

IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Call-in Number: 805-947-0499

Passcode: 343 400 178#

	Delfina Alvarez	X	Rosa Ortiz
X	Jacob Lesner-Buxton	X	Patricia Gamboa Puentes
	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"> The regular meeting of the IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:03 PM.
2.	Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patricia made an inquiry on special needs consumers who turned 18 years old are being required to have a conservator/have an AR/ or power of attorney. Leticia will follow up with IHSS on Patricia's inquiry. The follow up will be shared with the group. Jaydon from Independent Living Resources introduced Ella Moore who will be the new Community Living Advocate who will replace Jaydon after training.
3.	Read and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrique Guevara read the Advisory Committee Meeting minutes for 5/19/21. Ramon Ortiz approved the minutes and Patricia Gamboa Puentes seconded the minutes.
4.	Advisory Committee Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janie Whiteford, the president of California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA), was present during the meeting to discuss CICA, membership, training opportunities, and other benefits. CICA is formed for IHSS PA Advisory Committees of California. The benefits of joining and participating in CICA are attending the CICA monthly meetings, financial advisement, continued education, recruitment guidance, advice on how to interact with the union, and sharing experiences with other Advisory Committees. During these meetings there are discussions on legislative options being considered, how the budget will affect IHSS, discussing the master plan on aging, discussing what is occurring with the union, and what is being provided by the federal government for community based services. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of every month for 1 to 1.5 hours at 10 am. The annual membership fee is \$750.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leticia will provide Advisory Committee members' contact information to CICA so they can receive information on meetings. • A membership is not required to attend the monthly CICA meetings. Anyone can attend. • After Janie's presentation Leticia explained that for the time being executive order N-29-20 remains in place and state and local meetings can continue to be attended by teleconference. The executive orders issued by the governor, including the one allowing virtual public meetings, will be rolled back in phases to allow time to transition back.
5.	Union Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calls continue to be made to congress. • 6/16/21 was the call in day for providers to the state. • These calls were to advocate the passage of the American Jobs Plan which would provide 400 billion dollars to Long Term Care workers. There is another day being planned in July. • The next bargaining session will be 6/25/21.
6.	Public Authority Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state sent notices to providers not enrolled in direct deposit encouraging them to do so. • Beginning 7/1/2022 there will no longer be paper paychecks being mailed. • Pay Card vendors are being contracted by the state for providers who don't have a bank account. • If further information or assistance is needed providers can call 1 (866) 376-7066. • The benefit to this transition is that providers will receive payments sooner and the probability of checks being lost will reduce significantly. • The Human Services Agency generated automated calls to our vulnerable, elderly and disabled clients this week in advance of the expected heat wave. Calls were made to clients living in the inland areas: Simi, Moorpark, Fillmore, Piru, Thousand Oaks, Ojai and Santa Paula. The automated message included information on cooling centers in their area and were asked to contact their case manager/social worker if they needed further assistance. • It's important for community members to receive communication regarding events that can impact their health and safety. The county has a free program, VC Alert, where individuals can register to receive these notifications. Alerts can be sent to a person's home phone, cell phone, work phone, TTY device, email, fax or via instant messaging. Sign up at vcalert.org or call 805-648-9283. Please share with community members.
7.	Next Meeting and Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda items can be emailed to Enrique Guevara. • The next meeting will be August 18th, 2021.
8.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Next meeting, August 18, 2021 will be via teleconference

Minutes submitted by: Enrique Guevara