

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes

August 31, 2022

Attendees: Gena Bellino, Francisco Godoy, Carolyn Rose, Eduardo Rubalcava, and Joseph Wilson

Absent: Antoinette Lopez-Coles, Deborah Hibbler and Susan Pointer

Staff & Guests: Mardra Albrecht (PA), Joshua Drazil (IHSS-FSLA Unit), Deanna Jekayinfa (PA), and John Kozitza (PA)

- I. Called to Order at 1:31 pm by Acting Chair Francisco Godoy
- II. Introductions: Josh Drazil – IHSS Supervisor – enjoys music and photography
John Kozitza – IHSS Public Authority Executive Director – enjoys Travel.
Deanna J. Jekayinfa – IHSS Public Authority Secretary to the Executive Director and Advisory Committee – enjoys quilting, spending time with family.
Joe Wilson – RIL, Enjoys writing, reading and exploring coffee shops.
Gena Bellino – Enjoys getting out, typing in the chat and writing
Eduardo Rubalcava – Liaison from Adult and Ageing Committee – Enjoys – sports, spending time with grandchildren
Mardra Albrecht, Manager IHSS Public Authority – Enjoys sports, football, tennis
Carolyn Rose – enjoys gardening, flowers, and visiting with young neighbors
Francisco Godoy – Enjoys sports
- III. Consent Calendar
 - A. Carolyn Rose made a motion to approve the minutes and agenda.
Eduardo Rubalcava – Seconded the motion - all in favor - approved.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Chairs Report: – None
 - B. SEIU2015 – None
 - C. DCFAS – County of Sacramento In-Home Supportive Services -
Joshua Drazil: New Positions – Social Workers, Planner, Supervisors.

We are also dealing with COVID 19 outbreaks at several IHSS locations. It has been difficult for supervisors to hire social workers.

- D. DCFAS - Public Authority – John Kozitza: The Public Authority had a COVID 19 outbreak and shut down the office for a week. The Public Authority is rebuilding services after the 2020 COVID 19 disrupted the way we do business. The Public Authority is creating a local database that will be the hub of decision-making. The system will provide the ability to manage work on a digital and remote basis. June Board of Supervisor meeting approved three video online training vendors. Log-ons will be issued September 2, 2022, (by this Friday). Video libraries will be available for all eligible caregivers. Training class will start with registry providers. Registry providers will now use the new PEARS database to enroll. Ninety percent of the provider orientation is online the remaining ten percent is in person. The in-person orientation is an hour and a half long with 30 minutes of that time dedicated to SEIU2015 union presentation. The public authority has also had trouble filling vacancies. The public authority new software will have options that ask providers if they would like to apply for the registry. The new system will allow interaction between consumer and provider. The new system will better match consumers by area, services and available providers. The new system will look from a broader perspective attacking the problem of providers who only want the easier consumers. Education is the key to having better overall providers. The registry has a need for hired skilled workers. Recipient feedback is vital in improving the registry program and helps keep the registry database current.

V. Committee Matters

- A. CICA Conference Call Report - None

VI. New Business – None

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. Questions:

- A. Francisco – Has the 7% for recipients been approved in the June budget?
 - a. John will ask about the 7% and report back
- B. Joe – Are there any efforts to try to find non-IHSS providers. marketing/outreach?
 - a. John – limited numbers of providers is a statewide issue. We have connected to various events for provider outreach: Afghanistan welcome center provided information about IHSS and registry,

and we are working on marketing and outreach in Galt and continue to be at various events in Sacramento.

- C. Francisco - There are providers who do not want to work for the disabled – who would prefer to only cook and clean for a recipient.
 - a. John - We are working on providing classes that will give providers a knowledge base to provide better services to recipients
- D. Carolyn – Is there available training for higher skilled workers?
 - a. There are a few skilled training in the upcoming classes.
- E. Eduardo - What type of advance skills?
 - a. John – Use of Hoyer lift, medication dispensing, wound care, bowel and bladder care, Alzheimer’s needs, and para-medical services.
- F. Francisco - Are providers getting a raise?
 - a. John – Contract negotiations have begun with SEIU2015.
- G. Joe - Unable to find meeting information.
 - a. John – We will make sure the meetings are posted on the website. This is our first meeting for 2022 due to pandemic, quorum etc.
- H. Francisco – IHSS current budget and can we discuss an increase in the budget.
 - a. John - We will bring the budget current
- I. Carolyn - Is there a proposed budget and will the meeting always be ZOOM?
 - a. John – We will bring the budget current. We will resume in-person meetings when the group feels comfortable meeting.

IX. Public Comment: None

X. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.