal Adult School
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

San Luis Obispo County Departments of:

Behavioral Health /Mental Health Services
District Attorney / Victim Witness Assistance
Public Health
Probation Department
Sheriff Department
Social Services/Adult Services

AGENDA

Friday, February 2nd, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS (15 Minutes or less)

Name and position within respective organization.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS: (5 Minutes or less)

MEMBER COMMENT/SPOTLIGHT: (15 Minutes or less)

- **Cal Poly Low Income Taxpayer Clinic**

GUEST SPEAKERS: (45 Minutes)

- **Robert Diaz – Department of Social Services APS/IHSS**

CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS

ACTION ITEMS: (10 Mins)

- **Approve Synopsis**

COMMITTEE UPDATES AS NEEDED (10 minutes or less)

- **MPA Advisory Committee**
- **Healthy Brain Initiative**

MEETING LOCATION:

**DSS Higuera Conference Room #101
3433 S. Higuera St, San Luis Obispo**

NEXT MEETING:

March 1st, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE NAME: ADULT SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL

Meeting Purpose(s): Working together to meet the health and human service needs of _____
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Leader: Karen Jones
 Facilitator: Karen Jones
 Recorder: Danielle Raiss / Sam Graves

Meeting Called By: Karen Jones
 Time: From: 9:00 AM To: 11:00 AM
 Date: February 2nd, 2024

Location: 3563 Empleo St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 Conference Room #1

Members Present:

Karen Jones – LTCO	Paul Garth – VASH
Emily Davenport – SLOCOPH	Laura DeHaven – Wilshire Hospice
Laura Edwards – Meals that Connect	Laura DeLoye – Alzheimer’s Association
Angie Enriquez – Alzheimer’s Association	Paulina Flores Jimenez – SLOCOPH
Mara Whitten – CAPSLO	Alex Morris – Geriatric Care Mgmt.
Hannah Mills-Fragione – TCRC	Lindsay Franklin – TCRC
Kim Chartrand – HSLO	Amelia Grover – Dignity Health
Vanessa Ortiz – Cal Poly Low Income Taxpayer Clinic	Robert Diaz – DSS
Jerry Mihaic – ILRC	Juliane McAdam – Meals That Connect
Karen Florian – CCRC	Linda Beck – LADAP Advisory Comm.
Aaron Pankratz – CCCSC	Nicki Edwards – SLO Village
Jean Raymond – SLO Health Counts (Dignity)	

AGENDA ITEMS	COMMENTS/CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS (IF ANY)
Introductions	
Public Comment	<p>LAURA DELOYE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE MORRO BAY HEALTH FAIR WAS WELL-ATTENDED • COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION COMING UP IN SANTA MARIA • PUBLIC HEALTH IN COORDINATION WITH ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION HAVE A SERIES OF HEALTHY LIVING CLASSES COMING UP AT THE LOS OSOS LIBRARY IN FEBRUARY • CAREGIVER RETREAT COMING UP IN MARCH • ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION HAS A CONTINUAL OUTREACH FOR HEALTHY BRAIN HABITS <p>AARON PANKRATZ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOARD HAS ALLOCATED ADDITIONAL MONEY TO MEALS THAT CONNECT • SLO COUNTY FOOD BANK WILL BE RECEIVING MONEY FOR A GROCERY DELIVERY PROGRAM
Member Spotlight	<p>CAL POLY LOW INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORGANIZATION ON CAMPUS THAT FOCUSES ON LITIGATING CASES AGAINST IRS FOR LOW INCOME TAXPAYERS • FOR AN INDIVIDUAL THE THRESHOLD IS \$37,650.00 FOR THE THRESHOLD • THEY WILL ASSIST ANYONE FROM CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING FRESNO AND BAKERSFIELD • FOCUS IS ON LITIGATING CASES AGAINST IRS SO THE TAXPAYER DOES NOT HAVE TO CONNECT WITH THE IRS • THEY WILL REPRESENT AND ACT ON BEHALF OF TAXPAYERS • OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 TO 5:00 AND FRIDAYS FROM 9:00 TO 1:00 • THEY ALSO HELP WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OVER THE INCOME THRESHOLD, DEPENDENT ON SITUATIONS SUCH AS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE • ALL WORK IS PRO-BONO AND CPAs HELP WITH TAX RETURNS • OFFICE ON CAMPUS WILL DO TAX RETURNS FOR ANYONE • ALL VOLUNTEER-RUN BY STUDENTS • MUCH COMMUNICATION IS COORDINATED ONLINE/VIA EMAIL
Guest Speakers	<p>ROBERT DIAZ – APS AND IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS IS PRIMARILY AN INVESTIGATIVE AND RESPONSIVE AGENCY AND SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY • SOCIAL WORKERS ARE CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATIVE WORK IN REGARDS TO NEGLECT, FINANCIAL ABUSE, OR ANYTHING CONCERNING VULNERABILITY • MINIMUM AGE OF THOSE INVOLVED HAS DROPPED FROM 65 TO 60 • DEFINITION OF “DISABLED ADULT” HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE SPECIFICATIONS • IF SOMEONE IS SEVERELY NEGLECTING OR ABUSING THEMSELVES, THEN A REPORT CAN BE FILED WITH APS • REGARDLESS OF THE STATE THE CLIENT IS IN, IF THEY HAVE LEGAL AUTONOMY, THEN THEY CAN DENY SERVICES • APS IS A VOLUNTARY SERVICE AT EVERY LEVEL PROVIDED – WHICH IS A BARRIER TO HOW APS CAN ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY (SINCE THEY ARE LIMITED BY WHAT THE CLIENT ALLOWS) • COVID WAS A SURPRISE BENEFIT AS IT ALLOWED FOR A MASSIVE INFLUX IN

