



**THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(IHSSAC)  
MEETING MINUTES – 03/11/22**

Committee Members Present: Gloria Sadeddeen  
Christina Trott  
Valerie Mitchell  
Janet Ward  
Yvonne Barrett (TEAMS)  
Gina Innes  
Angela Guzman  
Teresa Westfall (Guest)

Committee Members Absent: Sylvia Soberanis

Link2Care Staff Present: Gina Innes  
Angela Guzman

Dignitaries and Guests: None

**OPENING REMARKS**

- Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**INTRODUCTIONS**

- Gina Innes, IHSS and Public Authority Program Manager
- Luisa Kirkbride, IHSS Administrative Clerk III, Minute Taker
- Janet Ward, IHSS Recipient
- Gloria Sadeddeen, IHSS Recipient
- Christina Trott, IHSS Recipient
- Angela Guzman, Public Authority Supervisor
- Yvonne Barrett, IHSS Recipient

- Valerie Mitchell, IHSS Recipient
- Teresa Westfall, Guest provider

### **AB 361 and Brown Act**

- Adoption of the Brown Act resolution AB 361 consent.
  - Resolution will be voted on prior to moving forward and be revisited at least every 30 days if not at next meeting. All in favor: Resolution Passes

### **Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair Election Results**

- New Chair Elected : Christina Trott and Vice Chair: Silvia Soboranis

### **IHSS PROGRAM REPORT**

- State of Emergency still in effect in California but Stanislaus County is no longer in a State of Emergency.
- IHSS is still operating under State guidelines and still working under the Hybrid model.
- Electronic Services Portal: Updates have been made to make it easier to access information. i.e.: Access to W2's, change of address, direct deposit, and pay history.
- COVID Vaccinations: Information sent out stating that providers should be vaccinated and/or boosters. It is up to the client to request that information, as Stanislaus County is not keeping record of that.
- COVID Test kits given out to IHSSAC members
- IHSS Reassessment: California Welfare Directors Associations in collaboration with Justice on Aging: Looking on how reassessments are completed on the clients that are considered stable individuals.

### **PUBLIC AUTHORITY REPORT**

- Increase of Public Authority classes and providers. We are at about double the providers that are available on the Registry list.
- Working on increasing the trainings for providers. Stanislaus County Public Authority Registry Providers do have to complete a 3-day training. Day 1: provider responsibilities are reviewed; Day 2: training with a nurse on personal care; Day 3: CPR class to be become certified.
- Provider Rate: Provider pay rate is currently \$15.50 effective January 1, 2022.
- Care Economy Payment: Notice was sent out and issued to providers who worked at least 2 months during March 2020 to March 2021.
- Career Pathways: The state is looking to provide additional training, 5 different pathway trainings. Coming soon.
- Emergency Back Up Provider System: Counties would have to put something in place so that when a person is in dire need or emergency would have access to a provider. This program would have a \$2 pay differential during the timeframe that they are with the client.
- New COVID related sick time effective January 1 – September 30, 2022.
- Regular sick time hours are still 16.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

- Meeting Schedule frequency: As a committee, we can change the meeting frequency.
- The current schedule is quarterly. There is interest amongst some of the members to switch to bi monthly meetings. The committee will take a vote to change the meeting frequency.
- Motion to change frequency of meeting schedule. All in favor!
- Vote: All in favor for a bi monthly schedule. Meeting Schedule months will be January, March, May, July, September and November.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Chair and Co-Chair elections and term frequency.
- Transportation
- Next Meeting May 13, 2022 @ 1:00pm

*Recorder*  
*Luisa Kirkbride*