

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES/PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 9, 2024, 12:45 PM

South Region Live Well Center
401 Mile of Cars Way
2nd Floor, Training Room 2086
National City, CA 91950

Zoom Meeting:

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I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:46 PM.			
A. Attendance			
Members		Excused Members	Guests
Nadine Branch Erica McClure Angela Vittucci Ethel Larkins	Yolanda Ivy Rissa Chavez	Nicanora Montenegro	Ronald Bradford Smith Sirisakorn Blanca Paulin
Absent	AIS/IHSS Staff	IHSS Public Authority	Guest – via Zoom
	Charity Lerma Abigail Salud Joy Polanca Jill Dockler	Meredith McCarthy Alejandra Esquivies Ana Molina Elisia Garcia	Charles Kirtley Melissa Barling Tanika Edwards Kim Rothschild – CAPA Judith Benson-Wagner Trang Pham – UDW Jane Settle
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: Ethel reviewed the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Meeting Code of Conduct.			
VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ethel motioned to approve the agenda. Yolanda seconded it. Motion carried.			
VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Angela motioned to approve. Erica seconded it. Motion carried.			
IX. CHAIR REPORT: Nadine reported that she volunteered to help those affected by the floods at the Jackie Robinson YMCA. She encouraged members to volunteer. Nadine said she attended an informational hearing on Environmental Health in Urban Communities. The hearing focused on environmental issues as a social determinant. The recording of the meeting is available online. Nadine said there is an informational documentary by PBS available online titled, “We are All Plastic People.”			

X. PRESENTATIONS (discussion and possible action): California Association of Public Authorities for In-Home Supportive Services (CAPA), Kim Rothschild, Executive Director: Kim Rothschild reviewed several bills that she has determined may be of interest to those who are part of the IHSS Program. Kim reviewed the following bills :

- AB 365 (Medi-Cal: diabetes management)
- AB 817 (Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body)
- AB 1588 (Affordable Internet and Net Equality Act of 2024)
- AB 1906 (Persons with disabilities: terminology)
- AB 1813 (Senior Tenant Shallow Rental Subsidy Program of 2024: housing grants)
- AB1968 (CalFresh: enrollment for senior citizens).
- SB 37 (Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act)
- AB 1788 (Mental health multidisciplinary personnel team). This bill would authorize counties to establish mental health multidisciplinary personnel team, as defined, to facilitate the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of justice-involved persons diagnosed with a mental illness to supportive services within that county while incarcerated and upon release from county jail and to allow provider agencies and members of the personnel team to share confidential information, as specified, for the purpose of coordinating supportive services to ensure continuity of care.

Kim informed the committee that the bills and information are available on the CAPA website at <https://www.capaihss.org/advocacy/>. The site is updated regularly to show the current status of the bills.

XI. REPORTS

A. AIS	Ethel said she attended the annual walk with UDW at Martin Luther King Jr Park. She said she attended CICA training. She informed the committee that Career Pathways will be extended 9/30/2024. She said she attended a prayer breakfast at the City College gym. As part of the Nutrition Committee, she attended a tour at Jewish Family Services on Balboa. She said the services offered by Jewish Family Services include, groceries, and food distributions, and they can also process and assist with Cal-fresh applications. Ethel said the Nutrition Committee wants to request that their next meeting be held at the George Stevens Center in Encanto. The next meeting will be held in Imperial Beach.	
B. Membership Committee	Charity reported that there are three vacancies: two consumers and one provider. She said all committee members are up-to-date on Ethics training.	
C. IHSS	Charity reported that IHSS has been providing services to those affected by the floods at local assistance centers. 1375 households were assisted. Charity introduced social work supervisors Jill Dockler and Joy Polanco. She also introduced program manager Abigail Salud.	
D. UDW	Trang reported that they are supporting providers who were displaced by providing food, jackets, and hotel stays. She said those items are being provided at the Ramada Inn in National City. UDW will be providing tax training and assistance at 4855 Seminole Dr, San Diego, CA 92115. More information is available on their website.	

E. CICA	Nadine said she attended the Executive Committee meeting. She said the North Counties are looking to have a conference similar to the Southern Region Conference. However, there are ten counties without advisory committees. Erica reported that she attended the CICA training regarding the Managed Care Act, which includes an increase of funding for Medi-Cal, and expanding eligibility to those who are eligible regardless of immigration status. Ethel said she attended the CICA meeting, where there was a presentation by CA4SSI. They are working towards increasing the SSI/SSP grants to 100% of the federal poverty level over three years and providing an ongoing cost of living adjustment.	
F. Public Authority	Meredith reported that the Public Authority completed their bi-annual customer satisfaction survey in January. The results were 99% in overall satisfaction, and 94% percent of those surveyed were satisfied with the wait time. She said BUPS (Back-up Provider System) referrals have been increasing, there were a total of 529 referrals in 2023, with a 70% match rate. In December there were 85 referrals, and in January 2024, there were 66 referrals. Meredith also reported that in 2023 there were a total of 2,389 one-on-one electronic timesheet trainings. She said the current time to enroll as a provider is thirteen days.	
XII. OLD BUSINESS (discussion and possible action): A. Committee Budget – The committee would like to draft a letter to the county to use budget funds to cover snacks and refreshments for meetings. In support of the request, Erica reviewed the OMB (A-87) with the committee. She reviewed section 14 regarding entertainment and section 27 regarding meetings and conferences. She said under section 27 there is a potential allowance for meals. Erica said as an alternative she would investigate what is needed to set up a donation “sunshine” fund for the committee. 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. – Nadine reported that the San Diego Regional Center will be joining the committee meetings every quarter. She said the San Diego Council for Developmental Disabilities does not have an employee who can participate at this time.		
XIII. NEW BUSINESS (discussion and possible action): A. Committee Events: The committee gathered a list of events they are interested in participating in. They voted to approve the payment for a table at the Copper Family Foundation Juneteenth event. Ethel motioned. Rissa seconded it. Passed with 5 votes.		
XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT: A member of the public thanked the committee for the great information they provided. She said she is planning to become a US citizen and to be more involved in the community.		
XV. MEMBER COMMENT: Ethel reminded the participants that February is Black History Month. Erica said she would like to see more presentations about SSI, WIPA (Work Incentives, Planning and Assistance) and disability rights.		
XVI. NEXT MEETING AGENDA: 3/8/2024		

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM

Minutes prepared by Ana Molina, Elisia Garcia & Meredith McCarthy.