



# Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, December 18, 2018

TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

LOCATION: United Way of Santa Cruz County  
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

PRESENT: Michael Lewis (*1<sup>st</sup> District*), Lynne Simpson (*1<sup>st</sup> District*), Jeana De La Torre (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Clyde Lawrence (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Lois Sones (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Louis J. Tuosto (*4<sup>th</sup> District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4<sup>th</sup> District*), Lynn McKibbin (*Chair - 5<sup>th</sup> District*), Carol Childers (*Vice Chair - 5<sup>th</sup> District*)

EXCUSED: Charles Molnar, *CSL Ex Officio Member*

STAFF: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*

GUESTS: Dukh Niwaran Whipp (*Village Santa Cruz County*), Jean Brocklebank (*MMHC*)

### Call to Order: Meeting Convened at 12:33 PM

1. Roll Call and Agenda Review

Work Plan updates and Solution Summit Workgroup updates will be incorporated into Commissioner reports. Introduction of new Commissioner Fohrman.

2. Approve October 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Oral Communications and Announcements

Whipp reported on the Village Santa Cruz County scholarship program, changes to the organization's name and publicity efforts. Brocklebank reported on AB3066 and its impact on Santa Cruz County seniors.

4. Senior Legislature Report

Commission reviewed the CSL top legislative priorities for 2019. Tuosto met with Representative Panetta to advocate for additional legislation reducing penalties for seniors who enroll late in Medicare Part D. He will follow up with Molnar to discuss same.

5. Seniors Council Update

No update.

6. New Business/Action Items

6.1. Review and Approve *2018 Focus Area Action Plan* format

Commission reviewed and updated the *2018 Focus Area Action Plan*.

Approve *2018 Focus Area Action Plan* format.

Motion/Second: Lewis/Simpson

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2. Review and Approve *District Report Email Template*

Commission reviewed and discussed the *District Report Email Template*

Approve *District Report Email Template*

Motion/Second: Lewis/McKibbin

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commissioner Reports and Announcements

- 7.1. Sones reported that Aging-in-Place Workgroup efforts are ongoing. Sones reported on the IHSS Advisory Commission's *Home Safe Grant* and the *Transforming Lives with Care Unit* (TLC), which support adults with cognitive impairment issues who are not being case managed in other programs.
- 7.2. Simpson reported on her meeting with Village Santa Cruz County and the importance of the scholarship program for seniors unable to pay membership fees. Commission discussed funding and administrative support for the organization.
- 7.3. Lewis reported on the Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee's five-year plan, including improvements to local roadways and improved facilities for seniors. There are no current vacancies.
- 7.4. De la Torre reported on the Museum of Art & History's call for artwork from senior artists and shared a flier for distribution. De la Torre confirmed that the La Selva Beach Village group has improved their responsiveness to local seniors' issues.
- 7.5. Lawrence will update the group photo for the 2019 brochure. Staff will email the artwork to the Commission and send brochures when available.
- 7.6. Childers attended the IHSS Advisory Commission and plans to apply for membership. Childers and McKibbin will work with Staff to create advocacy toolkits.
- 7.7. Tuosto encouraged Commissioners to consider membership on the Seniors Council and other boards with overlapping issues. Commission discussed a renewed focus on increasing public participation in 2019 through increased publicity.

8. Staff Report

Staff outlined the proposed format for the May 6, 2019 Joint Retreat with the Commission on Disabilities and the IHSS Advisory Commission. Commission discussed potential agenda items and concerns.

Authorize County Staff to proceed with proposed Joint Retreat planning.

Motion/Second: Lewis/De la Torre

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM