



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

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(IHSSAC)  
MEETING MINUTES – 12/10/21**

Committee Members Present: Gloria Sadeddeen  
Christina Trott  
Valerie Mitchell  
Janet Ward  
Silvia Soberanis (Via TEAMS)  
Gina Innes  
Angela Guzman

Committee Members Absent: Yvonne Barrett

Link2Care Staff Present: Gina Innes  
Angela Guzman

Dignitaries and Guests: Janie Whiteford (Via TEAMS)

**OPENING REMARKS**

- Meeting called to order at 1:03 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
- Janie Whiteford, President of CICA, Santa Clara IHSS Advisory Board Member
- Valerie Mitchell, IHSS Recipient

## **AB 361 and Brown Act**

- Adoption of the Brown Act resolution AB 361
  - Handout provided by Gina Innes to member in regards to a resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.
  - 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

## **Guest Speaker-Janet Whiteford, CICA President**

- What is CICA? 1992 a bill was passed in Legislation for a pilot program for counties to develop IHSS advisory committees.
- 1999-AB 1682: Legislation that required all counties to have Public Authority and IHSS Advisory committees.
- 2006 CICA became its own standalone organization. The purpose of this program was to represent consumer voice, educate, empower and train advisory committees.
- 2009 CICA became their own non-profit entity.
- CICA is a membership organization of advisory committees and it does come with a membership fee. There are also single memberships available.
- IHSS Advisory Committees have a budget set at \$6,000 dollars. \$3000 from State and \$3000 from the Federal Government. If funding isn't used it goes back into the General Fund
- Many trainings are available via ZOOM on a monthly basis. Website: <https://www.cicaihss.org> (Website is currently under construction)
- A brief explanation was given on some of the trainings offered thru CICA.
- If you would like to receive information on upcoming CICA events, IHSS News and trainings. Please submit your email to Gina Innes if you would like to be added to the mailing list.
- CICA has many partners throughout the state of California. Buildings relationships with organizations to better serve our communities.
  - Sylvia: Question on transportation. Catholic Charites is currently the only agency that is offering transportation.
  - Janie: Transportation is a huge issue in the state of California.
  - Gina: More to discuss on transportation to come.
  - Discussion amongst members in regards to program.
  - Regional Vice President: Warren-Alameda County.
- CAPA is a professional association of Public Authority directors who are the staff responsible for administering Public Authority services in accordance with state law and local ordinances. Some CAPA members report directly to their Governing Boards, while others report to staff within a county Social Services agency. CAPA is accountable to other organizations/parties in addition to IHSS consumers or their Advisory Committee/Governing Board members.
- CICA is comprised solely of IHSS Advisory Committee and Governing Board members who have a distinct statutory role within the IHSS program. Advisory and Governing Board members are mandated to make recommendations on improving all aspects of the IHSS program and receive state funding to fulfill this mandate. Under AB 1682, the majority of all AC or GB's members must be current or past users of personal

assistance services. The law intends to ensure that this perspective is represented across all Public Authorities.

### **Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair Nominations**

- What are the roles of the Chair and Vice Chair?
  - Chair: Facilitates the meeting, outlines the agenda and keeps the meeting moving forward.
  - Co-Chair: primary role is to support the Chair. Being there to step in if the Chair is not available.
  - Please submit nominations to Gina by 12/31/2021. All members agreed to deadline.
  - Voting will be held in January. Email is the most effective way to email for this process.
  - Discussion amongst members new/veteran.
- Member Biographies
  - If you could please write a paragraph about yourself and submit a picture to upload on the IHSSAC website.

### **IHSS PROGRAM REPORT**

- Legislative budget: Long Term Career Pathways for providers: Trainings for provider to have some career advancements and to provide training on how to care and learn the skills it takes for caring for IHSS consumers. The state is having a listening session the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December.
  - Gina provided information.

### **PUBLIC AUTHORITY REPORT**

- Stanislaus County does not require providers to have Caregiver Certification. There is a provider enrollment hybrid process - online and abbreviated in-person appointment.
- 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 become certified.
- Discussion on providers who commit crimes and Department of Justice clearances.
- Public authority is currently working on a process of developing a plan on recruiting more providers. During COVID Pandemic, the registry reached a very low member rate. The Registry list is increasing.
- Public Authority Phone # is (209) 558-1650.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Christina provided a handout via STANCOG on upcoming meetings for transportation. They are being held via ZOOM. Their main topics are about what changes are coming and what they are planning on doing with the transportation system.
- Volunteers on the Go (VOGO) pilot is a partnership of the Volunteer Transport Center Inc. (VTC) and MOVE. VOGO provides rides to Stanislaus and San Joaquin residents who live in rural areas outside of public transit. Volunteers use their own vehicles to provide rides for residents that live in Riverbank, Lathrop, Manteca and Escalon. During this pilot program, the service is free to riders. Download the VAMOS phone app, enter

your pick-up and destination information, VOGO will appear as an option if there are no public routes available at your specified date/time. For more information, please call MOVE at 209-672-1143.

### **SCHEDULE FOR 2022**

- Discussion on schedule for 2022, frequency and times.
- Will vote on schedule next meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes
- Nomination and Vote for Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair
- IHSS Program Report
- Public Authority Report
- Schedule for 2022
- Recruitment of providers to join the IHSS Advisory Committee
- Next Meeting March 11, 2022 @ 1:00pm

*Recorder*  
*Luisa Kirkbride*