

IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2021

3:00 p.m.

	Delfina Alvarez	X	Rosa Ortiz
X	Jacob Lesner-Buxton	X	Patricia Puentes
X	James Importante (CEO's Office)		Maria Alvarez
	Irma Nunez	X	Leticia Ortega (non-voting)
X	Ramon Ortiz	X	Aracely Preciado (non-voting)

Item #	Topic	Discussion
1.	Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regular meeting of the IHSS/Public Authority Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:03 p.m.
2.	Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was asked how someone can apply to be a provider for a family member with IHSS. This was being accomplished by mail and telephone as the Public Authority remains closed to the public.
3.	Read and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrique Guevara read the Advisory Committee Meeting minutes for 1/20/2021. • Ramon Ortiz moved to approve the minutes for 1/20/2021. The motion was seconded by Jacob Lesner-Buxton.
4.	Advisory Committee Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CEO's office has designated James Importante as the CEO designee for the IHSS PA Advisory Committee. This was his first meeting. • A notice went out to members who are due to complete a mandatory Sexual Harassment Training. • The Ethics Training is underway. It is being translated in Spanish to some participants and it is almost done. • A link to Fair Political Practices Training is to be emailed to interested individuals.
5.	Union Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aracely provided the update on SEIU2015. • 4,000 calls to congress have been completed in relation to President Biden's American Rescue Plan. • SEIU2015 members are making continued efforts to follow up with what was outlined in the President's care plan. • This is in the pursuit of longer term funding for Medicaid, training for home care providers, and better wages and benefits. • A survey was sent to members asking what their priorities are and to inform them that bargaining will be starting soon. • There will be a Community Planning Launch event soon which will invite community and allies to discuss bargaining.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bargaining team is being formed as bargaining will begin in mid to late April. • There is a We Can Do It campaign to normalize vaccines for care providers. • President April Verrett was interviewed on Good Morning America for the promotion of vaccination, emphasizing that it is safe and important.
6.	Public Authority Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was shared that Leticia Ortega is on COVID Response assignment, but is still involved with some Public Authority duties. The length of this assignment is unknown. • Yalitzza Pena is involved with the daily operations at Public Authority and is working together with Leticia Ortega. • The Public Authority has returned to its regular location after the flood that occurred in December 2020. • The Public Authority remains closed to the public and continues to provide services by phone and mail. Curbside appointments are available for gloves and masks for both IHSS recipients and providers. Appointments for Essential Protective Gear are every Tuesday and Thursday. • Public Authority has received a temporary supply of hand sanitizer and wipes from the state which are available to IHSS recipients and providers while supplies last. • There have been outreach efforts by Public Authority and IHSS for vaccinations for the recipients who are 75 and older. • The outreach was to coordinate appointments for vaccination at the client's residence so that they would not have to go to a vaccination site. • The PA and IHSS efforts completed 2200 calls in February 2021 with some individuals being scheduled for home vaccinations and others at county vaccination clinics. • On 2/3/21 CDSS provided communication of the stake holder meetings they had been hosting focused on Electronic Visitation Verification (EVV). These meetings were to discuss the implementation of a system to geo-track start and end times to meet Federal requirements. • Other options are being explored by CDSS so that the EVV requirement isn't as intrusive as what had been discussed previously. • Beginning the week of 3/15/21 the criteria for vaccination appointments has been modified to include all IHSS recipients, Tri-Counties, and Independent Living. • The state has sent a letter of eligibility to IHSS recipients 16 to 64 to receive the vaccine. • County efforts continue with scheduling appointments online or by phone at 805-477-7161 for those individuals who don't have internet access.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals who are eligible to be vaccinated and are in need of a home vaccination can call in to 805-477-7161 to request a home visit appointment for vaccination. • Leticia will follow up with admin to the question whether calls for vaccination appointments to IHSS recipients 16 to 64 will be made. • CDSS just approved payment to providers for medical accompaniment of IHSS recipients to their vaccination appointments. It will allow up to 2 hours per vaccination per IHSS recipient. • The claim form for this payment is being mailed to all IHSS recipients.
7.	Next Meeting and Agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda items can be emailed to Enrique Guevara. Please send items at 10 days prior to the next meeting. • The next meeting will be April 21st.
8.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Next meeting, April 21, 2021 will be via teleconference

Minutes submitted by: Enrique Guevara