

IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

September 17th, 2025

3:00 PM

Meeting Location:

4245 Market Street Suite 213

Ventura, CA 93003

	Irma Nunez		
X	Jacob Lesner-Buxton		
X	James Importante (CEO's Office)		Dan Siagian
	Aracely Preciado (non-voting)	X	Leticia Ortega (non-voting)

Item #	Topic	Discussion
1.	Call to order	Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM.
2.	Public Comments	Public comments were given.
3.	Read and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prior minutes reviewed as summarized by staff.Motion: James to approve. Second: Jacob. Outcome: Approved.
4.	Advisory Committee Business	<p>Protective Supervision (PS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Claudia Rodriguez stated there is no directive to reduce PS hours or PS approvals.PS is the highest level of IHSS service, up to 283 hours per month,Ventura County PS case share is comparable to Kern and Santa Barbara counties and to statewide proportions.Average authorized PS hours per recipient have held near 180 hours in recent years while recipient counts have grown. <p>Follow-up data from CDSS (received after meeting):</p> <p>IHSS leadership provided county-level PS statistics from the California Department of Social Services IHSS Program Data site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Table 1) As of June 2025, 1,271 of Ventura County's 10,617 IHSS recipients receive PS, which is 11.9 percent. Approximately half are minors at 648, which is 50.9 percent of PS recipients.Table 2) Average PS hours per recipient have remained near 180 hours over the past six years while the number of recipients rose from 765 in January 2019 to 1,271 in June 2025. <p>See Appendix A for full tables.</p> <p>Source: CDSS IHSS Program Data, https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/ihss/program-data</p>

5.	Union Update	No union representative is present. No update.
6.	Public Authority Update	<p>Agency Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roger Robinson began as HSA Agency Director in mid-June 2025 following Melissa Livingston's retirement. <p>Events and Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Prevention Forum hosted by Area Agency on Aging and Ventura County Fire Department on September 26 in Thousand Oaks. Pre-registration required. Livestream available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information for the 2025 Fall Prevention Forum: https://fire.venturacounty.gov/senior-citizen-safety/ Care Provider Training: Mental wellness and suicide prevention hosted by Kids & Families Together and HSA on September 18, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Registration link to be shared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Wellness Suicide Prevention Training Information: https://www.partnershipforsafefamilies.org/_files/ugd/fd3a1c_7d82913b0a94187a4adb6f60bcb883.pdf Government and Disability Summit: Second annual event September 23 to 26 in Ventura County. Registration reportedly closed; Jacob participating and will report back next meeting. Caregiver Conference: Not funded for this year. PA will explore partnerships with community organizations to revive or re-scope the event.
7.	Next Meeting and Agenda Items	<p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IHSS management to provide current Ventura County counts and status of PS-related appeals and share public IHSS statistical resources. Staff to share information links for the Fall Prevention Forum and Care Provider Training. Jacob Lesner-Buxton to provide an update from the Government and Disability Summit. PA leadership to explore partnership options to reinstate a Caregiver Conference or alternative provider education offerings. All members submit proposed agenda items for the next meeting.
8.	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM .

Next meeting, October 15th, 2025, will be in person.

Appendix A. Protective Supervision statistics referenced in Item 4

Table 1:

County comparison (May 2025):

County	All Cases	All Hours	PS Cases	PS Hours	% PS Cases	% PS Hours
Ventura	10,560	1,193,083	1,246	223,834	11.8%	18.8%
Kern	17,341	1,986,022	1,914	343,532	11.0%	17.3%
Santa Barbara	5,081	593,053	580	98,791	11.4%	16.7%
Los Angeles	290,158	33,187,504	21,442	3,877,896	7.4%	11.7%

Table 2:

Trend in average PS hours (Jan 2019 to Jan 2025):

Month	PS Recipient	PS Hours	Avg Hours/Recipient
January 2019	765	137,038.6	179.1
January 2020	833	149,737.2	179.8
January 2021	908	163,568.9	180.1
January 2022	961	173,014.9	180.0
January 2023	1,027	184,131.6	179.3
January 2024	1,157	207,951.5	179.7
January 2025	1,210	217,525.9	179.8

Ventura County snapshot (June 2025):

1,271 of 10,617 IHSS recipients receive PS (11.9 percent). 648 of PS recipients are minors (50.9 percent).