

IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Call-in Number: 805-947-0499

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	Delfina Alvarez	X	Rosa Ortiz
	Jacob Lesner-Buxton		Patricia Gamboa 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)
X	ILRC Kelly Kivlahan		

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 3:05 PM.
2.	Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee member James expressed gratitude to Independent Living Resource Center for assistance with resources during a time of need with his family.
3.	Read and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrique Guevara read the Advisory Committee Meeting minutes for 6/16/21. Committee members Ramon Ortiz approved the minutes and James Importante seconded the minutes.
4.	Advisory Committee Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been new developments with providers as a new Memorandum of Agreement was approved between Ventura County, SEIU2015, and providers. One important agreement was the approval of funds for training IHSS care providers. The intent of these trainings are to provide new opportunities, bridge the knowledge gap in some areas of experience, and enhance skills for IHSS providers in Ventura County. The Advisory Committee amongst other contributors will be participating in providing recommendations and input on this approved training(s). Existing and new providers will be able to benefit from these trainings. It was asked of the committee to identify ideas that would elevate provider skills. This topic would be revisited at the following meeting in September to allow committee members time to further consider training ideas. Committee member Ramon offered the idea of training for nurse related assistance. He experienced requiring wound care, but having limited assistance from nurses designated to visit him. Along with this Rosa, Ramon's wife, committee member, and Ramon's provider, in the absence of a nurse, would be administering various degrees of

		<p>treatment that would have benefited from training. Ramon related this type of training as something all providers would benefit from.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee member Irma identified training around meal preparation. Providing nutritious meals on a daily basis is important. With limited time for services this would be a beneficial training or skill to providers who don't provide care to family members. • Leticia asked the panel about CPR and first aid training. Members agreed that there would be value in this type of training. Ramon inquired if there were resources available to provide first aid kits to use out in the field, this would be looked into. Kelly added that ILRC has an emergency preparedness manager who can assist with creating an emergency evacuation plan. • Leticia also suggested a training on safe patient handling. Either by moving patients from their bed to standing or wheelchairs for assisted walking or bathing. • Kelly suggested a training focused on crisis management to provide emotional tools and resources to assist providers with handling episodic situations. • Leticia requested committee members explore additional training ideas, obtain input from providers and recipients they have contact with as this will continue to be discussed at the next advisory committee meeting in September. As committee members represent the community this is a great opportunity to give feedback on skills and experience providers will potentially be trained to have.
5.	Union Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are making calls to congress in relation to the Put Care First campaign which advocates for care givers. • SEIU2015 is urging all to vote no on the recall for the governor. A meeting was held in Oxnard that had 50 members participate. • Local negotiations have ended which resulted in a one-time \$250 payment to providers who were active between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021, three raises in three years ending with a pay of \$17.25 in 2023, and funding for Personal Protective Equipment.
6.	Public Authority Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MOA between Ventura County and SEIU2015 has been approved. It will cover from 2021 to 2024. • Public Authority reopened to the Public at both the Ventura and Simi Valley offices in early July. The public is receiving the services they were experiencing before the office closed. • The office opening was communicated to SEIU2015 and through the monthly provider newsletter. • Public Authority staff continue to practice safety by sanitizing work stations and adhering to precautions with interactions. • Question from committee member Irma regarding stipends was addressed. Stipends are not being issued while teleconferencing for advisory committee meetings. • In person advisory committee meetings will commence once the governor has declared the state of emergency with the pandemic done.

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 September 15th, 2021.
8.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Next meeting, September 15, 2021 will be via teleconference

Minutes submitted by: Enrique Guevara