

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES/PUBLIC AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 13, 2025, 12:45 PM

South Region Livewell Center
401 Mile of Cars Way
2nd Floor, Training Room 2086
National City, CA 91950

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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:50 PM.			
2. Attendance			
Members		Absent Members	Guests
Nadine Branch Yolanda Ivy Angela Vittucci Blanca Paulin	Nicanora Montenegro	Sabrina Bishop Charles Kirtley -(Excused Absence)	Cindy Greatrex Hasan Ali
Members via Zoom	AIS/IHSS Staff	IHSS Public Authority	Guest – via Zoom
Russell Evans	Abigail Salud Gilberto Contreras- Morales Julie Lara Ann Rossi Erika Gonzalez	Thomas H. Johnson Elisia Garcia Lorena Gazca Ana Molina Denise Bernal Leonardo Madrigal	Melissa Barling Don Howard Belquis Jacqueline Jackson Erica McClure Lisa D Erika Gonzalez
3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Done.			
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Done.			
5. INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.			
6. MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW: Yolanda reviewed the code of conduct.			
7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Nicanora motioned, Blanca seconded. Motion passed.			
8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Blanca motioned, Yolanda seconded. Motion passed.			
9. CHAIR REPORT: Nadine thanked Ana for her service on the committee. She spoke about her experience as the Chair of the committee, she thanked the members for their trust and support. Nadine said someone from CICA reached out to her because they needed someone to connect with Senator Akilah Weber Pierson’s office regarding a legislative talk. She said she connected with Kayla Shore, from Hands-in-Hands and Long-Term Supportive Services For All (LTSS4ALL) and assisted in scheduling a meeting with the Senator’s office via Zoom; they met on 6/6/2025. Nadine shared photos of the meeting, where Yolanda was able to share her story. Nicanora represented several organizations.			

10. Presentation: In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Overview by Julie Lara. Julie provided an overview of the IHSS Program. She described the program as enabling eligible recipients to remain safely in their homes while avoiding out-of-home placement. IHSS is a Statewide program administered by counties under CDSS. Recipients act as employers, managing their cases. In San Diego, there are 46,311 recipients who are served by 42,198 providers. Julie reviewed the eligibility requirements and she provided an overview of the Public Authority’s (PA) role within the program. The PA acts as the employer of record for the IHSS providers, maintains a registry of providers, conducts training, and performs various other services for providers and consumers. Julie reviewed the application and assessment process. As of March 2025 there were 6,154 child recipients under 18, 15,574 recipients ages 18-64, and 24,583 recipients over 65, for a total of 46,311 recipients in San Diego County. Julie spoke about upcoming developments in IHSS including potentially integrating telehealth options. This will allow IHSS staff to conduct assessments remotely, as opposed to annual in-person visits. There will be an eligibility criteria established for this new process, and the virtual assessments cannot be used in consecutive years.

11. REPORTS

A. Aging and Independence Services (AIS) Council	No updates.	
B. Membership	Gilberto said he had two consumers interested in joining the committee. In addition to those consumers, he said he will be reaching out to Sabrina Bishop, who is the new AIS Council Representative appointed for the Advisory Committee. Gilberto informed the committee that Cindy Greatrex is also interested in becoming a member.	
C. IHSS	Abigail reported that IHSS is fully staffed. She said IHSS received a Certificate of Achievement for 100% compliance within Fiscal Year 24-25. Abigail recently attended a meeting with the San Diego Regional Center in late May 2025. She also shared that IHSS has ongoing staff training covering different topics, and recently they discussed confidentiality. Abigail introduced two social work supervisors: Ann Rossi and Erika Gonzalez.	
D. Community Report	Nicanora spoke about the current challenges in cities like Los Angeles and San Diego that have undocumented providers. She said there are several organizations advocating for due process and humane treatment. Nicanora announced that there’ll be a nationwide “No Kings Rally” on on 6/14/25. She also reported that she recently conducted training for providers, particularly on Alzheimer’s care. She invited everyone to come to the FilAm Cultural event in Escondido and enjoy Filipino cuisine, and to try to ride the Philippine jeepney and tricycle being featured as an attraction, courtesy of Pilipino Workers Center (PWC).	
E. California IHSS Consumer Alliance (CICA)	Nadine shared that CICA updated their bylaws and restructured their Executive Board. They will be discussing this at their statewide meeting on 6/18/25 at 10:00 AM. Janie Whiteford is currently the Interim Executive Director. She mentioned Kate Laddish is now the President, and Kristie Sepulveda-Burchit is the Vice President for CICA. Nadine shared that Margaret Lewis is the Secretary, Mark	

