

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES/PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 9, 2022, 12:45 pm

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I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:47 pm.			
A. Attendance			
Members		Excused Members	Guests
Nadine Branch Yolanda Ivy Ethel Larkins Marissa Chavez	Erica McClure Angela Vittucci Antonio Wilson Rusty Krumm		Nicanora Montenegro Don Howard Chris Mendez Charles Kirtley Jacqueline Jackson Mary Langerfeld
Alternates	AIS/IHSS Staff	IHSS Public Authority	
	Elsa Caprioglio Aleyamma Thomas Charity Lerma Rick Domínguez	Thomas H. Johnson Diana Montellano Ana Molina	
Item	Outcome/Discussion		Action Items
II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Done.			
III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Done.			
IV. INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.			
V. TELECONFERENCE RULE: Nadine read the teleconferencing rule.			
VI. MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW: Nadine reviewed the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Meeting Code of Conduct.			
IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Nadine asked for approval of the agenda. Ethel motioned to approve. Antonio seconded it. Motion carried.			
VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nadine asked for approval of the minutes. Ethel motioned to approve. Antonio seconded it. Motion carried.			
VIII. CHAIR REPORT: Nadine recognized Diana Montellano for her service to the IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee and presented her with a certificate.			
IX. BOARD LETTERS (discussion and possible action): None.			
X. PRESENTATIONS (discussion and possible action): None			

XI. REPORTS	
A. AIS Council	Ethel reported that she attended the pre-conference Summit. Ethel attended the UDW Labor Council toy drive in Petco Park. Ethel also participated in the interview panel with Julie Lara and Erica McClure. She also attended the Career Pathways Forum and the UDW Appreciation Event at the Scottish Rite Center on November 17th. Ethel also participated in a Back-Up Provider Registry Information Session. She also attended a nutrition meeting on December 6 th . Ethel also participated in the Public Authority UDW provider recognition event via Zoom. She reported that the AIS Advisory Committee would be meeting next week.
B. Membership Committee	Elsa reported that there are currently two vacant positions, one as a community member and the second as a consumer. Interviews were held and there may be votes as soon as the next meeting. She reported that Antonio has agreed to continue attending meetings on a month-to-month basis. For the community member position, there will be an interview set up in the coming weeks. Ethel reported that she and Erica interviewed Charles Kirtley and they would like to recommend that the committee move forward with the vote. Nadine agreed to add the vote to the next meeting's agenda. Elsa provided information regarding the CHAT Program, CHAT stands for Connections Health Aging and Technology. It is a program that aims to reduce social isolation by providing eligible participants with an iPad with internet service for a limited time at no cost. This program is for older adults or adults with disabilities who would benefit from the program and meet the eligibility criteria.
C. IHSS	Elsa introduced two IHSS Supervisors. Rick Dominguez introduced himself as a social work supervisor. Aleyamma Thomas introduced herself as a social worker supervisor working out of the El Cajon office she reports to Elsa as a social worker trainer. Elsa announced that she will be stepping down from the committee. She introduced Charity Lerma who is a program support specialist. Charity will take over Elsa's role on the committee. Elsa expressed that she will continue to support the IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee, Julie, and Charity behind the scenes. Charity introduced herself; she has been with the county for nine years and she has a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology. She has worked with the county as a human service specialist determining eligibility for Calfresh, Medi-Cal, and CalWORKS. She then worked as an IHSS social worker for about three years, and as a supervisor for two years. She has been with program support for six months.
D. UDW	Chris reported that UDW was involved with the toy drive in Petco Park. On Thursday, December 15 th , the first bargaining session to negotiate a new contract for IHSS providers will take place. The last food distribution of the year will be on Friday, December 16 th . Food distributions will continue in the new year. PPE distributions are not going to be scheduled for the new year until a resource for supplies is found. Chris also announced that dues paid in 2023, will

