

# IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Call-in Number: 805-947-0499

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	Delfina Alvarez	X	Rosa Ortiz
X	Jacob Lesner-Buxton		Patricia Puentes
X	James Importante (CEO's Office)		Maria Alvarez
X	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"> <li>The regular meeting of the IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:01 PM.</li> </ul>
2.	Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ramon expressed gratitude for IHSS and PA for improved response times for interviews for services.</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 4/21/2021.</li> <li>Jacob Lesner-Buxton approved the minutes and Ramon Ortiz seconded the minutes.</li> </ul>
4.	Advisory Committee Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously committee members had received notice to complete Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training.</li> <li>Public Authority provided accommodations for three Spanish speaking committee members.</li> <li>The three members have met their training requirements.</li> <li>An additional thank you was expressed to those who completed their trainings online.</li> </ul>
5.	Union Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The May budget revision proposed to eliminate the 7% reduction in IHSS service hours. This would result in a cost of hundreds of millions of general funds for 2022 and ongoing.</li> <li>Long Term Care career pathways in the May revision includes a one-time \$200 million to incentivize, support, and fund career pathways for IHSS providers. This will make a way for higher level jobs in the home health and health care industries.</li> <li>5/19/21 is National call in day. Union members are calling in to Congress. Members are calling to pass the American Jobs Plan which has \$400 billion for Long Term Care.</li> <li>The We Can Do It campaign continues to promote vaccine need and safety.</li> <li>506 letters have been sent to the Board of Supervisors by members for homecare providers in Ventura County.</li> <li>Aracely will provide to Enrique the letter template being mailed to county supervisors supporting home care providers. Enrique will provide to the letter template to advisory committee members.</li> </ul>

6.	Independent Living Resource Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A presentation on Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) was provided by Jacob Lesner-Buxton, Jaydon Gaines, Emily Bridges and Sandy Krietzberg.</li> <li>• ILRC promotes independent living and full access for people with disabilities. This is accomplished through advocacy, education, and action.</li> <li>• Services and assistance are provided free of cost. The criteria for receiving assistance is having a disability.</li> <li>• ILRC staff advocate for clients to receive resources for housing, IHSS, and other benefits. ILRC also advocates for equal rights for disabled individuals through legislation and policy making.</li> <li>• ILRC consists of 51% of staff and board members who have a significant disability. It is a peer run organization.</li> <li>• They provide personal assistant services. A registry is maintained for referrals.</li> <li>• ILRC provides support for housing options. They also provide support with referrals for housing services.</li> <li>• They assist individuals with locating needed assistance equipment or devices and funding for it.</li> <li>• They provide counseling and advocacy for benefits like SSI, SSDI, Medicare, and Medi-Cal.</li> <li>• ILRC also assists with applying for Medical Baseline Programs. obtaining personal protective equipment and disaster kits.</li> <li>• Alzheimer's information or brain injury assistance and resources are provided at (805) 290-4251.</li> </ul>
7.	Public Authority Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leticia has returned to the Public Authority fulltime. Her disaster services assignment has concluded.</li> <li>• Public Authority continues to provide Essential Protective Gear through its offices in Ventura and Simi Valley.</li> <li>• Appointments for Essential Protective Gear pick-up can be scheduled at the Public Authority provider line (805) 654-3416.</li> <li>• There isn't a date for Public Authority to re-open, but preparations are being made.</li> <li>• The phone number for individuals who need to make at home vaccine appointments has changed to (805) 477-7300. This is being completed with Area Agency on Aging.</li> <li>• The previous number (805) 477-7161 is no longer a working number.</li> <li>• Public Authority has been receiving and processing medical accompaniment claims. This is payment to providers for accompanying consumers to their COVID vaccination appointments.</li> <li>• Since March Public Authority has processed 464 medical accompaniment claims.</li> <li>• There's a new resource designed to help the Latino community understand the importance of mental and emotional wellness called Logrando Bienstar/Achieving Well-Being. It's is program that is part of VCBH. For further information please contact (805) 973-5220. They are available Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm.</li> <li>• Irma inquired on assistance with requesting a change in IHSS hours for a consumer. The max hours for cooking are too few and more are needed. Leticia will follow up with the IHSS manager to discuss this case.</li> <li>• Jaydon from Independent Living Resource Center offered to advocate for Irma's consumer with increasing her current cooking hours. Jaydon's phone number is (805) 290-4247.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was an inquiry from ILRC. They assist IHSS consumers with locating providers from the list of providers that is sent to them. It was inquired who to inform for feedback if providers are not returning calls or not keeping appointments with the consumer.</li> <li>• Leticia agreed that Public Authority needs to be aware of this information. She welcomes feedback for Public Authority. Registry providers sign an agreement to be actively involved. Daniel Aldrete Public Authority Social Worker will contact Jaydon for follow up on providers not participating or following through.</li> <li>• Ramon expressed gratitude for all the information provided during the meeting as he will be sharing it.</li> </ul>
8.	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 June 16th, 2021.</li> </ul>
9.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.</li> </ul>

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*Next meeting, June 16, 2021 will be via teleconference*

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*Minutes submitted by: Enrique Guevara*