

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 14, 2022, 12:45 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting called to order at 12:49 pm.			
A. Attendance			
Members		Excused Members	Guests
Rosemarie Bahmani Nadine Branch Marissa Chavez LaRue Fields Demra Henderson	Yolanda Ivy Shirley Owens Angela Vitucci Antonio Wilson		James Johnson Don Howard Jacqueline Jackson Tina Lemberg Letty Zuno Mariana Emele-Lopez Emilia - UDWA
Alternates	AIS Staff	IHSS Public Authority	
	Elsa Caprioglio	Thomas H. Johnson Diana Montellano	
Item	Outcome/Discussion		Action Items
II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM			
III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Done			
IV. INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.			
V. TELECONFERENCE RULE: Rosemarie read Government Code 4. LaRue made a motion to accept the teleconference rule. Nadine seconded it. Motion passed with one omission.			
VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Rosemarie asked for a motion to approve the agenda. LaRue made a motion to approve the agenda, and Shirley seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.			
VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rosemarie asked to review December's minutes; LaRue made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Yolanda. Motion carried unanimously.			
VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT: Report moved down to accommodate the Access to Independence Presentation. Rosemarie mentioned that she has signed up for the Library App of the City of San Diego Library and said that is an easy way to navigate and read the latest books. She also went over Governor's Budget, which includes an 8 percent increase in the IHSS program. She reminded the members to consider Committee's goals for next year. She heard from Consumers and Providers that creating a questionnaire on trends they are interested in. Rosemarie gave a shout-out to Nadine for her service to the Committee and for helping her.			
VII. BOARD LETTERS (discussion and possible action): None			
VIII. REPORTS			
A. AIS Council	LaRue said Council met last Monday, and the focus was on the Brown Act and the difference in teleconferencing. She also talked about two things Kim Gallo discussed: the Project Safe Transportation for older adults and technology for consumers. Thomas chimed in and confirmed that AIS has an initiative and created a survey for caregivers to identify their clients' computer or IT needs.		

B. Membership Committee	Elsa reported on Julie’s behalf and mentioned that one potential candidate had attended the last three meetings. Julie has reached out to this candidate, leaving a message and hopes that she can talk to him soon; a meeting will follow with the nominating Committee. Julie has also received a list from the Public Authority of fifty-seven people interested in the Committee.
C. IHSS	Elsa provided the IHSS update and said that the social workers are primarily teleworking and conducting phone and video assessments in January. The IHSS program has a high turnover rate and is hiring about fifteen new social workers in the coming month. In addition, Elsa presented two Social Worker Supervisors: Tina Lemberg and Mariana Emele-Lopez, from the Overland Office. Shirley asked about the number of Black Social Worker Supervisors interview candidates, and the reply was one.
D. UDW	Emilia announced that the Union is in the last stages of installing the Credit Union. UDW will continue with the EPG (Emergency Protective Gear) distribution, and she thanked the Public Authority for the joint effort. Emilia also said that they would have COVID kits available for their members.
E. CICA	No report
F. Public Authority	Thomas discussed the Governor’s Budget according to information he received from CAPA; he commented that \$18.5 billion was allocated for the IHSS program for 2022, including \$192 million in the General fund for 2021-2022 and \$399 million for 2022-2023; it reflects the increase of the minimum wage cost of the IHSS program. In San Diego County, the minimum wage is \$15 per hour, and the San Diego County hourly rate of the IHSS Caregiver is \$15.50, effective January 1, 2022. A permanent IHSS backup Provider system was allocated \$24.8 million by the State to avoid disruption to caregiving. Thomas also talked about the Committee’s annual review and report and said a meeting would be scheduled with the Committee members. The Committee’s agenda will change from Board Letters to Board Letters and Memos. Regarding COVID, Public Authority is looking into having individual training sessions, and large groups will move to virtual sessions. Finally, Thomas thanked UDW for elevating the continuance of the EPG distribution to the State level.

IX. PRESENTATION (discussion and possible action)

Access to Independence of San Diego, Inc. – Letty Zuno, Executive Director. - Letty introduced herself and noted that she has been working for Access to Independence for sixteen years. Access to Independence is a nonprofit center that serves people with disabilities for the counties of San Diego, Imperial, and Honolulu, making them one of the Nation’s largest Centers for Independence Living because of their large geographical area. Each office provides similar programs. Some of the available programs are the Housing Modification Program and Transition Program, which works with people from skilled nursing or acute care facilities transiting or being discharged into the community. The Diversion program is the opposite of transition. They try to divert people, preventing them from ending up in an institutionalized setting; most calls are about the Diversion program. She talked about their workshops on peer support, the Emergency Preparedness, and Independent Living trainings which are held

virtually. Staff recently are back into the office, not open for the public yet. Letty answered attendees' questions and provided the center's phone number (619) 293-3500, also their website www.accesstoIndependence.org and the general inbox info@accesstoIndependence.org.

X. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and possible action):

- A. **Fiscal Report:** Members viewed the Fiscal report, and LaRue thanked the PA staff for the additional information on the report.
- B. **Committee Goals Review:** Rosemarie highlighted two committee goals from the 2021 Annual Report; number two on AIS Outreach and Education and number five on members having adequate access to technology. Rosemarie discussed creating a survey on the Committee's technology needs.

XI. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and possible action):

- A. Election of Officers FY 2021-2022.- This item was brought up in preparations for future discussions.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT: A public member asked about the Committee's goals. Another public member suggested and shared information on a book titled "Being Human" by Judith Heuman.

XIII. MEMBER COMMENT: Nadine asked about the possibility of putting the Hero Program on the committee agenda to learn if past providers are eligible. She also asked how to publicize committee presenters (via newsletter, social media?), and finally mentioned the November 2022 meeting and the need to decide on a new date.

XIV. NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

XV. ADJOURNMENT: Rosemarie adjourned the meeting at 2:16 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana Montellano.