

ADVISORY BOARD ON IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)

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Minutes for Regular Meeting **Monday, April 24, 2023; 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

The purpose of the IHSS Advisory Board is to offer advice and make recommendations to improve the quality of services delivered to recipients of Humboldt County's IHSS Program.

Members: * = Present (or represented)

Andrew Buschkamp, Margaret Lewis*, Vivian Deniston*, Jack Breazeal, Sarah Mixon, Sylvia DeRooy, Tim Such*, Alissa Norman*

Staff: David Gauthier, Public Authority on IHSS*; Keri Schrock, IHSS Program Manager*; Connie Beck, Director of DHHS; Jack Breazeal, Deputy Director of Adult Mental Health

Guests: Ashley Shively, Social Worker Supervisor II

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** Chairman Margaret Lewis called the meeting to order at 2:25 PM.

2. **Adjustments to Agenda:** None.

3. **Discussion Items:**

- ***Progress of Applications For New Members:*** Margaret finally managed to get ahold of the most recent applicant, Claudia. She was invited to attend the April meeting, but she did not attend. Currently, her access to the internet is sporadic and temporary. Other than that, no new applications have been received.

4. **Committee Reports:**

- ***Budget:*** Nothing to report.
- ***Membership:*** See Discussion Items.
- ***Service Enhancement Activities (SEA):***
 - Nothing to report.

5. **Public Input – Due to COVID 19 and the Governor of the State of California's issue of Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-25-20, public comment on ALL agenda items will be taken at this time via email only to Jessica Thrasher, ihsspublicauthority@co.humboldt.ca.us. Please submit only one comment per agenda item and only one general public comment. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the IHSS AB may not take any action on an item that does not appear on the agenda. None at this time.**

6. **Board Member Reports/Comments:**

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- Alissa has started a documentary about living with disabilities and has offered some spots for interested parties to be included. She's planning to distribute flyers to each member of the board. Margaret also stated she would like extra ones to send to the CICA executive committee. Tim offered to reach out to a facility in Berkeley that tends to people with disabilities to see if any of their clients would be interested as well.
 - Margaret brought up the possibility of meeting less frequently or arranging different meeting situations. She plans to discuss the option of meeting at Silvercrest further with Sarah.
7. **IHSS Program Updates:** Keri reported the following:
- **204 care providers on the registry**
 - **0 new care providers on the registry**
 - **96 are accepting new clients**
 - **1,627 inquiries about IHSS in March**
 - **The care provider union sent another notice out to care providers about the EVV changes happening in July.**
 - **Continue to get outreach tech grants.**
 - **Keri spoke with Tri-County Independent Living to collaborate on the use of the tech grants.**
 - **The registry will table at the farmer's market and festivals during the summer.**
8. **Public Authority & CAPA Report:** The following was reported:
- **CAPA is currently neutral on AB1672 due to some remaining unanswered questions about the bill.**
 - **CAPA is in favor of AB817, as it could allow Advisory Boards in the state to return to remote meetings without the need of an emergency.**
 - **AB1387 was discussed, which could allow the creation of outreach programs that would provide work for immigrants as care providers.**
9. **CICA Update:** CICA is currently trying to promote more information for the bargaining bill. At the last meeting, two men gave a presentation on it.
10. **ACTION Items:**
- *Minutes: No quorum.*
 - *Expenses: No quorum.*
11. **Standing agenda item: Connie Beck, Director, Dept. of Health and Human Services; Jack Breazeal, Deputy Director of Adult Behavioral Health: None at this time.**

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12. Action Recap

- None at this time.

13. Agenda development for the next regular meeting: Nothing to add.

14. Adjourn 3:20 PM

cc: Governing Board of IHSS Public Authority
cc: Connie Beck, Director, DHHS
cc: David Gauthier, Public Authority on IHSS
cc: Clerk of the Board (Please post)

Future meetings:

May 22, 2023

June 26, 2023

July 24, 2023