

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES/PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 9, 2023, 12:45 PM

COC- County Operations Center
5560 Overland Ave
3rd Floor, Joaquin Anguera Training Room
San Diego, CA 92123

Zoom Meeting:

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I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:47 PM.			
A. Attendance			
Members		Excused Members	Guests
In-Person Nadine Branch Marissa "Rissa" Chavez Erica McClure Ethel Larkins	Virtual Yolanda Ivy	Angela Vittucci	Jacqueline Jackson Charles Kirtley Ronald Bradford Anna Aslani Viri Salgado
Members	AIS/IHSS Staff	IHSS Public Authority	
In-Person Nicanora Montenegro Rusty Krumm	Charity Lerma Julie Lara Brenda Rubio Yoly Dayrit	Thomas H. Johnson Ana Molina	JoeAnne Randall
Item	Outcome/Discussion		Action Items
II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Done.			
III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Done.			
IV. INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.			
V. MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW: Rusty reviewed the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Meeting Code of Conduct. Article 3, Section E.			
VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Nadine asked for approval of the agenda. Ethel motioned to approve the agenda. Nicanora seconded it. Motion carried.			
VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nadine asked for approval of the minutes. Yolanda motioned to approve. Rissa seconded it. Motion carried.			
IIIX. BOARD LETTERS AND MEMOS: None			
IX. CHAIR REPORT: Nadine reported a special request for reasonable accommodations for Charles Kirtley. The request was taken to Thomas, who then consulted with County Counsel. County Counsel advised that Mr. Kirtley could continue to participate in meetings as a member of the public but not as a member of the committee until he attends in-person. Mr. Kirtley will not be able to vote or collect a stipend during the time he cannot attend in person. However, Mr. Kirtley will not be removed from the committee. Once he can attend in-person he can continue to serve as a member of the committee. Nadine also reported that she and Nicanora attended a community event in National City hosted by the Mabuhay Foundation on 5/27/2023. The mayor of National City and a council member were in attendance. Nadine shared that while she was at the event, she realized the committee needs business cards to pass out. She reached out to Ana and asked her to order			

them. Nadine said she received feedback from a consumer who attended the event; she told Nadine that thanks to the IHSS Program, she can be involved in the community.

X. PRESENTATIONS (discussion and possible action): Services and Overview (San Diego Resource Center) – JoeAnn Randall – Coordinator of In-Take Services: JoeAnn informed the committee that there are 21 Regional Centers located throughout the State. The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Act drives their services in California. It determines eligibility and what services to offer. She explained that Regional Center services are available to individuals over the age of three. The San Diego Regional Center (SDRC) is the second largest in the State, currently serving over 39,000. JoeAnn shared information regarding the California Early Start Program, a federally funded program for individuals ages zero to three years old. JoeAnn reviewed the definition of developmental disability, as stated in the Lanterman Act. She then went over what is considered a substantial disability. She explained a substantial disability requires training, support, and coordination of services to help individuals reach their full potential. The Regional Center looks at a substantial disability as it would relate to where they expect someone to be developmentally based on their chronological age. SDRC Services include: case management/service coordination, development of an individual program plan (IPP), behavioral consultation services, respite services, independent/supportive living services, licensed residential placement, adult day program services, employment services, mobility training, transportation services, nutritional services, and more. Individuals who can be referred for services include: a parent of a minor child or their legal guardian, also adult applicants over the age of 18, or their conservator. JoeAnn shared the contact number for the SDRC, 858-576-2938, as well as the website: www.sdrc.org.

