



Riverside County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee

Members: Denise Flaming, Barbara Mitchell, Felice Connolly, Donald Brock, Kristine Loomis, Dwight Solis, and Faustino Alvarez

Meeting Minutes

of

THE IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES (IHSS), ADVISORY COMMITTEE (A.C)

February 3, 2022

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

IHSS Public Authority

12125 Day St, Suite S-101

Moreno Valley, CA 92557

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- I. **Call to Order**
 - II. **Pledge of Allegiance** (Barbara Mitchell)
 - III. **Introductions**
 - IV. **Adoption and approval of the minutes from the December 2, 2021, Regular Meeting for the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee** (Denise Fleming, Chair)
 - V. **Board Secretary** (Barbara Mitchell)

Items that needed to be added to the agenda during this time of the meeting would need to be voted on and approved by the Committee.

VI. Follow-Up Items from the 12/02/2021 Meeting

FOLLOW-UP ITEM(S)	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DUE DATE	ONGOING/COMPLETE
Recruitment Video	IAC Members	TBD	Ongoing
IHSS Advisory Committee Handbook for members	Denise Fleming/Christina Rios	06/02/2022	Ongoing

VII. WPCS Presentation (Sonia Barragan – Institute on Aging) 30 minutes

VIII. Discussion Items and Reports

A. Executive Committee Update (Denise Fleming) 15 minutes

- Draft Newsletter
- Vote for 2022 Provider Appreciation Event Planning Committee
- Vote In-Person or Virtual for Next IAC Meeting on 04/07/2022
- Form 700

B. United Domestic Workers Union Update (Rania Safi) 10 minutes

- 2022 Provider Appreciation Event Planning Committee Participation
 - Don Brock would like to start participating in the meetings with UDW regarding provider orientation.

Committee Member Discussion on UDW Updates

C. COVID-19 Report (Kristine Loomis) 10 minutes

- What worked and what didn't. Clt unable to be vaccinated. Has 3 caregiver and was infected by the caregiver. COVID is not over and being vaccinated doesn't protect you. Lost 2 providers because other provider didn't want to be around. Called APS and didn't have anyone. Survived with two existing caregivers. They masked up and suited up.
- Sick pay for providers per union will be extended and county provided pay for extra workers that came in.

D. In-Home Supportive Services Update (Ryan Uhlenkott/Lue Thao) 20 minutes

- Call Center Update
 - a) COVID-19 Omicron effects on Call Center
 - b) Staffing shortages due to COVID-19 Omicron
- Electronic Services Portal (ESP) Internet Explorer
 - a) Any updates/changes to ESP
- Change in Assessment & Reassessment Process due to COVID-19 Omicron (F2F or Virtual)

Committee Member Discussion on IHSS Updates

E. Public Authority Update (Eva Krottmayer) 20 minutes

- **Reduction in Caregivers**
 - *As of January 2020, the PA had 3,849 Registry Caregivers and as of January 2022, we had 2,205 this represents a 43% reduction. As we started to see these reductions, we amped up our registry recruitment strategies. Now we are regularly utilizing virtual fairs and forging new partnerships to ensure we expand our opportunities to share who we are and why a caregiver should join the registry.*
 - *Last year, when we compared January 2020 to October 2021, we saw 47% reduction (Comparison between 01/2020 and 01/2022 43%). With the gap being reduced, we are making some progress in our recruitment efforts.*
- **New Caregiver Wage Effective 01/01/22**
 - *As of January 2022, and with the increase in minimum wage, IHSS caregivers in Riverside County are now making \$15.50 per hour for hours worked on or after January 1.*
- **CMIPS Supplemental Wage**
 - *The \$2 differential wage provided by IHSS ended on December 31, 2021. This means that caregivers who fill in as an IHSS backup caregiver for another caregiver due to COVID, they are no longer eligible to receive \$2 extra per hour worked. That said, however, we still operate our emergency / afterhours BUS which is funded by APS and the health plans.*
- **Caregiver Economy Payment**
 - *On January 20, care economy payments began going out. Payments were transmitted based on what is in the ESP. For example, if a caregiver elects to be paid by DD, they received the Care Economy Payment through Direct Deposit. For Riverside County, over 35,000 payments were processed.*
 - *As a reminder, these payments are considered income and are taxed according to how individuals are set up in the electronic services portal.*
- **PA Office Update**
 - *The PA office continues to remain open, if needed, but we continue to encourage reaching us through our phone lines and to submit documents using Adobe Sign. If a caregiver needs assistance with the online orientation, we can make an in-office appointment.*
- **EPG Supplies**
 - *The state extended funding for EPG supplies through the end of this fiscal year. This means that we continue to be able to provide masks and gloves if we can continue to order them through the state.*

Committee Member Discussion on Public Authority Updates

Break – 5 Minutes

- F. **Office on Aging Advisory Council Update** (Barbara Mitchell/Donald Brock) *5 minutes*
 - Status on Senior Center
- G. **Advocacy for the Disabled Update** (Faustino Alvarez) *5 minutes*
- H. **California In-Home Supportive Services Alliance (CICA) & Networking Report Update** (Felice Connolly/Denise Fleming) *5 minutes*
- I. **CCI Stakeholder Meeting Update** (Felice Connolly) *5 minutes*
- J. **IHSS Advisory Committee Budget** (Denise Fleming) *5 minutes*
- K. **Training Committee Update** (Kristine Loomis/Barbara Mitchell) *5 minutes*
- IX. **Announcements** – *5 minutes*
- X. **Roundtable** – *5 minutes*
- XI. **Adjournment**
- XII. **Next Meeting**
April 7th, 2022
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