	<p>be eligible to be reported for a tax credit of 33% percent back. Chris announced UDW will be closed from December 26th through the 30th.</p>	
E. CICA	<p>Nadine reported that CICA's Statewide Meeting was held on December 16th. They had HICAP present, Healthy Insurance Counseling Advocacy program, they provided information regarding Medicare. They advised consumers to review their medical bills to ensure they are not being charged for medical services that were not provided. They also discussed the price cap on insulin, which is now capped at \$35. CICA is dark in December and will resume meetings on the first Wednesday in January, that meeting will be a training meeting. Nadine invited committee members to participate in CICA functions, as members of the IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee qualify to participate in CICA through their membership.</p>	
F. Public Authority	<p>Thomas reported that the Public Authority participated in the UDW Provider Recognition event, they had a table and passed out 400 flyers to promote recruitment efforts. The Public Authority/UDW Provider Appreciation Event was virtual, there were more than 500 participants. It was organized in collaboration with UDW and featured a video message from Supervisor Nora Vargas. UDW has sent out surveys to participants who were requesting more information on the event. All Career Pathways online classes are filled. In January, Homebridge will go live and start offering additional online classes to off-load the demand. Thomas encouraged those who wish to participate in Career Pathways, to do so in person since those classes are exclusively for those local to San Diego, therefore they have more capacity. The Back Up Provider Program is in progress, it was scheduled to be implemented in October, and San Diego is in the process of working out the details to begin the process. Public Authority has been meeting with the County, and the Home and Community-Based Waiver Program to launch the program. The program is in its final stages of and includes creating a referral form. Thomas also reported that bargaining with UDW starts on December 15th, in hopes of establishing a new agreement with UDW. The current agreement is set to expire on December 31st. Nadine inquired about the status of working with TAP International- Training, Analytics, and Performance, Thomas explained that TAP is analyzing provider Recruitment and Retention, which is a board initiative. The first phase was to maximize the State funding match and that component has been completed. The second component is the recruitment and retention of caregivers, that report is currently in progress. Although the preliminary report reflects some new information, most of the details appear to indicate that our San Diego PA recruitment efforts are consistent with other PAs throughout the State. Recruitment and retention information was received feedback from other PAs, various community partners, County staff, and other stakeholders. The information from the report will go to the Board for review, then it will be released as</p>	

public information which can then be shared with the committee. The remaining components are community engagement and data framework. **Financial Report:** Thomas shared the current fiscal report with the committee. The purchase of the table and tablecloth for the committee are still pending.

XII. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and possible action):

- A. **Goals Review:** Goals were reviewed by Nadine. Nadine asked Thomas about the committee’s goal to create quarterly “Open Table Talks” and whether LA County has gotten back to us about the discussion. Thomas stated that members of the committee can be invited to discussions with Los Angeles County. Nadine asked committee members to explore the IHSS PA Advisory Committee website training videos and report back with feedback. Thomas added that links to the training are available on the IHSS PA advisory committee website as well as the State’s website. Nadine asked committee members to bring up any pieces of training that would fit within their budget. Nadine reminded members that there is an upcoming Disability Awareness training in January.
- B. **Posting Presentations and Meeting Materials to Website:** Item tabled.
- C. **Badges for Providers:** Thomas reported that the badges might be discussed in December during Union negotiations, however, he also reported that when he reached out to multiple Public Authorities the consensus was that they did not issue badges. Rissa shared other methods that providers can use as proof of employment, such as pay stubs. Erica shared that in her experience medical recommendations regarding the need for caregiver supervision can be issued.
- D. **Committee Bylaws:** Committee bylaws were reviewed by Marissa. Article 3. Section C-D, and F.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and possible action):

- A. **Teleconferencing for Board & Commission Meetings:** Nadine asked for a vote. **Motion Passed** with 8 votes. In favor of continuing to meet virtually.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT: A member of the public endorsed the vote and expressed that he is in favor of the meetings continuing virtually so that everyone can have the opportunity to attend. He also wanted to congratulate the Public Authority for their November newsletter, he said he enjoyed it and found it very comprehensive. He suggested that IHSS resource materials such as the CHAT flyers be added to the newsletter. Thomas explained the timeline for the newsletter and expressed that he will reach out to IHSS for next year’s newsletter. Charity explained that the CHAT program is through AIS. It is a grant program and the program availability might change next year. Another member of the public also communicated that she received the newsletter and enjoyed it, she said it provided her with the information to participate in today’s meeting.

XV. MEMBER COMMENT: Rusty suggested that the IHSS PA Advisory Committee and PA Outreach work together during community outreach events. Thomas agreed that it was a good idea, and he agreed to present that information to his outreach team. Ethel wanted to share that there’s a free event at Kimball Park tomorrow December 10th, from 2-9 pm, where there will be: a tree lighting ceremony, a Ferris wheel, performances, Santa’s workshop, a snow hill, and a car show. The event is free to attend. Rusty shared that he attended the LiveWell Conference at the convention center last Wednesday, and next Wednesday there will be a meeting regarding the BackUp Provider System (BUPS) that he will attend. He invited other committee members to attend if they would like more information on the program. Rusty also wanted to comment that he finds the CHAT program criteria very restrictive. Nadine wanted to share that she had the opportunity to attend the Central Region Health and Community Leadership Health and Wellbeing workshop last month., Their vision

statement is the Central Region will foster a community-oriented health ecosystem where people of all ages who live work and play in the central region is healthy, safe and thriving. Nadine brought the lack of providers to their attention. Rusty also wanted to comment on paper mailers being sent out to members. He wants to suggest sending digital copies instead. Nadine agreed to put it up for a vote at the next meeting. Rusty also wanted to suggest a profile-based job board for him to hire providers. Thomas explained that a portal has been suggested and at this time the technology may not be available, however, he is open to the dialogue and any suggestions from the committee.

XVI. NEXT MEETING AGENDA: To be determined.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: Nadine adjourned the meeting at 2:27 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ana Molina.