	<p>Gordon is the Treasurer, and that Regional Vice Presidents are now "Members at Large". Nadine says she will remain with CICA as a Member at Large. She says each county will have a Representative and an alternate to be on the Board.</p>	
<p>F. Public Authority (PA)</p>	<p>Thomas thanked Ana, who is transitioning to another position at the PA, for her contributions to the Advisory Committee as the primary liaison. He explained that he will be attending the County's Budget Deliberations and Adoption on 6/24/25, which is also open to the public. Thomas informed the committee that the PA management staff will present at the next Advisory Committee meeting on the various departments at the agency. The departments that will present include: Provider Services, Provider Enrollment Training, Registry, and the Admin department. He discussed AB283, the bill that is related to Statewide Collective Bargaining. Thomas shared that the PA Provider Services team completed a timesheet training at a recent UDW membership meeting in which 50 members were trained. He thanked Nadine, who has term out of her time as Chairperson, for her contributions and leadership of the Advisory Committee. Thomas reviewed the Advisory Committee financial report.</p>	
<p>12. Old Business (discussion and possible action):</p> <p>A. Committee Events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cooper Family Foundation Juneteenth Event (6/21/2025)– Nadine informed the committee that it is a very large all-day event that takes place from 11 AM – 6:30 PM. She said the event will be held at Memorial Park in Logan Heights, 2975 Ocean View Blvd, San Diego, CA 92113. 2. George Stevens Senior Center Juneteenth Celebration (6/19/2025) from 10-2 PM 3. UDW (6/14/2025)- From 10-2 PM on Coronado Ave 4. Goals (FY25-26): The committee agreed on continuing with the same goals as last fiscal year. 5. Mileage Update: Ana informed the committee that County fiscal approved for them to claim mileage. 6. iPad Usage: Tabled this discussion until next month to review usage. 7. Parliamentarian Training: Ana gave the committee information on parliamentarian training; she will also be sending the information via email 		
<p>13. New Business (discussion and possible action):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voting for Chair and Vice-Chair <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nadine motioned the vote for Nicanora Montenegro as the Chair. Yolanda seconded. Motion passed. b. Nicanora motioned the vote for Blanca Paulin as the Vice-Chair, Yolanda seconded. Motion Passed 2. CICA Representative: Yolanda volunteered to be the CICA Representative. Nicanora agreed to be her alternate. 		
<p>14. PUBLIC COMMENT: Hasan Ali, from ComforCare, said it was his first meeting with the Advisory Committee, and is happy to learn more about IHSS. Melissa Barling informed the committee that she was going to attend the "No Kings Day" rally.</p>		

14. MEMBER COMMENT: Blanca says she attended an online meeting called “How to go Electric for Renters”, which discussed the benefits of renters reaching out to landlords about changing appliances to electric. Blanca also attended a Caregivers Coalition and Resource Fair on 6/6/25. Angela inquired about the process for reporting caregivers. Thomas informed her that any complaints can be forwarded to the Public Authority Registry.

15. NEXT MEETING AGENDA: 7/11/2025

16. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Minutes prepared by Nadine Branch, Thomas H. Johnson, Denise Bernal, and Ana Molina