

**IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES/PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**December 8, 2023, 12:45 PM**

**COC- County Operations Center**  
**5560 Overland Ave**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 171**  
**San Diego, CA 92123**

**Zoom Meeting:**

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<b>I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:58 PM.</b>			
A. Attendance			
Members		Excused Members	Guests
Nadine Branch Erica McClure Angela Vittucci Ethel Larkins	Nicanora Montenegro Yolanda Ivy Rissa Chavez		Ronald Bradford Smith Sirisakorn
Absent	AIS/IHSS Staff	IHSS Public Authority	Guest – via Zoom
	Charity Lerma Wendy Garcia Kelly Auimatagi Vosa Alejandra Quinonez	Thomas H. Johnson Ana Molina Elisia Garcia	Kim Rothschild Charles Kirtley
Item	Outcome/Discussion		Action Items
<b>II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Done.</b>			
<b>III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Done.</b>			
<b>IV. INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.</b>			
<b>V. MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW: Erica reviewed the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Meeting Code of Conduct.</b>			
<b>VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ethel motioned to approve the agenda. Nicanora seconded it. Motion carried.</b>			
<b>VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nadine requested approval of the minutes pending a correction to excuse Rissa Chavez from the last meeting. Nicanora motioned to approve. Yolanda seconded it. Motion carried.</b>			
<b>IX. CHAIR REPORT: Nadine said she attended the Central Region Leadership meeting. Nadine said a job fair was discussed during the meeting, and mentioned that the Public Authority should consider attending. Nadine said the Personal Assistance Service Council(PASC) had a meeting on 11/15/2023, and they are working on a Consumer manual. It will include guidance on the interview and hiring process.</b>			
<b>X. PRESENTATIONS (discussion and possible action): No Presenter.</b>			

<b>XI. REPORTS</b>	
A. AIS	Ethel said she attended the CICA Southern Region conference held via Zoom. Ethel reported that she also attended the UDW Provider Recognition event. She said there were many vendors and committee partners, including the Public Authority who had information on Career Pathways and sick leave. She said 2-1-1 was also in attendance, they shared information on low-cost internet, SDGE discounts, Amazon Prime discounts, and more. Cal-Fresh was also in attendance. She also reported that Rebuilding Together would be hosting a Toy Drive.
B. Membership Committee	Charity reported that there are three vacancies on the Advisory Committee, two for consumers and one for a provider. She said she would be connecting with members who have ethics training pending. Charity said a recruitment advertisement for the vacant committee positions will be added to the next AIS Newsletter. In-person Ethics Training will be hosted before the committee meeting in January.
C. IHSS	Charity reported that AIS has hired two new social work supervisors and admin support staff. Charity introduced social work supervisors Kelly Auimatagi Vosa and Alejandra Quinonez.
D. Community Report	Nicanora reported that as president of the Filipino American Association for Developmental Disabilities, she is encouraging the use of external resources. She said they plan to bring speakers to present information on resources, such as IHSS and Public Authority. She said there has also been a focus on long-term support services for clients and caregivers. Nicanora said that on 12/10/2023, there will be a Christmas celebration hosted by the Filipino American Association. Nicanora said caregivers should be given more support and benefits, she asked Public Authority if they could provide that. Thomas responded that UDW has funding that they can utilize for benefits. She said that she would like the committee to organize a legal presentation about conservatorships and power of attorney.
E. CICA	Nadine reported that CICA had their Statewide meeting in November. She said there was some discussion surrounding the HCBA waiver. DRC will be advocating to extend their capacity since there are 60,000 people on the waiting list. Nadine said they are working on advocating for additional wages for providers for services for consumers, including socialization for people to read mail for individuals who are visually blind, and paramedical services. CICA had a training on 12/5/2023, and Edith Gong, the new CAPA President, was in attendance. Nadine thanked those who participated in CICA's Southern Region Conference, where she and Thomas presented. She commended San Diego for their participation and their good standing throughout the State. She mentioned that the Brown Act has affected committee participation throughout the region. She reminded the members that CICA will be going dark in December. CICA meetings will resume for their Statewide meeting on 1/17/2024.

F. Public Authority	Thomas thanked Nadine and Nicanora for participating as presenters at the Annual Public Authority IHSS Provider Recognition event. He said the event had 447 participants who joined to listen to various presentations. He reported that provider wages will increase to \$18.50, starting 1/1/2024. Thomas said there are a total of 1,927 providers on the Registry, which is an increase of 26% from 2021. He said Ana Molina was the Public Authority employee of the month. Thomas also announced that he was elected to be the President-Elect of CAPA. Thomas reported that information will be sent out soon regarding the next Public Authority Small Talk session for providers. Thomas reviewed the committee's financial report.
<b>XII. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and possible action):</b> <b>A.</b> Committee Budget – A meeting with the Los Angeles Advisory Committee is pending. <b>B.</b> Bring the California State Council for Developmental Disabilities (SDCDD), San Diego Regional Center (SDRC), and Home Community Base Services (HCBS) to the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee table on an ongoing basis. – Ana said she will be sending a follow-up email to request participation.	
<b>XIII. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and possible action):</b> <b>A.</b> Committee Stipends – The committee voted to increase the stipend from \$50 to \$100 since it hasn't increased in many years, pending approval from the County fiscal. Ethel motioned the vote. Rissa seconded it. <b>Motion carried.</b>	
<b>XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT:</b> No public comment.	
<b>XV. MEMBER COMMENT:</b> Nicanora said she received a complaint from a caregiver about a social worker who was not courteous when they were asked a question about a consumer. Nicanora recognized a specific social worker for her good work with her clients. Rissa said Gigi's playhouse would be having a walk on Saturday. Ethel wished everyone Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings.	
<b>XVI. NEXT MEETING AGENDA: 1/12/2024</b>	
<b>XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM</b>	

Minutes prepared by Ana Molina & Thomas H. Johnson.