



County of Alameda Adult & Aging Services
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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 3rd , 2025

1:30pm-3:30pm

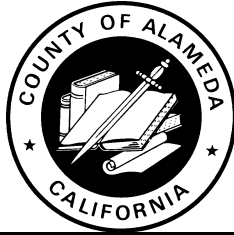
Eastmont Town Center Maxwell Park Conference Room or via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82187106013>

Meeting ID: 821 8710 6013

<u>Advisory Committee Members Present</u> <u>Teleconference</u> Hannah Karpilow(C) <u>In-Person</u> Shawn Costello (VC) Carol Crooks Karen Ridley Christina Leffmann <u>Committee Members Absent</u> NA <u>Public Present</u> Jackie B.	<u>County of Alameda Staff Present</u> Faith M. Battles Nicole Hayes Saundra Pearson William Tutol Cynthia Byrd <u>County of Alameda Staff Absent</u> Everett Robinson Emily Vo
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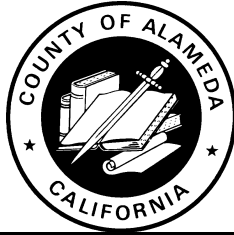
Item	DISCUSSION / RECOMMENDATIONS
A. Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting Chaired by Hannah Karpilow• Meeting called order by Hannah Karpilow at 1:40 PM• Introductions and Roll Call



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<p>B. Consent Calendar</p>	<p>(1.) Motion to Approve April 3r, 2025 Meeting Agenda: Unanimously approved</p> <p>(2.) Motion to Approve Amended Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hannah stated, “recipients have the right to <i>request</i> a drug test from their provider and the right to <i>terminate</i> the provider for any reason, regardless of whether the provider takes the drug test. <i>*Note that Hannah did not state this in the January meeting but is now requesting the minutes be changed to reflect that she responded by saying recipients have the right to request a drug test.</i> Motion to approve minutes with amendment unanimous. Motion Seconded: Shawn Costello Motion Passed: 04.03.25 Meeting minutes approved. <p>(3.) Motion to Approve Amended February 3rd, 2025, Retreat Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official committee name is “Advisory Committee on IHSS” not “Public Authority Advisory Board.” Motion to approve minutes with correction unanimously passed.
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<p>C. Advisory Subcommittee Report</p>	<p>Committee Structure and Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory subcommittees dissolved. The committee now meets as a whole or via ad hoc meetings with clear, specific goals. Limiting active advisory committee members to fewer than a quorum (6 members). Only 3 can attend ad hoc meetings. Legislation may soon allow anyone to participate via Zoom with ADA accommodations without disclosing location. Anne Adams resigned from the committee effective April 1, 2025. <p>Introductions and New Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane Powers and Christina Leffmann were appointed by the Governing Board as new Advisory Committee members.
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Retreat Summary:

- Committee members reported the retreat was successful and engaging.
- Team-building activities and power-mapping exercises were highlights.
- Stakeholder engagement and strategy mapping provided insight into advocacy targets.
- Members agreed the committee needs to build direct relationships with the Board of Supervisors.
- Plans discussed for ad hoc committees with clearly defined goals.
- Hannah acknowledged missing the arrangement of in-person provider support for the day's meeting.
- Commitment to arrange attendant support for the July meeting.

Provider Registry Concerns:

- Providers have the right to decline work based on preferences and availability.
- Public Authority does not compel providers to accept jobs.
- Concerns raised that some providers don't respond professionally to calls or texts.
- Suggestion that some providers are "cherry picking" or juggling multiple jobs.
- Registry not updated frequently; availability info may be outdated.



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D. IHSS & PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATES

Saundra Pearson:

- 4,100 IHSS recipients are on the registry.
- 231 referrals received for IHSS/PA registry service.
- 5,751 providers are receiving health benefits.

Public Authority Budget:

- Budget document available on county website provided.
- Total operating budget: approx. \$4.3 million.
- Registry-related services not separately itemized—spread across staffing and operations.
- 18 positions budgeted, 11 currently filled; staff perform overlapping duties.

Nicole Hayes:

- Telehealth reassessments to launch July 2025 for qualified recipients. Qualified recipients will have the option to conduct their annual reassessment by phone or video.
- Outreach initiated to confirm client contact info before scheduling the annual reassessment.
- Issues noted with clients moving out of the county or state and not reporting the information timely.



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E. ADULT & AGING SERVICES REPORT

Faith M. Battles:

- Addressed registry challenges and user expectations.
- Clarified that public authority cannot compel providers to accept clients or return calls.
- Discussed budgetary concerns at federal and state levels.
- Noted that upcoming changes to Medicaid funding could impact IHSS.
- Advised members to attend state budget hearings and engage with elected officials.
- Urged monitoring of “Home Safe” program status and encouraged public advocacy.
- The Federal government is looking to cut costs to extend tax breaks for the wealthy.
- Potential cuts to Medicaid (Medi-Cal in CA) totaling \$880 billion over 10 years.
- CA Medi-Cal covers nearly 15 million people (1/3 of state).
- Governor Newsom to release “May Revise” of state budget around May 15th.
 - July 1 deadline for signed state budget.
 - Members urged to watch for impacts to older adults and IHSS in the May Revise.



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F. ACTION ITEMS	<p>Advocacy and Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on state-level legislative actions impacting IHSS and Medicaid.• Reminder: IHSS recipients must be full-scope Medi-Cal participants.• Federal budget cuts could affect state and county support.• Encouraged participation in town halls and advocacy efforts. <p>Activism Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members discussed actions attended related to Medicaid and disability rights.• Christina announced selection for a fellowship that includes advocacy training in D.C.• Information was shared about a disability community rally at North Berkeley BART. <p>Upcoming Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2025.• Discussion on increasing representation from Hayward and South County areas.• Encouraged members to recruit more community and agency representatives.
G. PUBLIC INPUT	None



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**H. MEETING
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(ACTION)**

- Meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM.
- Appreciation extended to tech support (William) and all attendees.
- Reminders issued for continued engagement in ad hoc committees.