

IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2025

3:00 PM

Meeting Location:

4245 Market Street Suite 213

Ventura, CA 93003

	Irma Nunez		
X	Jacob Lesner-Buxton		
X	James Importante (CEO's Office)		
	Aracely Preciado (non-voting)	X	Leticia Ortega (non-voting)

Item #	Topic	Discussion
1.	Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM
2.	Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no public comments.
3.	Read and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no previous meeting minutes to read and approve.
4.	Advisory Committee Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two committee members have recently resigned from the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee, reducing the total number of voting members to three. • The committee discussed strategies for recruiting new members to fill the vacancies. Suggestions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adding information about the IHSS/PA Advisory Committee to the monthly newsletter email sent to providers. ○ Exploring the possibility of sending a mass email to IHSS consumers, inviting those interested to apply by completing the online application form. ○ Jacob plans to speak with a consumer he knows personally.
5.	Union Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union representative was not in attendance for an update.
6.	Public Authority Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Memorandum of Agreement was approved for IHSS Providers by Ventura County, the Human Services Agency and SEIU2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase in wages are estimated to occur as follows for a total of 3 pay increases over the life of the 3-year agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 1, 2025 – Hourly wage increases to \$19.55hour • July 1, 2025 – Hourly wage increases to \$20.15hour • July 1, 2026 – Hourly wage increases to \$20.57hour

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Authority will allocate 10K per fiscal year to purchase essential protective gear (gloves, masks and sanitizer) for distribution by SEIU2015 to IHSS providers. ○ Public Authority will allocate 20K per fiscal year for training opportunities for IHSS providers. ○ Bargaining Sessions Pay: IHSS providers will be paid for time spent in scheduled bargaining sessions. ● Public Authority will be sending out a survey to IHSS providers requesting input on training preferences. ● California Governor's Proposed Budget for 2025-2026: Governor Gavin Newsom's proposed state budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 includes no reductions to the IHSS/PA budget, ensuring continued funding levels for the program.
7.	Next Meeting and Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There were no specific items proposed for discussion at the next meeting.
8.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Next meeting, February 19th, 2025, will be in person.
