

# 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, September 26, 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\*, 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 2:06 PM.
2. **Adjustments to Agenda: None.**
3. **Discussion Items:**
  - **Newsletter:** Sylvia wrote an article about care provider retention but was not present to discuss it more. Margaret would also like an article to be written about legislative procedures and IHSS.
  - **Progress of Applications For New Members:** Two new spaces on the Advisory Board are now available with the resignations of Dennis Ohlgschlager and Cindy Calderon. No new applications have been received lately.
4. **Committee Reports:**
  - **Budget:** Nothing to report.
  - **Membership:** See Discussion Items.
  - **Service Enhancement Activities (SEA):**
    - See Discussion Items for the newsletter. Currently there is not much else to report. Margaret did mention seeing one of the buses with the IHSS ad on it, and that the ad looked great.
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](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**

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may not take any action on an item that does not appear on the agenda. None at this time.

### 6. Board Member Reports/Comments:

- Cindy Calderon and Dennis Ohligschlager have officially resigned from the Advisory Board.
- Margaret suggested that ways should be brainstormed for the Advisory Board to receive more Public Input.
- The future of in-person meetings was discussed, and Alissa suggested that she could transport consumers to meetings. She also mentioned that a Disability Pride event took place in July, and due to the excellent turnout, the event is scheduled to become annual.

### 7. IHSS Program Updates: Keri reported the following:

- **212 care providers on the registry.**
- **92 are accepting new clients**
- **102 are employed**
- **There was a total of 1,439 IHSS-related inquiries in August**
- **IHSS was present at the North County Fair, and had a table where information on registering, services, and APS was provided. Currently, union negotiations are taking place, and outreach has already been placed in action for areas affected by the fires' smoke. Counties are now required to have a backup provider available for recipients in case their regular provider is unavailable, so a list is being compiled of people who could fulfill the role.**

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

- **CPs were notified that IHSS career pathway trainings are set to start in October. Attending and completing trainings could lead to bonuses of \$500-\$2,000.**

### 9. CICA Update: A state meeting was held, and the kind of trainings recipients feel they will need was discussed. Trainings that weren't working were also discussed, as well as how to be a manager and how to better communicate their needs.

### 10. ACTION Items:

- *Minutes: Approved*
- *Expenses: Approved.*

### 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

- David will forward the paperwork on the classes recap to the board members.

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

### 14. Adjourn 3:05 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:*  
**October 24, 2022**  
**November 28, 2022**  
**January 23, 2023**