



IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES/PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 9, 2026, 12:45 PM

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:48 PM.			
2. Attendance			
Members		Absent Members	Guests
Yolanda Ivy Angela Vittucci Blanca Paulin Nicanora Montenegro	Cindy Greatrex	Sabrina Bishop	Nadine Branch Cesar and Purita Javier
Members via Zoom	AIS/IHSS Staff	IHSS Public Authority	Guest – via Zoom
Charles Kirtley Russell Evans	Abigail Salud Gilberto Contreras-Morales Ann Rossi	Meredith McCarthy Denise Bernal Leonardo Madrigal	Lan Chung Melissa Barling
3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Done.			
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Done.			
5. INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.			
6. MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW: Cindy reviewed the code of conduct.			
7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Yolanda motioned to approve the amended agenda, and Cindy seconded. Motion Passed.			
8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Blanca motioned to approve the amended minutes; Yolanda seconded. Motion passed.			
9. CHAIR REPORT: None.			



10. REPORTS		
A. Aging & Independence Services (AIS) Advisory Council	No updates.	
B. Membership	Gilberto is speaking with an interested recipient who is passionate about IHSS and Public Authority. He says he will continue to follow up and provide any new updates. Gilberto has also received an update from a former member, whom he will contact to see whether he is interested in returning, as he is now eligible.	
C. IHSS	Abigail shared that there are no vacancies for social workers. She says there is one vacancy for a Social Work Supervisor, which they hope to fill, and that they will have another vacancy for a Social Work Supervisor towards the end of March. Abigail shared that they have an upcoming training for social workers with the Public Authority in January 2026. She introduced supervisor Ann Rossi.	
D. Community Report	Nicanora shared that she attended the Christmas party hosted by the Filipino American Association for Developmental Disabilities on 12/21/25, which drew more than 200 attendees. She noted that many talents were showcased, including singing and dancing.	
E. UDW	No updates.	
F. California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA)	Nicanora reported that they spoke about the purpose of the advisory committees and the need to improve communication with the Board of Supervisors. Nadine noted that not all counties have advisory committees and that CICA is working to support them.	
G. Public Authority (PA)	Meredith explained that, because the IHSS/Public Authority Committee is state-mandated, it is not eligible to meet fully remotely under the new Brown Act SB707. She shared that the Public Authority will participate in a training course for IHSS social workers to clarify the PA's role and responsibilities. Meredith shared the updated financial report. She also shared that Thomas H. Johnson, PA Executive Director, sends his apologies for his absence from this meeting. Meredith explained that he attended an off-site HHSA Executive Management Retreat. She also thanked Nicanora and Angela for participating in the Public Authority's All Staff Meeting, where they shared their personal experiences. Meredith noted that Angela emphasized the importance of quality-control checks for caregivers and explained that the County has a Program Integrity Department that conducts inspections at recipients' homes. Abigail explained that this department completes unannounced inspections at recipients' homes. Meredith shared that the new wage rate for	



IHSS caregivers is \$19.40, effective 1/1/26. It will increase to \$20.40 on 3/1/26 under the agreement with UDW, and to \$21.40 on 3/1/27. She also shared that the Public Authority will change terminology in paperwork and employee position titles, referring to IHSS providers as “caregivers” and consumers as “recipients” to improve understanding. Meredith shared that a new wellness program for caregivers is in development, with support from two SDSU interns.

11. Old Business (discussion and possible action):

- 1. Propose suggestions for the 2026 IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Meetings** – Blanca shared that she would like in-person presentations. Cindy suggested asking whether someone on the advisory committee could serve as a liaison to UDW to provide written reports to the committee, so regular updates can be shared even if the representative is absent. Nadine suggested a town hall meeting where recipients can interact with the advisory committee and share their IHSS concerns. Melissa suggested contacting the San Diego Center for the Blind to request a presentation, and she would email Denise their contact information. Charles mentioned that the IHSS does not provide a designated time for reading and processing mail. Abigail clarified that there is a section of hours called “other errands” where these items can be used to be covered. Nicanora shared that she would like more recipient-focused presentations, such as equipment training and guidance on how to monitor for mold in the home, and suggested that UDW provide an overview and clarification on what the union does. She also suggested that the PA could reach out to someone in AIS to bring an overview presentation. A subcommittee for the town hall meetings was formed, which includes Cindy as Chair, Yolanda as Vice-Chair, and Nadine as a member.
- 2. Discuss Parliamentary Training Options** – Denise shared she reached out to several parliamentarians who offer training in person and live training online, but is waiting to hear back from them. She shared with the committee the rates for one of the potential training courses, as that information was available online. The committee requested that this item be added to the next agenda pending a response.

New Business (discussion and possible action): None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: Nadine shared that although she is no longer a member of the advisory committee, she is of service and willing to help with anything. Cesar says he is thankful to attend the meetings with his wife, for whom he is also a caregiver. He is thankful for the committee Chair's leadership. Cesar says he doesn't understand why he must fill out time sheets for caring for his wife, as he would rather not. Nicanora explained that it helps with proper record-keeping. Blanca emphasized that he could call the Public Authority for training on the timesheets.

14. MEMBER COMMENT: Charles said the timesheets are a new and improved system.

15. NEXT MEETING AGENDA: 2/13/2026



16. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM

Minutes prepared by Nicanora Montenegro, Meredith McCarthy, Denise Bernal, and Leonardo Madrigal