

# IHSS/PA Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

February 21st, 2026

3:00 PM

Meeting Location:

4245 Market Street Suite 213

Ventura, CA 93003

X	James Importante (CEO's Office)	X	Dan Siagian
X	Aracely Preciado (non-voting)	X	Leticia Ortega (non-voting)

Item #	Topic	Discussion
1.	<b>Call to order</b>	<i>Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM by Leticia Ortega.</i>
2.	<b>Public Comments</b>	No public comments received.
3.	<b>Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 21, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed by committee members.</li> <li>Motion to approve minutes. First by Dan Siagian and second by James Importante. Motion passed.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Advisory Committee Business</b>	<p><b>Application Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee interviewed three of four applicants who were invited to the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary Ellen Thompson – Tri Counties Regional Center</li> <li>Rizwana “Riz” Jmari</li> <li>Anne Taylor Hanlon – Tri Counties Regional Center</li> <li>Alegandro Gabriel Alvarez – Tri Counties Regional Center was a no-show.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Motion made by Dan Siagian to recommend Rizwana Jmari for appointment under the Consumer category. Motion seconded by James Importante. Motion passed.</li> <li>Motion made by James Importante to recommend Mary Ellen Thompson for appointment under the Community Based Organization category. Motion seconded by Dan Siagian. Motion passed.</li> <li>Public Authority staff will initiate the appointment process through submission to the Board of Supervisors.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Union Update</b>	No union updates provided.
6.	<b>Public Authority Update</b>	<p><b>Budget Proposal – IHSS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee was informed that the California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA) requested advisory committees statewide to consider submitting a letter opposing proposed IHSS trailer bills in the Governor’s January 2026-2027 budget.</li> <li>Proposals discussed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elimination of the IHSS Backup Provider System</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shifting IHSS state costs to counties</li> <li>○ Elimination of the IHSS Residual Program</li> <li>● Further discussion is needed. Item will be revisited at the March meeting.</li> </ul>
7.	<b>Next Meeting and Agenda Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Budget Cut Letter</li> </ul>
8.	<b>Adjournment</b>	<i>Meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.</i>
<hr/> <p><i>Next meeting, March 18th, 2026, will be in person.</i></p> <hr/>		