

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
IHSS PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Conference Call
July 15, 2021**

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

Committee Members Present: 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; Sheila Mickelson, PA Office Assistant

Committee Members Excused: Laticia Sanchez, Chairperson

Committee Members Unexcused: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At this time the committee members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting held on May 20, 2021. Committee Member Denise Dorsey made a motion to approve these minutes. Committee Member Danette Paskaly seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments at this time.

DISCUSSION

State Updates:

David Madrigal discussed a new 200 million dollar budget which includes funding for an optional training that will be offered to IHSS providers, although this is still a plan in progress and more guidance from CDSS will be needed before implementation (by January 2025). Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens asked if this training comes with extra pay for participating providers, and David Madrigal confirmed.

Committee Vacancies:

David Madrigal reminded the committee members that there is still a vacancy on the Committee for a consumer position, and also reminded of the importance of meeting quorum.

Public Authority Report:

Angela Branstner reported that at the end of the second quarter of this year 58 providers were active on the registry. During the second quarter 25 providers joined the registry. In the month of June, 34 enrolling providers attended orientation, 8 of which were added to the registry. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens asked if any of the enrolling providers were restricted to serving family members only. Angela Branstner clarified that no provider is restricted to serving family members only, although there are some providers who are ineligible for the registry based on their criminal background.

David Madrigal reported the number of active providers and consumers currently on the registry in each area of Tehama County:

Area	Number of Providers	Number of Consumers
Corning	17	119
Cottonwood	4	19
Gerber	0	19
Los Molinos	8	40
Orland	0	4
Proberta	0	1
Red Bluff	28	310
Tehama	0	3
Vina	0	3

Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens asked about the Rancho Tehama and Lake California areas. David Madrigal responded that the areas are grouped by zip code, grouping Rancho Tehama in the Corning area and Lake California in the Cottonwood area. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens also wanted to know if there is a way to find out if the consumers in the areas with little to no providers are being served or if they have no provider. David Madrigal answered that the Public Authority doesn't currently have adequate staffing to be able to check on each consumer about this, and is typically a task handled by the IHSS Social Workers during annual reassessments. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens wanted to know if a consumer can have a provider just for driving tasks, in addition to another provider for household tasks. Angela Branstner answered that it is the responsibility of the consumer to divide these tasks between providers, and a consumer is allowed as many providers as he/she needs.

Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens mentioned the expiring contract between Dignity Health and Anthem Blue Cross, and pointed out that this may cause consumers to need much more time for medical accompaniment if they are going to have to switch doctor offices.

Registry Brochure Work-Group:

Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens said he met individually with Chairperson Laticia Sanchez and with Committee Member Sally Howarth to discuss ideas for advertising the registry. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens said that one of the ideas that came up was to create flyers with pull-off tabs containing the Public Authority's phone number, providing quick access for people on the go. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens also said he thinks it is important to use language and graphics on the flyers that would easily grab the attention of those walking by.

Advisory Committee Funding:

David Madrigal stated that this Advisory Committee receives \$5,500 in funding. David Madrigal explained the types of things this funding may be used for, including: postage, office supplies, photocopying, printing, phones, conference equipment, internet access, website maintenance, special equipment for the visually and hearing impaired, translation/interpretation services, travel mileage or parking fees for members attending meetings or committee activities, facilitators, survey costs, staff time, membership dues, newsletters, recruitment advertisements. David Madrigal explained that some of these are already covered by Public Authority funding.

Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens asked if Advisory Committee meetings can return to in-person meetings in the near future. David Madrigal said that it is a possibility, and if the rest of the committee members agree, perhaps the next meeting can be in-person. David Madrigal said he will send a survey to the committee members to be able to vote anonymously on this matter.

Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens said he would like to voice the Advisory Committee's concerns and ideas regarding the IHSS provider training to the government in a letter of support. David Madrigal said this will be added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens wanted to know if there is a way to advertise the Advisory Committee meetings to consumers, so that they may sit in for a meeting and potentially apply as a member. David Madrigal replied that the open consumer position is being advertised on social media, and is something that can be advertised in other ways if there are any ideas. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens said he thinks the old-fashioned wanted poster would be a neat style in which to advertise for this position.

ACTION ITEMS

Action items were previously discussed in this meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

David Madrigal stated that next meeting's agenda will include State updates on the initiative, and the flyers for registry providers. David Madrigal also said that advertising for the open consumer position on this committee will be worked on to hopefully pull in some

prospective applicants. Vice Chairperson Larry Stevens asked if the locations of registry providers and consumers, discussed earlier, can be emailed to the committee members after the meeting, and David Madrigal said yes.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Bluff Community Center – 1500 S. Jackson St, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Mickelson, PA Office Assistant.