

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

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Teleconference Meeting Only. Please  
see changes to Item 5, Public Input.**

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### *Minutes for Regular Meeting*

**Monday, October 24, 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 2:11 PM.
2. **Adjustments to Agenda:** None.
3. **Discussion Items:**
  - **Progress of Applications For New Members:** No new applications. Nothing to currently report.
4. **Committee Reports:**
  - **Budget:** There was no recent meeting of the budget committee, but the printing company reached out to Margaret to confirm they were interested in printing the newsletter.
  - **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](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 at this time.**
6. **Board Member Reports/Comments:**

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- Alissa mentioned a successful and fun pumpkin carving contest that Tri-County Independent Living held two weeks before Halloween.
  - Sarah held an event for local college students to come bake cookies and spend time with her residents. It was a lot of fun for both students and residents.
  - Margaret read an article that Sylvia wrote called “Bad News, Good News.” It discussed the lack of care givers, and by extension, their own lack of pay. Care givers are currently asking for a starting pay of \$20/hour from the Board of Supervisors.
7. **IHSS Program Updates:** Keri reported the following:
- **No stats available this month.**
  - **There was a total of 1,678 IHSS-related inquiries in September**
  - **An information letter was sent out to care providers about timecards.**
  - **Outreach in more rural areas continues.**
  - **Care Provider Appreciation Month is in November. Keri is hoping to have another raffle of Visa gift cards like last year. The amount on the cards is usually \$50 and winners are randomly chosen.**
  - **A grant was awarded to IHSS that will allow them to increase tech access for recipients.**
  - **Several events were mentioned for IHSS to possibly table and advertise at.**
8. **Public Authority & CAPA Report:** David was unavailable:
- **Nothing to report.**
9. **CICA Update:** A presentation on trainings was displayed at the state meeting. Currently, the career pathways recently introduced are seeing great success, and people are very excited for what is to come from them.
10. **ACTION Items:**
- *Minutes: September Minutes approved.*
  - *Expenses: Budget 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.**
12. **Action Recap**
- **Alissa will be providing a prototype flyer for care provider applications.**
  - **Sarah will block out an article.**
  - **A flyer will be provided for public input.**
13. **Agenda development for the next regular meeting: None at this time.**

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### 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:***

**November 28, 2022**

**January 23, 2023**

**February 27, 2023**