

IHSS Public Authority Advisory Board Meeting

June 17, 2025

MINUTES

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING for All/Guests:

Pre-Registration is required.

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Members Present: Mathew Lubinsky; Janie Whiteford; Darcy McCann (via Zoom); Joanna Kent (via Zoom); Kingston Lum (Ex-Officio); David Forderer; Joyce Felix-Builes (via Zoom); Natascha Walker; Narendra Pathak

Members Absent: n/a

PA Staff Present: Edith Gong; Leticia Sabadin

Guests Present (Virtual & In-Person): Marisela Perez, Home & Community Based Services Specialist, Santa Clara Family Health Plan; Mary Pizzo, Guest & Parent to IHSS Consumer; Angelina Soria, Public Authority Registry Manager; Wayne Glusker, Assistant to David Forderer

Announcements & Public Comment:

- Narendra commended the PA and IHSS for their great work.
- Janie attended a peaceful protest last week in Palo Alto and it was very exciting and very proactive. Joan Baez was in attendance.
 - Janie also went to the State Capital in Sacramento on June 9th for demonstrations and rallies with multiple people from various nonprofits.
- David mentioned that the Self-Determination Committee is actively seeking new participants. David has transitioned to the self-determination program, which is overseen by the Regional Center. It is important to safeguard this initiative. He suggested having them speak at a future AB Meeting. Reminder: participants must be affiliated with the Regional Center and will need to apply and go through their medical insurance to join.
- Joanna is doing well post back surgery and able to drive in three weeks. She canceled the Pre-Planning Meeting for future AB events because she was not feeling well, and she was also concerned with the issues going on in the world: upheaving with ICE raids and violent protests.
- All members discussed the IHSS cuts that were saved in the Senate's bill (no cut to overtime, asset test limit increased); however undocumented individuals would be eligible for IHSS starting Jan 1, 2027. Those with UIS (unsatisfactory immigration status) would be assessed every 6 months.
- Much concern that Federal budget cuts will turn into cuts at the state level, so should be prepared that IHSS consumers will be affected.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion by Narendra Pathak to approve the May 13, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Darcy McCann, vote was unanimous.

Written Reports Submitted:

- Santa Clara Family Health Plan; Social Services-IHSS; Programs & CAPA were distributed via email prior to the meeting and hard copies were also distributed at the meeting.
 - No reports from CICA or SEIU 2015.

AB Budget for FY 25-26:

- Budget is FLAT.
- Edith showed current areas of budget balances and brainstormed with AB members on items to spend down.
- List of possible items to spend down:
 - June stipends
 - Order more business cards for AB members
 - Submit all travel & mileage reimbursements
 - Purchase a Canopy Tent for outreach activities; see if it could be branded "IHSS Public Authority"
 - Training from Trudy Gamble (Parents Helping Parents) on Self-Determination
- Edith will share FY25-26 budget with Chair and Vice Chair; was already submitted and is just under \$6K. Once FY25-26 CFL is released, Director will work with Chair and Vice Chair to amend budget. AB allocation request was \$5K so total with match would be just under \$10K.

AB Recommendations for the Annual Report:

- Five high level recommendations were discussed and will be presented and finalized at the next July Board Meeting.

Recruitment Efforts:

- Mary Pizzo is interested in joining the Board. Send her link to apply under the correct BOS opening. (Mary is the Parent of an IHSS Consumer, her daughter, and may not qualify at this time).
- Leticia to email members with current list of seats, vacancies.
 - Open seats:
 - Consumer & Senior
 - Consumer & advocate for Seniors who has served or is currently serving
 - Consumer or recent Consumer
- Discussed strategies for Advisory Board advocacy and storytelling; use cost savings of the program versus nursing home costs. Can the state create a campaign for IHSS, similar to CDA's radio and TV campaigns?

Submission of all requested by-laws changes to County Counsel:

- Edith needs a single document and will submit all requested changes to IHSS and County Counsel after end of the fiscal year.
 - Joanna to send Edith document, discuss in separate meeting.

Side Notes:

- Discussed the Peer Mentoring Discussion and San Francisco is confirmed.
- AB email; Edith will work with I.T. Department to finalize.

- Janie and Joanna to monitor, could be “IHSSAdvisoryBoard@pascc.org”.
- Event at Almaden Lake on July 26 (SARC Superhero Run/Walk Event and Resource Fair; would like AB members to participate and share a table with PA.
- Need to nominate Vice Chair, put on next month’s agenda. (David self-nominated).

Next Meeting:

- Location: Social Services Building; Auditorium Conf Room, 1st Floor @ 333 West Julian Street
- **Tuesday, July 15, 2025, from 12 noon to 1:30 pm** via In-person/Hybrid.

IHSS Report from Kinston Lum:

- IHSS has started an initiative to have our IHSS Social Workers complete up to an additional 5 assessments per worker per month. This effort will be in effect from 6/23/25 to 12/31/25.
- IHSS is working with its IT department to develop electronic forms so as to cut down on paperwork for the County and our IHSS constituents. To ensure that it will be an useful tool for the end user, we would like to ask if any of the Board members and/or IHSS consumers that you know of would be interested participating in the development of the electronic forms. Please let me know and I can provide further details.

Santa Clara Family Health Plan Report from Joyce Felix Builes:

1. IHSS Referrals made by SCFHP staff for May 2025
 - New requests = 8
 - Reassessment requests = 16