

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 8, 2021 12:45 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting called to order at 12:48 p.m.			
A. Attendance			
Members		Excused Members	Guests
Rosemarie Bahmani Nadine Branch Marissa Chavez LaRue Fields Demra Henderson	Yolanda Ivy Shirley Owens Angela Vitucci Antonio Wilson		Sandra Castillo James Johnson Don Howard Deanna Jerauld Jacqueline Jackson
Alternates	AIS Staff	IHSS Public Authority	
	Elsa Caprioglio Deanna Jerauld Rick Domínguez	Thomas H. Johnson Diana Montellano	
Item	Outcome/Discussion		Action Items
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Done			
III. INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.			
IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Rosemarie asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Yolanda made a motion to approve the agenda, and Shirley seconded it— With eight votes motion carried.			
V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rosemarie asked for the review of September minutes; Nadine made a motion to approve the minutes with an amendment about the July minutes, seconded by Shirley. Motion carried unanimously.			
VI. CHAIR'S REPORT: Rosemarie reported on four items. She attended the C4A (California Association of Area Plans on Aging) where they talked about the Home and Community Based programs and the need for support. They also discussed technology on medical devices for caregivers and receivers and making medical appointments and virtual visits. 2. The committee has received a blurb in the AIS Newsletter, which will come out in November, highlighting the committee membership 3. 211 Program will present in November. If you have any questions, please send them to Diana. 4.- Rosemarie suggests that the Nominating Committee interview people even if no vacancy is available to have a broader pool of potential candidates for opening positions.			
VII. BOARD LETTERS (discussion and possible action): None			
VIII. REPORTS			
A. AIS Council	LaRue said speaker Eugene Welch from Alzheimer of San Diego gave an excellent presentation providing stats and other information; she will be a great speaker for this committee. In addition, they will have the Alzheimer's Walk on October 16.		
B. Membership Committee	Elsa announced that Maria was promoted outside IHSS, and in the meantime, she will be reporting on membership. IHSS is in the process of finding a replacement. Before Maria left, she and the nominating committee (LaRue and Nadine) had the opportunity to interview Dunstan Agbarakwe in which both agreed to recommend him for the committee. He		

	will be filling the consumer position that Yolanda has held. LaRue thanked Yolanda for her services.	
C. IHSS	Elsa reported that IHSS home visits resumed on October 1st. Twelve IHSS Social Workers have completed the Training Academy and the second wave of Social Workers is scheduled for October or November. Elsa introduced two Social Workers, Supervisors, Deanna Jerauld, and Rick Dominguez. They talked about their education and professional backgrounds.	
D. UDW	Sandra reported that San Diego UDW reopened their office this month and is seeing providers by appointment only. There is a Zoom meeting on October 28 th at 3:00 p.m. and the topic is Hispanic Heritage; guests of the conference are Supervisor Nora Vargas and the Mexican Consulate. UDW will have the last EPG (Emergency Protective Gear) distribution in San Diego County from November 1 – 4, 2021.	
E. CICA	Nadine reported on CICA and said that Karen Keeslar was the presenter, and she covered a lot of information. Karen talked about the tracking of EVV, the Brown Act, and about a bill on the Governor's desk to be signed (Bill AB361 regarding meeting remotely). In addition, Karen spoke about the Heroes Pay (from March 2020 – March 2021), which is a \$500 one-time payment as an incentive, and about AB172 regarding the training for Providers, which Thomas talked about; they were concerned about the Consumer training, but it did not pass. Nadine continued by saying Karen mentioned the backup system in which the State only allotted \$190,000 for Admin, will pay for two staff members for the entire State. She asked to keep an eye on Managed Care and talked about funding the State Budget and partnering with the new CAPA Director to increase the committee's funding.	
F. Public Authority	Thomas circled back on Nadine's CICA report and congratulated her. On Tuesday, Public Authority and Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer brought forward the letter regarding the IHSS caregiver crisis. The population is growing in terms of IHSS clients, and the caregivers are growing at the same rate. Public Authority, along with AIS, was asked to look into this matter. They have reached out to County Communication to do the retention part and a County Vendor to do the recruitment part. Thomas thanked UDW for their support at the Board meeting. He reminded the committee about the Provider Recognition Event occurring on November 19, 2021; Public Authority and UDW will co-host the event. This committee will have fifteen minutes presentation.	
IX. PRESENTATION (discussion and possible action)		
<p>HelderHelp of San Diego – Carrie McClellan presented ElderHelp Solutions for Living, a Nonprofit organization, and shared her agency's mission with the committee: To provide personalized services and information that helps seniors remain independent and living with dignity in their own homes. ElderHelp, with forty-eight years of service, has a team of 450 volunteers and 25 staff who keep the agency running. Their core services are Information and Referral Calls, Family Care and Support, Seniors a Go-Go, Care Coordination, and Housing Services. In addition, they are in a partnership with Alzheimer's San Diego and Southern Caregiver Resource Center. ElderHelp's phone number is (619) 284-9281. To volunteer, please register for an online orientation: http://www.bit.ly/Volunteer4EH.</p>		
X. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and possible action):		
<p>A. July 9, 2021, IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Minutes: The July minutes did not pass in August due to confusion with the CICA dues. Nadine made a motion to approve the July 9</p>		

minutes; LaRue seconded it. With seven votes and one abstention. **Motion Carried.**

B. **Advisory Board Sunset Review Report: Final Approval.** Thomas announced that he did an in-depth overview of the Sunset Review at the last meeting. He then shared his Zoom screen and pointed out three updates made to the document. Nadine made a motion to accept the Sunset Review with the three changes. LaRue seconded. With seven votes and one abstention. **Motion carried.**

C. **Fiscal Report:** Thomas went over the Fiscal Report and the \$6,000 budget allocated for this committee. He suggested having a Balance to Date document monthly; the committee agreed. ***Diana will ask the Fiscal Department to provide the report.***

D. **CICA Dues:** The CICA dues increased from \$500 to \$750. He explained that if all the stipends are processed every month, it would add up to \$5,400, and covering the CICA dues, their committee's budget would go over by \$150. He confirmed that Public Authority would cover this amount. Nadine made a motion to pay CICA dues, LaRue seconded it. With eight votes, **Motion carried.**

XI. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and possible action):

A. **Vaccine Mandate to All IHSS:** Thomas talked about the new Public Health Order. All IHSS Caregivers are mandated to be vaccinated, but neither the County nor the Public Authority enforces it. Instead, it is the Consumer, as the employer, who has to enforce this mandate or not.

B. **Teleconferencing Rule:** Rosemarie went over the new Teleconferencing Rule that affects the Brown Act and allows the committee to meet remotely via zoom. The committee will need to approve this rule each time. Thomas pointed out information in the AB361 Initial Resolution document and a copy will be made available to committee members. LaRue made a motion to accept the new Teleconferencing Rule, Shirley seconded. With eight votes, **Motion Carried.**

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

XIII. MEMBER COMMENT: Marissa shared a Department of Developmental Services document on the COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot. Shirley said that she wanted to invite a potential candidate to the committee. Rosemarie noted that the Zoom information is available to everyone. Shirley talked about alternates, and Rosemarie will look into the Bylaws.

XIV. NEXT MEETING AGENDA: 211 Presentation

XV. ADJOURNMENT: Rosemarie adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana Montellano.