



IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES/PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 13, 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
Nicanora Montenegro Angela Vittucci Blanca Paulin Cindy Greatrex	Yolanda Ivy		Nadine Branch Ethel Larkins
Members via Zoom	AIS/IHSS Staff	IHSS Public Authority	Guest – via Zoom
Russell Evans Charles Kirtley	Abigail Salud Gilberto Contreras-Morales Julie Lara Xayeli Castillo Galen Rowe	Thomas H. Johnson Denise Bernal Leonardo Madrigal	Melissa Barling Lan Chung Don Howard
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 Angela seconded. Motion Passed.			
8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Angela motioned; Blanca seconded. Motion passed.			
9. CHAIR REPORT: Nicanora shared that she is assisting with the organization of a UCSD student event on 4/7/26, where students invite candidates and political leaders to speak in a personal setting about various topics. She said these leaders are actively advocating for services that affect the community, which could lead to their involvement in IHSS.			



10. Presentation: In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Overview by Julie Lara. Julie provided an overview of the IHSS program, highlighting its goal of enabling eligible recipients to remain safe in their homes and avoid out-of-home placement. She shared that the program serves low-income individuals aged 65 or older, and those who are blind or disabled and require assistance with daily tasks. Julie explained that IHSS pays an eligible caregiver to help with tasks the individual cannot do independently. She shared that in San Diego, there are almost 46,000 caregivers serving over 49,000 recipients, with that number growing every day. Julie shared the updated options and criteria for telehealth reassessments, as well as a new contracted agency, Griswold Home Care, for urgent and temporary services. She also covered the IHSS application process, the role of social workers, and information about the Public Authority and the training and assistance they provide to IHSS caregivers.

11. REPORTS

A. Aging & Independence Services (AIS) Advisory Council	Updates pending the selection of an AIS Advisory Council being selected as the new replacement for Sabrina Bishop.	
B. Membership	Gilberto shared that he is seeking assistance in finding a replacement for an AIS Advisory Council liaison to bring reports to the IHSS/Public Authority Advisory Committee meetings (due to Sabrina Bishop's resignation from this position). Gilberto said that an email was sent to IHSS supervisors and social workers asking them to obtain a list of recipients they work with who would be interested in joining the committee.	
C. IHSS	Abigail asked Julie to share regarding the presentations she has given at different senior apartment complexes and other outreach efforts. Julie also shared that supervisors attended a training with investigators from the Bureau of Public Assistance Investigation Department (BPAI) to learn about the process of fraud investigations involving the IHSS program. Abigail reported that there will be a couple of social worker vacancies. She shared that a new social worker supervisor began on 3/6/26, and another supervisor will begin on 4/3/26. Abigail shared that AIS was recognized for 99.96% timely processing in the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year. She also said that they are celebrating Employee Recognition Month by holding events in different regions to recognize the hard work their staff has done. Abigail introduced two supervisors: Xayeli Castillo and Galen Rowe.	
D. Community Report	Nadine said she took some of the Advisory Committee's brochures to share at the Central Region Leadership meeting she attended last month to help spread awareness about the committee and the IHSS program.	
E. UDW	No updates.	



<p>F. California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA)</p>	<p>No updates.</p>	
<p>G. Public Authority (PA)</p>	<p>Thomas shared a letter from the California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) expressing concern about the Governor’s proposed budget cuts and their effect on the IHSS program, including the Back-up Provider Services (BUPS) program. He mentioned the letters can be sent opposing the cuts as an individual, as opposed to doing so on behalf of the entire Advisory Committee, to CAPA by their deadline of 3/15/26. Thomas thanked Nicanora for attending the Health and Human Services Board Chair Meeting on 3/9/26. He also reported that the Public Authority team will meet with the AIS team on 3/20/26 to discuss the Town Hall Report that the subcommittee provided. Thomas shared that the PA team attended a Labor Management Committee meeting with UDW and County staff on 3/4/26, noting that UDW shared they are actively working to reduce the current health benefits waitlist. He also shared that he will be attending the IHSS Advocacy and Community Summit on 6/5/26 in Los Angeles, and provided flyers for the event. Thomas reviewed the Advisory Committee’s financial report.</p>	
<p>12. Old Business (discussion and possible action):</p> <p>A. Committee Events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health & Wellness Fair, National Federation of Filipino American Associations, and the Buy Filipino Network: Nicanora shared that the new date for the event will be on 4/18/26 at Kimball Park in National City from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM and invited the committee members and the Public Authority to hold a joint booth at this event. 2. Abilities Expo – Los Angeles (3/27/26 – 3/29/26). Vote on Sending Third Committee Member: Yolanda Ivy. Yolanda motioned. Blanca seconded. Motion Passed. <p>B. Vote on which Parliamentary Training Option is to be scheduled: Denise explained the options available and pricing. The committee members discussed that they would like the training to take place on 6/12/26 at 11:00 AM. Denise will reach out to the trainer and confirm availability. Yolanda motioned. Blanca seconded. Motion Passed.</p> <p>C. Status of the Town Hall Subcommittee – Cindy Greatrex: Cindy shared that she is awaiting information back from the Public Authority. Thomas said more information will come after the upcoming meeting with AIS staff on 3/20/26, and he will provide an update at the next Advisory Committee meeting.</p>		
<p>New Business (discussion and action): None.</p>		



13. PUBLIC COMMENT: Don thanked Denise for contacting him for his information to send him the CAPA letter. Melissa shared that she was excited to learn that, as a UDW member, she can receive a free \$20,000 Term Life insurance benefit through Walker Insurance. She reiterated that this is for UDW members who are In-Home Support Services Caregivers.
14. MEMBER COMMENT: None.
15. NEXT MEETING AGENDA: 4/10/2026
16. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM

Minutes prepared by:

Nicanora Montenegro – IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Chair

Thomas H. Johnson - Public Authority

Denise Bernal - Public Authority

Leonardo Madrigal - Public Authority.