

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, August 22, 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*, Tim Such, Alissa Norman, Dennis Ohligschlager

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*; Anna Kelsoe, Staff Services Analyst II

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** Chairman Margaret Lewis called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM.

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

3. Discussion Items:

- ***We Are Up Presentation:*** Mary Keehn gave a presentation on the We Are Up organization. We Are Up is an organization that wishes to build a local community for disabled adults—this would include housing, income opportunities, and residents contributing to the county via grown produce or in other useful ways. We Are Up is geared towards building a genuine sense of community among its members and not just providing housing and programs.
- ***Progress of Applications For New Members:*** No new applications since May. Nothing to currently report.

4. Committee Reports:

- ***Budget:*** This fiscal year's budget remains untouched so far. It is currently still at \$6,000.
- ***Membership:*** See Discussion Items.
- ***Service Enhancement Activities (SEA):***
 - It's been decided that the newsletter will be revived. Currently, there are no plans to renew last year's ads. PA will be responsible for paying the postage and doing the addressing of the newsletter. A quote from Times Printing gave two prices: \$676.90 for black and white, and \$895.76 for color. A decision on which print type to use will be voted on over email.

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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:**
 - Margaret received a letter from one of her neighbors about the struggles he’d had attempting to become an official care provider. He had been having difficulty finding out how to sign up for the registry and received conflicting information during his search. He eventually did get the information he needed, but it took longer than it should have. An easier and faster way to access information such as this should be made available.
7. **IHSS Program Updates:** Keri reported the following:
 - **428 care providers on the registry.**
 - **246 are inactive**
 - **90 are accepting new clients**
 - **92 are employed**
 - **There was a total of 1,104 IHSS-related inquiries in July**
 - **Due to a lack of contact, some care providers have been removed from the registry. As of September 2022, Keri will no longer be providing the number of inactive care providers on the registry at these meetings. There’s been an increase in inter-county care provider transfers, and there are grant opportunities available to supply more technology to rural areas.**
8. **Public Authority & CAPA Report:** David was unavailable:
 - **Nothing to report.**
9. **CICA Update:** A state meeting was held, and it seems the employee trailer bill will be put through. A presentation was held by the Deputy Director for DHHS and the language of the bill was modified. However, CAPA argued this won’t change anything.
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.**
12. **Action Recap**
 - **None at this time.**

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13. Agenda development for the next regular meeting: None at this time.

14. Adjourn 2:50 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:

September 26, 2022

October 24, 2022

November 28, 2022