

IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2022

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
	James Importante (CEO's Office)	X	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 3:05 p.m.
2.	Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no public comments.
3.	Read and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrique Guevara read the Advisory Committee Meeting minutes for 3/16/22. Committee Irma Nunez motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Committee Member Ramon Ortiz seconded the motion.
4.	Advisory Committee Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are two pending assembly bills that impact consumers and providers. As representatives and advocates for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) community Committee Members should be aware of these bills. <p><i>AB 1900 Medi-Cal: Income Maintenance Level</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This assembly bill relates to the income level for maintenance per month to be the same as the income limit for Medi-Cal without a share of cost for participants who are at least 65 years old or disabled. Committee Member Ramon requested further information on this bill to determine the necessary response for it as the bill's impact may be significant <p><i>AB 2262 IHSS Needs Assessment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An alternative annual reassessment process would be implemented that would allow consumers with stable needs to receive their reassessments by telephone, in-person, or by video. Consumers meeting the criteria of stable needs and having had their initial assessment completed would be able to select how their reassessments would be conducted. Committee Member Leticia is to gather information on both assembly bills and provide it to all Committee Members.

<p>5. Union Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Member Aracely Preciado provided the union update. • SEIU2015 is starting political work, canvassing by phone, and backing for local and state candidates. • SEIU2015 has been assisting Ventura County with outreach for trainings. • SEIU2015 will be conducting a PPE distribution at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center for IHSS providers. This distribution will be held on May 17th from 10 AM to 12 PM. • Additional dates and locations for SEIU2015 PPE distributions are being planned. • SEIU2015 will be starting their in-person member meetings. Dates and locations are forthcoming. • Committee Member Ramon Ortiz inquired on the union's involvement in regard to the pending Assembly Bills discussed earlier.
<p>6. Public Authority Update</p>	<p><i>Public Authority Office Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ventura and Simi Valley Public Authority lobby areas have been opened since 4/4/22. Business hours have resumed from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. <p><i>Training</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Authority conducted its first in-person training for providers on 4/19/22. The training was “Being a well-rounded provider.” • “Being a well-rounded provider” will be offered in Spanish the week of April 25th. • SEIU2015 has been assisting with communicating to IHSS providers the availability of these in-person trainings and the Zoom trainings with Independence at Home. • Information on these trainings has been communicated via the monthly Provider Newsletter. • Interested providers can contact Public Authority’s main line to register for the class they to register for. <p><i>Provider Registry and Outreach</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for registry providers continues. • Public Authority staff have been participating in outreach by going out to events in the community. • Public Authority welcomes outreach ideas/feedback for recruitment efforts. <p><i>Other Comments</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was clarified that the State is holding informational sessions for the Career Pathways initiative trainings. The State receives feedback from the attendees/shareholders at these meetings. • Meeting information on subsequent Career Pathways initiative informational sessions will be shared with Committee Members.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Member Ramon is to be contacted by Public Authority staff after the meeting to discuss his inquiries on entering start and end times for IHSS timesheet submissions. • Committee Member Ramon expressed concerns on provider participation in the IHSS program with the implementation of Electronic Visit Verification. The proposal to include GPS check-ins along with other factors, such as compensation, likely serve as challenges for potential workers. • Committee Member Maria Alvarez expressed the challenges of utilizing ETS/TTS to submit worked IHSS hours. It was specifically challenging with ETS' password change at the beginning of April. • Public Authority is open to assist providers in-person or by telephone for those individuals who require assistance with timesheets and/or the method they are utilizing to enter their time. • The goal is for Public Authority to bring back classes to assist with timesheet assistance. • Committee Member Irma is to be contacted by Public Authority staff after the meeting to discuss a question on withholdings.
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 May 18th, 2022.
8.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 P.M.

Next meeting, May 18th, 2022 will be via teleconference

Minutes submitted by: Enrique Guevara