XI. REPORTS

<p>A. AIS Council</p>	<p>Ethel reported that AIS will not meet until the following Monday, 6/12/2023. She also reported that there will be various Juneteenth events including one in the Chula Vista City Hall, which will be a flag-raising ceremony on 6/15/2023, at 2:15 PM. The other is by the Cooper Family Foundation on 6/17/2023 at Memorial Park. Nadine shared that the George Stevens Center is having a Juneteenth celebration on Monday, 6/19/2023. Ethel reported that she met with UDW regarding EVV and that the application is set to roll out on 7/1/2023. She shared that classes offering assistance for EVV are being provided by UDW and at County (Public Authority) sites.</p>	
<p>B. Membership Committee</p>	<p>Julie reported that the committee is still at one hundred percent in its membership. She also reported that two members are pending their ethics training. She agreed to follow up with those people after the meeting.</p>	
<p>C. Community</p>	<p>Nicanora reiterated that she attended an event with Nadine on 5/27 2023. She explained that the event was organized by the National Federation of Filipino American Association and the Mabuhay Foundation in partnership with the Pilipino Workers Center (PWC). The event was to honor the AAPI community members, and it was attended by 13 organizations. Organizations were able to share information on what services and resources they offer. The Filipino American Association for Developmental Disabilities distributed flyers for an event to the recipients of Regional Center services. The event will be held in-person and online. The purpose is to bring awareness to services that are offered at the Regional Center. Nicanora reported that several organizations have been calling legislators regarding SB686, the bill that includes domestic workers in CalOsha. She shared that PWC and</p>	

	<p>UDW have partnered to offer training to caregivers that may not fall under IHSS. This includes caregivers working in homes, that are privately paid, , and caregivers working in care facilities. She states that their purpose is to improve the level of care and to give caregivers a career path. The initial phase of the training, which includes an orientation, was conducted in Los Angeles. Another training will be conducted in San Diego on 6/10/2023. There will be a total of five bi-monthly sessions scheduled in San Diego.</p>	
<p>D. IHSS</p>	<p>Charity reported that she was promoted to a new position as a Human Services Program Manager. She mentioned that she'll continue supporting the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program. She shared that Elsa Caprioglio has also been promoted and is now the Chief of Agency Operations for Aging and Independence Services (AIS). Julie Lara is also now a Program Specialist. She emphasized that the program continues to grow, and they are continuously hiring to fill vacancies and new positions. She reported that the Tech2Connect program has been a success. So far, they have issued 23 iPads and there is a waitlist of about 108 individuals. She explained that the program also provides technical training, in addition to devices, and so far all training requests have been accommodated. Julie added that the training is both online and in-person, depending on the needs of the individuals. Thomas said he also attended the meeting, and there have been discussions about extending the program and devices to Registry caregivers. Brenda Rubio introduced herself and she is a Social Work Supervisor in the El Cajon office. Social Work Supervisor Yoly Dayrit introduced herself and she also works out of the El Cajon office.</p>	
<p>E. CICA</p>	<p>Nadine reported she attended the CICA Statewide Meeting and the CICA Advisory Committee Training. Erica and Yolanda also attended the Statewide Meeting. Erica reported that the meeting had a presentation on the California Collaborative Long-Term Services and Support (CCLTSS). Erica shared that the organization was founded in 2011, after the budget cuts. The organization was created to fill a void after the cuts when resources and services were discontinued. The vision of CCLTSS focuses on providing support to maintain the dignity, choices, and flexibility of aging and disabled adults. Erica explained that there is a master plan of 32 bills, created by the Department of Healthcare and Department of Aging, to continue to provide long-term care support for aging and disabled adults. CCLTSS mentioned that there was an opportunity to bring awareness of their services to people of color. They have noticed there is a lack of diverse populations that know that the services are being offered. Erica provided the website where more information on the master plan can be accessed: www.mpa.aging.ca.gov. Ana reported that she attended the CICA Training for Committees. She said they provided a lot of great information on how to increase member engagement and how to successful lead committees. She noted that this committee is very active, and Nadine contributed a lot of great suggestions to the conversation.</p>	

