

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
IHSS PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Conference Call
May 20, 2021**

This IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Laticia Sanchez, Chairperson; Larry Stevens, Vice Chairperson; Denise Dorsey, Committee Member; Sally Howarth, Committee Member; Danette Paskaly, Committee Member

Community Members Present: None

Staff Present: David Madrigal, PA Program Manager; Angela Branstner, PA Supervisor

Committee Members Excused: None

Committee Members Unexcused: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At this time the committee members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting held on March 18, 2021. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens made a motion to approve these minutes. Chairperson Laticia Sanchez seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairperson Laticia Sanchez shared news about new funding for health and home care programs, including IHSS. This funding is part of the May Revisions.

There were no further public comments at this time.

DISCUSSION

Provider PPE:

At this time the Committee Members discussed IHSS providers getting more relaxed with wearing PPE (personal protective equipment) as COVID-19 guidelines are loosening. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens inquired if the Public Authority's PPE supply would be sufficient to be able to have a PPE giveaway for IHSS providers and consumers. David Madrigal replied that the Public Authority is only given a small amount of PPE at a time, and an order is sent out for more once the supply runs down. David Madrigal also said it is unclear if there is a significant

need for PPE amongst IHSS providers at this time. David Madrigal stated that if the Committee Members felt like a PPE drive is needed and can find a place for it to happen as well as volunteers to hand it out, it would be completely acceptable. Chairperson Laticia Sanchez said she will do some research on the need for PPE, and if there is still a great need for it she has access to resources that would be able to provide more PPE for giveaways.

Vice Chairperson Larry Steven pointed out that IHSS providers are still refusing to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination for various reasons, and shared a personal experience with an IHSS provider whose opinion on the matter clashed with his own. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens said he would like his IHSS providers to wear a mask in his home even if it is not required in public, and Chairperson Laticia Sanchez agreed that this is a reasonable request for a provider.

Committee Vacancies:

David Madrigal reminded the group that there is one vacancy in this committee for a consumer position. David Madrigal said other committees are also having difficulty filling vacancies at this time as well. Committee Member Danette Paskaly said there will be an influx of new residents at her building soon, so she is hoping to recruit someone from that group.

Public Authority Report:

Angela Branstner reported that there are currently 49 active IHSS registry providers, which is no improvement since the last report. A recruitment flyer for the IHSS provider registry has been posted on social media again. 25 enrolling IHSS providers attended orientations in April 2021.

Registry Brochure Group:

Chairperson Laticia Sanchez informed the group that she, Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens, and Committee Member Sally Howarth have been brainstorming ideas for IHSS registry provider recruitment, and hopefully will have some solid plans to bring to the next meeting. Chairperson Laticia Sanchez said that one issue might be that many people don't know about the IHSS provider registry, and a solution to this issue could be to find other ways besides social media to reach out to people about it. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens said that some agencies have been presenting to graduating students at high schools and colleges about their programs, and thinks this could be one way to get information about the IHSS provider registry out there. David Madrigal said that any low-paying positions, which unfortunately includes IHSS providers, will be tough to recruit for until unemployment payments go back to normal, since currently IHSS providers are collecting more money through unemployment than they can make working for IHSS consumers. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens said he feels it would be beneficial to directly communicate with the Board of Supervisors during the 3-minute public comment period.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items to vote on at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Laticia Sanchez said she found out last minute about a job fair that is happening today, and she thinks this might be a good event at which to promote the IHSS provider registry. Chairperson Laticia Sanchez asked that if anyone hears of upcoming job fairs, to let her know beforehand so she can set something up for this. Committee Member Danette Paskaly said this is something she may be able to get time for during business hours, if a volunteer is needed to attend the job fairs. Angela Branstner advised that the Job Training Center would be a good resource for information about upcoming job fairs. David Madrigal added that it may also be a good idea to have the IHSS provider registry flyer posted at the Job Training Center.

Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens said since July begins the new fiscal year, he would like to discuss the new budget for this committee at the next meeting in July, as well as what types of things the funding is allowed to be used for. David Madrigal agreed to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens said he would also like to discuss demographics such as which areas in Tehama County have the highest density of IHSS providers and consumers. David Madrigal said this will also be added to the agenda.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. The next meeting will be held on July 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. by conference call.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Mickelson, PA Office Assistant.