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	<p>AVAILABLE SPENDING TO APS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLO APS HAS A LEVEL OF CASE MANAGEMENT THAT TENDS TO BE MORE INTENSIVE WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTIES • COLLABORATION WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT MOVING FORWARD AND LOOKING TO BE MORE INTENTIONAL WITH COMPLEX CASE MANAGEMENT • THERE ARE SEVERAL PROGRAMS ON THE STATE LEVEL THAT ARE LOOKING TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND TRYING TO IMPLEMENT THAT TO COUNTY LEVELS • NO EXPECTED CUTS IN STATE FUNDING IN THE COMING YEARS • ADULT SERVICES AND HOMELESS SERVICES WILL BE MERGING WHICH WILL ALLOW APS TO BETTER COLLABORATE WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS • SEVERAL WAYS TO FILE A REPORT: 24/7 CRISIS LINE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE, FORM SOC 341 CAN BE FAXED, AND THE ONLINE FORM • FROM ONLINE FORM, INTAKE WORKER WILL EVALUATE AND MOVE TO SCREENING STATE FOR REVIEW BY SUPERVISOR • AVERAGE CALL WARRANTS TEN-DAY RESPONSE TIME • IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) IS FACILITATION OF THE STATE'S IHSS PROGRAM MEANING THE COUNTY PROVIDES ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION FOR IHSS CLIENTS IN COUNTY • REFERRAL IS MADE TO IHSS, THEN FOLLOWED UP WITH CLIENT TO GET REQUIRED MEDICAL CERTIFICATION • IHSS IS INTENDED TO KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOME AND SUSTAIN THEM IN THEIR HOME AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO OPTIONS LIKE ASSISTED-LIVING WAIVER PROGRAMS • MAJORITY OF IHSS CAREGIVERS ARE FAMILY MEMBERS AND 80% IDENTIFY AS WOMEN • IHSS UTILIZES STATE FUNDS TO PAY PROVIDERS • PUBLIC AUTHORITY IS ADMINISTRATIVE WING TO HELP PROVIDERS (EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION, BACKGROUND CHECK ETC) AND MAKE INTENTIONAL RECRUITMENT ATTEMPTS SUCH AS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS • IHSS DOES NOT ACTUALLY MATCH PROVIDERS SINCE IT IS A LIABILITY SO IT IS ON THE ONUS OF THE CLIENT TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS • PERSONAL CARE AIDES ARE AUXILIARY SUPPORT FOR ALL CLIENTS WITHIN ADULT SERVICES • PARAMEDICAL SERVICES ARE ALSO OFFERED • ADDITIONAL HOURS ARE SOMETIMES AVAILABLE FOR CLIENTS WHOSE CASE REQUIRES IT • ASSESSMENTS OCCUR ANNUALLY
Corrections/Additions to the Synopsis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SYNOPSIS ACCEPTED WITH NOTED CORRECTIONS.
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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Committee Updates as Needed	LOCAL MPA ADVISORY COMMITTEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great turnout at Morro Bay health fair. Contracts have been finished for consultants with LADAP. Consulting agency is called Health Management Associates. Focus group has been pre-signed up in Morro Bay. Next meeting is February 15th for the advisory group.
	HEALTHY BRAIN INITIATIVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEEDS ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. HEALTHY BRAIN WORKSHOPS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES CONTINUE TO EXPAND.

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