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Advisory Committee on IHSS Meeting
6955 Foothill Blvd. 2nd Floor, Suite #204
Public Health Conference Room #2
Oakland, CA 94605
Thursday, April 4th, 2024, at 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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AGENDA

Time		No. Of Minutes	Agenda Items	
1:30	20	<u>Call to Order/Introductions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of 4/4/2024 Agenda Approval of 1/18/2024 Meeting Minutes 		
1:45	25	<u>Adult & Aging Services Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming Legislation 	F. Battles	
2:05		<u>Advisory Committee Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warren Cushman's Resignation Elect new Chairperson 	Committee Members	
2:35	30	<u>Public Authority Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Health Benefits Registry Registry Survey Status 	PA Staff	
2:55		<u>Recruitment - Action Item</u> Recruitment Status	Committee Members	
3:05	10	<u>Other Discussion Items</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> California IHSS Consumer Alliance Membership Report (CICA) 	Committee Members	
3:10	5	<u>Action Item</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Advisory Committee Meeting: TBD 	Committee Members	
3:15	15	<u>Public Input (Time Limit: 3 minutes per speaker)</u>	General Public	
3:30	5	Adjourn (Action)		

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS REGARDING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS
BACKGROUND

The **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IHSS** is a “legislative body” subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code sections 54950 et seq.), which requires meetings of local legislative bodies to be open to the public. Under the Brown Act, legislative bodies may meet by teleconference if they meet enumerated requirements.

On March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency declaring that a state of emergency exists in California due to the threat of COVID-19, pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625). This declaration of emergency remains in effect.

Shortly after declaring the state of emergency, the Governor issued several executive orders suspending some of the Brown Act’s existing requirements for teleconferenced meetings, which otherwise would require legislative bodies to provide the public the opportunity to participate in the meetings at each teleconferencing location. The Governor ultimately extended the suspension of these requirements through September 30, 2021, pursuant to Executive Orders N-08-21 and N-15-21.

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361, Chapter 165, statutes of 2021), urgency legislation that amended the Brown Act to allow the use of teleconferenced meetings by legislative bodies without providing a physical meeting location for the public through January 31, 2024, under certain conditions, including the continued existence of a state of emergency declared by the Governor and recommendations from a state or local official for continued social distancing.

Both state and local officials recommend continued social distancing. The Division of Occupational Safety and Health of California’s (Cal/OSHA) issued Emergency Temporary Standards that require employers to train and instruct employees that the use of social distancing helps combat the spread of COVID-19 (8 Cal. Code Regs. 3205(c)(5)(D)). And on September 28, 2021, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda accepted the recommendation of the County’s Health Care Services Agency Director for continued social distancing at all meetings of the full Board of Supervisors and at all Board of Supervisors Committee meetings.

Under the requirements of AB 361, a legislative body must make specified findings not later than 30 days after the first teleconferenced meeting pursuant to these provisions, and to make those findings every 30 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet under these emergency teleconferencing procedures.

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

The Advisory Committee on IHSS finds that there is a continuing state of emergency declared by the Governor of the State of California that encompasses the County of Alameda. The Advisory Committee on IHSS further finds that state and/or local officials have imposed or continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee on IHSS therefore determines that it may conduct its meetings by teleconferencing in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e).

These Findings expire thirty (30) days after the date of adoption and shall be reconsidered every 30 days thereafter.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022 by the Advisory Committee on IHSS, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

EXCUSED: