



**El Dorado County  
In-Home Supportive Services  
Advisory Committee**

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**IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee Agenda**

**DATE:** Monday, July 19, 2021  
**TIME:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
**PLACE:** ZOOM Meeting

**ATTENDANCE:** Ellen Yevadakimov (Chair), Brian Lordson, Jody Bailey, Linnea Marengo, Laura Walny, Elizabeth Peters

**Guests:** Karen Mulvaney, Iley Whiting

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Time: 1:07 pm
  - A. Flag Salute
  - B. Introductions
  - C. Agenda Review (ACTION)  
Motioned to accept: Linnea Marengo  
Seconded by: Jody Bailey
  - D. Minutes (ACTION)  
Motioned to accept: Linnea Marengo  
Seconded by: Jody Bailey
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Karen Mulvaney shared information related to assessing for protective supervision under the IHSS program and asked re: policy changes which may have impacted the process. She spoke to a settlement agreement reached between with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Department of Social Services (CDSS) to eliminate the proration of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) protective supervision of multiple recipients living in the same home.
3. **CHAIRPERSONS COMMENTS:** Ellen Yevadakimov encouraged members to reach out to any potential interested individuals they may know for Committee membership.
4. **GUEST SPEAKER –** Iley Whiting, Regional Manager Northern Counties, UDW  
Mr. Whiting was introduced to members and provided an update on pandemic impacts and union activities. He shared that there had been a high turnover in union rosters during the pandemic which impacts the most severe patient situations the most. Due to the shift to online orientations, union outreach had to change as well. He discussed the ongoing challenges related to wages and benefits, particularly when competing with unemployment benefits during the pandemic. He advocated for continued increases in wages for providers and also spoke to the need for

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continued and expanded training for providers, as well as the need to look for ways to address retention efforts statewide. Training offered through the union has included first aid and wound care, CPR, proper lift techniques for patient transfers, and working with challenging recipients such as those with high level of skilled need, dementia or other cognitive challenges.

## 5. CONTINUED BUSINESS

### A. Committee membership

- Committee vacancies – There are 2 of 6 consumer members, 0 of 2 provider members and 3 of 3 community members on the Committee at this time.
- Chair and Vice-Chair appointments: In keeping with the Chair, Ellen Yavadakimov's recommendation and notification that she is stepping down as Chair, discussion was held regarding the Chair and Vice-Chair position. Nomination was made for Brian Lordson to assume the role of Chair and recommendation was made for discussion with George Lillpop regarding his interest in the Vice Chair position.
  - Nominations (ACTION)
    - Motioned to accept: Jody Bailey
    - Seconded by: Linnea Marengo
- Member Applications; new member applications reviewed, 1 provider and 1 community member, applicants to be invited the next meeting.
- Recruitment: Ongoing efforts to continue including flyers being provided at community events specific to the Committee.
- Ethics Training Information - <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/public-officials-and-employees-rules-/ethics-training.html>

B. BYLAWS Subcommittee: Brian Lordson and Jodi Bailey volunteered to evaluate the by-laws and report back to the Committee.

C. Speakers for Upcoming Meetings: TBD

D. Year End Report Planning: Staff will send out draft report to members for review at the next meeting. Committee will need to select speaker for the presentation and Laura to verify date of Board of Supervisors meeting and ask for time certain, though no guarantee.

E. Union Update – See Speaker

F. 2020 - 2021 Meeting Schedule:

Monday, October 18, 2021 1 – 3pm

G. 2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule:

Monday, January 17, 2022 1 – 3pm change to 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday due to holiday

Monday, April 18, 2022 1 – 3pm

Monday, July 18, 2022 1 – 3pm

Monday, October 17, 2022 1 – 3pm

H. Additional Business

## 6. IHSS Public Authority Report and IHSS Program Staff Update:

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- a. Staffing (Laura Walny): Laura updated the Committee that a new Registry Training Specialist, Cynthia McGee started today with the PA and a second is in process and when this position is filled, the Public Authority will be fully staffed.
- b. Public Authority Report/Statistics (Elizabeth Peters): Elizabeth reviewed the statistics for the Committee.
- c. COVID-19 Update
  - i. Emergency Back Up Provider List (Elizabeth Peters): The list is being maintained, but is low in number as few providers are willing to work for someone when there has been active COVID. Continuing to follow state guidance and there are discussions statewide re: a more reliable back up provider system in the future.
  - ii. Essential Protective Gear (Elizabeth Peters): Remains available, limited requests for supplies.
  - iii. Vaccination Information: Vaccination availability and access info has been shared with providers including the County Public Health site so providers can access the most current information and find sites close to home.
  - iv. Orange County Survey Info – Discussion: Survey reviewed and discussed and in agreement that the information would be interesting from our county’s perspective.
- d. Provider Orientations/BOUNDS (Laura Walny): This remains a work in progress. Elizabeth is working directly with JUMP Technology developers to demonstrate the internal features of PRIMA so they can be incorporated into BOUNDS. This would enable the PA to merge fully into BOUNDS and have 1 web-based application in use and eliminate any redundancy of effort.
- e. Additional Updates: No additional updates.

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. Vice-Chair position
- B. Annual Report
- C. Additional Program Training – Protective Supervision potentially
- D. UDW invited to participate in future meeting

7. NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 18, 2021 ZOOM Meeting  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

8. ADJOURNMENT Time: 2:37pm