



**IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES/PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 10, 2026, 12:45 PM**

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

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Meeting ID: 859 707 8275

Passcode: 172598

<b>1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:51 PM.</b>			
<b>2. Attendance</b>			
Members		Absent Members	Guests
Nicanora Montenegro Angela Vittucci Blanca Paulin Cindy Greatrex		Yolanda Ivy	Ethel Larkins Cesar and Purita Javier Melissa Barling Megan Tweed Nathan Barling Kimberly Taylor
Members via Zoom	AIS/IHSS Staff	IHSS Public Authority	Guest – via Zoom
Russell Evans Charles Kirtley	Abigail Salud Gilberto Contreras-Morales David Lerma Norma Sanchez	Thomas H. Johnson Denise Bernal Leonardo Madrigal	
<b>3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Done.</b>			
<b>4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Done.</b>			
<b>5. INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.</b>			
<b>6. MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW: Cindy reviewed the code of conduct.</b>			
<b>7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Blanca motioned to approve the amended agenda, and Cindy seconded. Motion Passed.</b>			
<b>8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Blanca motioned; Cindy seconded. Motion passed.</b>			
<b>9. CHAIR REPORT: Nicanora shared that on 4/7/26 she and Blanca attended an orientation session for members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees at the County Administration Center. She said one of the topics they discussed was the Brown Act and learned about the Rosenberg Rules of Order and how it compares to the Roberts Rules of Order.</b>			



**10. Presentation: San Diego Center for the Blind & Vision Impaired by Kimberly Taylor.** Kimberly provided a presentation discussing services for individuals with visual impairments, including rehabilitation classes, assistive technology, and counseling services. She shared tips for supporting individuals with usable vision, including using high contrast, standardized fonts, and adjusting lighting. Kimberly highlighted the Ray-Ban Meta glasses as a popular assistive device. She also covered eligibility for services, which primarily benefits those diagnosed with low vision or worse, and included information about an upcoming fundraiser “Strides 4 Sight” on 5/9/26 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Liberty Station.

**11. REPORTS**

A. Aging & Independence Services (AIS) Advisory Council	Updates for AIS Advisory Council are pending due to the selection of a member representative by the council.	
B. Membership	Gilberto shared that he is working on finding a replacement for an AIS Advisory Council liaison to bring reports to the IHSS/Public Authority Advisory Committee meetings. He 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 shared that outreach efforts are still being conducted by Julie Lara. She said there is also monthly training for social workers and social work supervisors, focusing on customer service. Abigail reported that there are two social worker vacancies. She introduced two supervisors: David Lerma and Norma Sanchez.	
D. Community Report	Nicanora said she attended an event called “Seat at the Table” on 4/7/26 held by the National Federation of Filipino American Association and a student organization at the University of California San Diego (UCSD). She shared that several organization leaders and gubernatorial candidates took part as panelists in the event, and students made their rounds at each table, asking questions and sharing their concerns.	
E. UDW	Ethel read the written report provided by Sabrina Bishop, UDW District 1 Chair. She shared that UDW is closed between 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Monday through Friday for lunch. Ethel said UDW had a membership meeting on 2/26/26 with about 600 in attendance and continues to have several small group meetings throughout the County to give member updates. She said that CPR training for trainers is in progress. By the end of April or May 2026, those trainers will conduct training across the County. Ethel said the next membership meeting will be 5/30/26 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Mar Vista High School. She mentioned the importance of keeping all contact information up to date with UDW directly. She	



	commented that if any changes are made through the Public Authority, it does not transfer to UDW.	
F. California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA)	No updates.	
G. Public Authority (PA)	<p>Thomas shared that the (BUPS) Back-up Provider Services is officially being eliminated on 6/30/26 due to the Governor’s new proposed budget. Despite this, the California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) is still advocating to maintain this critical program. He shared that the PA will be meeting with the County AIS staff to outline how to phase out the program by the final date. Thomas thanked Nicanora for sending a letter to CAPA, which included her positive comment on the BUPS program. He also mentioned that he is working with the leadership from the San Diego Air Pollution Control District on a possible presentation to the committee on 6/12/26. The presentation would cover information relating to air toxins, sewage issues, and much more. Thomas requested that Denise reach out to the Advisory Committee members to find out what they would like to hear about in terms of environmental concerns. He reported that on 3/24/26 he attended a presentation to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, where the Chief Administrative Officer, Ebony Shelton, provided information on the budget. Thomas shared that as the population of recipients continues to grow, so does the cost of the IHSS program. He assured meeting participants that the Public Authority will continue to provide the best customer service possible to help support caregivers who are serving the growing population of recipients. Thomas shared that next week there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meet the People Event at San Diego State University (SDSU). He stated that the purpose of the event is to help connect future health leaders at SDSU with County Executives from the Health and Human Services Department (HHSA). He also said that the Public Authority staff will begin working on the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee’s Annual Report in August or early September of this year. Thomas also mentioned the possibility of the PA’s Proposed Budget Presentation in May at the next Advisory Committee meeting. Thomas reviewed the Advisory Committee’s financial report.</p>	



**12. Old Business (discussion and possible action):**

**A. Committee Events:**

- 1. Health & Wellness Fair, National Federation of Filipino American Associations, and the Buy Filipino Network: 4/18/26** at Kimball Park in National City from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Nicanora shared that the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee and Public Authority will hold a booth at this event.
- 2. Abilities Expo – Los Angeles (3/27/26 – 3/29/26).** Cindy shared that the event was well attended. There were many vendors regarding mobility improvement and the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee members that attended (Cindy, Angela, and Yolanda) went to various workshops throughout the day.

**B. Status of the Town Hall Subcommittee – Cindy Greatrex:** Cindy shared that she is awaiting information back from the Public Authority. Thomas said he met with AIS leadership and at this time are unable to commit to town halls due to budgeting and staffing constraints. However, he said that both the PA and AIS staff have agreed to a virtual presentation that will outline the various services available from both agencies. Thomas stated that the Public Authority will take the lead in setting up a meeting with the IHSS/PA Advisory Town Hall Subcommittee, PA, and County staff. He noted that other options for community feedback include the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee meetings, AIS Advisory Council meetings, and at County Budget Presentations.

**New Business (discussion and action):**

- 1. Cooper Family Foundation Juneteenth Event – Memorial Park – 6/20/26 – Vendor Fee \$100 – Vote.** Cindy motioned to hold a booth at this event, and Angela seconded. Motion Passed.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ethel shared her appreciation for Sabrina Bishop’s contribution to the Advisory Committee. Megan shared she enjoyed participating in the meeting and is thankful for the additional resources she has received. Cesar and Purita shared their concern about toxins from ceramics in their district.

**14. MEMBER COMMENT:** Blanca shared it is very important that we have the upcoming Parliamentary training to better understand how to conduct the Advisory Committee meetings. She also shared she attended an orientation session for members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees at the County Administration Center on 4/7/26.

**15. NEXT MEETING AGENDA: 5/8/2026**

**16. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM**

**Minutes prepared by:**

**Nicanora Montenegro – IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Chair**

**Thomas H. Johnson - Public Authority**

**Denise Bernal - Public Authority**

**Leonardo Madrigal - Public Authority.**