

# IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2021

3:00 p.m.

	Delfina Alvarez		Rosa Ortiz
X	Jacob Lesner-Buxton	X	Patricia Puentes
X	Sally Harrison (CEO's Office)	X	Maria Alvarez
X	Irma Nunez	X	Leticia Ortega (non-voting)
	Ramon Ortiz		Elizabeth Caballero (non-voting)

Item #	Topic	Discussion
1.	Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The regular meeting of the IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:02 p.m.</li> </ul>
2.	Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was asked when W2s were being mailed out. Public Authority would provide that information after the meeting.</li> <li>It was asked what Public Authority's address is. It was explained that the mailing address is unchanged, but staff were working out of a different office due to the flood in December 2020. A date of return to PA's regular office was undetermined.</li> </ul>
3.	Read and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrique Guevara read the Advisory Committee Meeting minutes for 11/18/2020.</li> <li>Jacob moved to approve the minutes for 11/18/2020. The motion was seconded by Maria.</li> </ul>
4.	Advisory Committee Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodations are still being arranged for the AB 1234 Ethics Training by Enrique. He will contact participants once it is set up.</li> </ul>
5.	Union Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aracely from SEIU2015 provided information on EPG distributions.</li> <li>1667 kits with masks and hand sanitizer were distributed in 2020.</li> <li>Since cases had increased, distributions were temporarily stopped. SEIU2015 was exploring other distribution methods with safety in mind.</li> <li>SEIU2015 was advocating for frontline workers as there are changes occurring with the new presidential administration.</li> <li>Negotiations were beginning soon for provider pay since the current contract will be ending in June 2021.</li> </ul>
6.	Public Authority Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccine appointments are now available for providers. They are being coordinated by Ventura County Public Health.</li> <li>Vaccine appointments are open to 75 and older, care providers, and most healthcare workers.</li> <li>Vaccine information is located at <a href="http://www.venturacountyrecovers.org">www.venturacountyrecovers.org</a>.</li> <li>Website provides FAQs and information on appointment availability.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The website changes daily and when additional vaccination sites are added.</li> <li>• County has plans to start a hotline.</li> <li>• Public Authority has experienced an increase of calls regarding vaccination appointments. General information has been provided and it is being advised to register for the vaccination notification emails.</li> <li>• Mailer from PA has been sent out to IHSS providers.</li> <li>• Providers can receive a vaccination by showing a paystub and their ids.</li> <li>• Public Authority is mailing a standard letter to providers. It will have their name, address, and will state that they are a provider for IHSS.</li> <li>• COVID sick leave claims were extended to March 2021.</li> <li>• Providers can claim one pay period. Medical proof is not required.</li> <li>• It was asked how recruitment for providers has been going. It was explained that it has been challenging. Recruitment efforts were done in October through social media and community partners. Provider activity remains about the same.</li> <li>• It was asked how group trainings were being conducted. It was explained that previously there were in person group orientations, but now they are being completed online.</li> <li>• It was asked if these changes have impacted the length of the hiring process. It has not and the delays experienced are primarily due to returned forms for missing information.</li> <li>• It was announced that Leticia Ortega is now the Public Authority Program Manager and no longer interim.</li> </ul>
7.	Next Meeting and Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda items can be emailed to Enrique Guevara.</li> <li>• The next meeting will be February 17th, 2021.</li> </ul>
8.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.</li> </ul>

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*Next meeting, February 17, 2021 will be via teleconference*

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*Minutes submitted by: Enrique Guevara*