

## ADVISORY BOARD ON IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)

In-Person meeting to be held at: Silvercrest 2141 Tydd St. – Eureka	By Phone: 1-669-254-5252 By Computer: <a href="http://www.zoomgov.com/join">www.zoomgov.com/join</a> Meeting ID: 160 222 1118 Pass Code: 051751
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### Minutes for Regular Meeting

Monday, June 23, 2025 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of the IHSS Advisory Board (AB) 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)

Margaret Lewis, Jack Breazeal, *Behavioral Health Deputy Branch Director*, Andrew Buschkamp\*, Vivian Deniston\*, Sarah Mixon, Corbett Petersen\*, Tim Such\*

#### Staff:

Keri Schrock, *Public Authority\**; Ashley Shively, *Social Worker Supervisor\**; Nicole Coyne, *Staff Services Analyst\**

**Guests:** None

#### Call to Order and Introductions:

Member, Andrew Buschkamp, called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Adjustments to Agenda:** None, no quorum.

#### Discussion Items (DI):

- a) FY25-26 planning. In progress, AB members to consider ideas and goals for the new fiscal year.

#### Committee Reports (CR):

- a) Budget and Service Enhancement Activities (SEA) – No update.
- b) Membership – No update.

#### Public Input:

Public comment on agenda items may be submitted via email to the Public Authority at [ihsspublicauthority@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto: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

#### AB Member Reports/Comments:

- Vivian Deniston participated in a Day of Action at the California Capitol in

Sacramento, June 5<sup>th</sup>, with over 3,000 other attendees.

- Members had general discussion about proposed changes to the California Governor's Budget.

### **IHSS Program Updates:**

- KEET is hosting a screening and discussion event tomorrow about caregiving. In addition, they are collecting caregiver stories as part of a larger project. More information is available at their website <https://www.keet.org/shared-stories-of-caregiving/>
- Front office staff fielded a total of 1,896 IHSS-related inquiries in the month of May. Roughly two-thirds of these calls are payroll related.
- IHSS Intake received 95 applications in the month of May.
- There were 2,902 authorized cases and 2,865 enrolled care providers in May 2025.
- Payroll support staff continue to see a heavy influx of new care provider enrollments, respond to calls checking on enrollment completion status, and issue supplemental timesheets related to increases in recipient hours due to home visits and mid-year changes.
- Registry outreach will ramp up over the summer with tabling expected at Redwood Acres Fair (4 days), Arcata Farmers Market (1-2 times a month), Hoopa/Willow Creek Health, Humboldt County Fair, Bridgefest, and North Country Fair.
- The California FY25-26 budget updates have not been released but should be finalized by the end of June.

### **Public Authority and California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) Report:**

- The Public Authority provided a summary of proposed IHSS program changes from Governor's May Budget Revision. These will be negotiated with State legislature with final budget approval by mid-June.

### **California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA) Update:**

- Deniston resigned from CICA. No other updates.

### **ACTION Items:**

- a) Review/approve minutes from previous meeting(s) – No quorum
- b) Review/approve expenses – No expenses or quorum

### **Standing agenda item**

*(Connie Beck, Director, Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS); Jack Breazeal, Deputy Director of Adult Behavioral Health):* No updates

### **Action Recap (or summary in lieu of quorum):**

- None

**Agenda development for the Next Regular Meeting:**

- FY25-26 planning

**Adjourn:** 2:25 p.m.

cc: Governing Board of IHSS Public Authority  
cc: Connie Beck, Director, DHHS  
cc: Keri Schrock, Public Authority on IHSS  
cc: Clerk of the Board

**Future meetings:**

**July 28, 2025**

**Aug. 25, 2025**

**Sept. 22, 2025**