<p>F. Public Authority</p>	<p>Thomas reported that Albert “Bud” Sayles, who was the first employee of the Public Authority and first Executive Director, passed away on Friday, 5/26/2023. He shared a message that was posted on the Public Authority Facebook Page and Instagram account. The message outlines Bud’s contributions to the Public Authority, his time as Executive Director of Access to Independence, as well as work in providing access to services for community members with disabilities. As an IHSS recipient himself, Bud had firsthand experience with the program. He was an advocate for most of his life. He fought for legislation that now benefits low-income seniors and people with disabilities. On a personal level, Bud understood the value of IHSS Caregivers. He had a great deal of empathy for IHSS recipients. He has left a long-lasting legacy within the Public Authority and throughout the State of California. Thomas shared with the committee that a Celebration of Life will be held for Bud, at the Galley in Chula Vista. Thomas will share additional information about the event with the committee for those that would like to attend. Nicanora said that Bud was very supportive of the committee during her time as the chairperson. She requested a moment of silence to honor Bud during the meeting.</p> <p>Budget hearing: Thomas reported that the budget hearing will take place on Monday, 6/12/2023, at 9 AM. There will be a second session on Thursday, 6/15/2023, at 5:30 PM, They will both be held at the downtown at the County Administration Center. People can participate in various ways, including online or in person, and the hearings will also be televised.</p> <p>Career Pathways: Thomas reported that Career Pathways has been a big success for caregivers and the Public Authority. To date, there is a monthly average of 166 participants and a total of 1,329 enrollees since October 2022. Last year the average was approximately a quarter of that total for training. Paid training has incentivized a lot more individuals to participate.</p> <p>SDSU Partnership: Thomas informed the committee that the Public Authority has partnered with SDSU to provide similar training to Career Pathways. He informed the committee that he will be sending out more information about the program. The program officially began on June 1, 2023. Within the partnership, there is also support from the Glenner Center, Determined Health, and Stepping Higher. Each agency is assisting with caregiver recruitment for the program as well as the caregiving industry in general. Thomas said that this partnership with SDSU will allow access to their large network and will help with caregiver recruitment and retention.</p> <p>Financial Report: Thomas reviewed the budget with the committee. He informed the committee there are some items they have requested still have the payments pending, such as the tablecloth, the tent, and business cards. He said the CICA dues will be deducted from the next fiscal year’s budget due to the membership invoice being for the next fiscal year. He informed the committee that he would be resending the guidelines for how to spend the committee funds. The balance remaining after June stipend payments will be approximately \$1,500.</p>
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XII. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and possible action):

- A. **Goals Review:** Nadine proposed a new goal for FY23-24. The goal was to – Bring the Department of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) and Home Community Base Services (HCBS) to the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee table on an ongoing basis. This will help the committee stay informed of processes and changes to programs related to those specific programs. Erica and Nicanora both agreed that there has been a disconnect in partnering DDS, HCBS, and IHSS. Nicanora added that she believes that IHSS should partner with an organization that caters to recipients who have mental health disabilities as well. The committee agreed to make that partnership one of their goals. Yolanda motioned to approve the new goal. Rissa seconded.
Motion passed with 6 votes.
- B. **Art Design for Committee Tablecloth and Items for Outreach:** Ana presented the design that will be used on the tablecloth and other items for outreach. After discussing the logo, Nadine proposed a vote to move forward with the proposed design. Ethel motioned the vote. Yolanda seconded. **Motion passed with 6 votes.**
- C. **AB817:** Nadine informed the committee the bill is on hold until 2024, and Nick Macchione has retired as the Agency Director. Once the new Interim Agency Director, Dr. Eric McDonald, has settled into his new role, the committee will notify him of their stance through a letter of support. The item has been tabled until that time.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and possible action):

- A. **Elections:** Rissa read Attachment A Article 5 on the Bylaws. The committee discussed elections, and they voted to hold off on votes until they had a better understanding of the bylaws. Yolanda motioned the vote. Rissa seconded it.
Motion passed with 6 votes.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ana from Public Authority informed the committee that it was Executive Director Thomas H. Johnson’s 19th anniversary at the Public Authority.

XV. MEMBER COMMENT: Ethel wished everyone a Happy Father’s Day and Happy Juneteenth.

XVI. NEXT MEETING AGENDA: July 14, 2023

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: Nadine adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ana Molina.