

ADVISORY BOARD ON IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)

Due to COVID 19, this is a Teleconference Meeting Only. Please see changes to Item 5, Public Input.

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Minutes for Regular Meeting **Monday, June 27, 2022; 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, Cindy Calderon, Margaret Lewis*, Vivian Deniston*, Jack Breazeal*, Sarah Mixon*, Sylvia DeRooy

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: Danielle Sherwood, Adult Services Analyst*; Anna Kelsoe, Staff Services Analyst II*; Tim Such*, Celia Rose, Alissa Norman*, Maggie Kraft*

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** Chairman Margaret Lewis called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.
2. **Adjustments to Agenda:** Maggie Kraft, with Humboldt and Del Norte's Area 1 Agency on Aging, gave a presentation on the services offered. These included HICAP, helping people enroll in Medicare, helping people with billing issues, long-term care services, senior legal services, transitioning out of nursing facilities, homesharing, and volunteer drivers.
3. **Discussion Items:**
 - ***Progress of Applications For New Members:*** No new applications this month. Two caregivers are due for approval. It was also discussed about a third caregiver applying, but the Board has been having difficulty contacting them.
 - ***Board of Directors Bylaws:*** There was a discussion about removing board members are repeatedly absent from meetings. This would help make sure board members are aware of commitment needed when they join.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - ***Budget:*** There were no big changes, but a few invoices were received. \$4930 remaining in budget. \$3000 of it was additional funds.
 - ***Membership:*** See above.
 - ***Service Enhancement Activities (SEA):*** There were discussions about reinstating the newsletter.
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**

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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:

- Sarah reported there is a meeting room available at Silvercrest for when meetings have to return to being in-person.
- Vivian suggested it would be a good idea to have career opportunity flyers available on the union table at the 4th of July event.

7. IHSS Program Updates: Keri reported:

- 461 providers on registry
- 246 inactive
- 115 accepting new recipients
- 92 fully employed
- 8 New providers last month.
- Increase in calls regarding IHSS care provider sick leave.
- Starting in June, direct deposit for care providers was made mandatory
- 91 applications in May for IHSS intake
- Elder Abuse Awareness Month walk was 6/15/22
- Hiring will begin in October for new social worker staff

8. Public Authority & CAPA Report: David reported the following:

- The latest CAPA meeting talked about PA funds being redistributed among counties.
- Other counties sent mailing to providers working less than 120 hours/month that other clients are available if they want move hours. There was some success, and Humboldt County will review the strategy as a possible option.

9. CICA Update:

- The request for the trailer bill did not make it into this year's budget.
- CICA will be working with smaller counties that either have inactive or no advisory boards.

10. ACTION Items:

- *Minutes: No quorum.*
- *Expenses: No quorum.*

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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.

12. Action Recap

- None available

13. Agenda development for the next regular meeting: Remove PPE Distribution Update from the Discussion Items.

- None

14. Adjourn 3:30

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:

July 25, 2022

August 22, 2022

September 26, 2022