

IHSS Public Authority Advisory Board Meeting
April 23, 2019
MINUTES

Members Present: Cheryl Hewitt; Janie Whiteford; Beverly Lozoff; Dennis Schneider; Lori Andersen; Bob Stroughter, Senon Hernandez (via conference call)

Members Absent: Terri Possley (Ex-Officio)

PA Staff Present: Mary Tinker, Leticia Sabadin

Guests Present: Mathew Lubinsky, Potential AB Member

Announcements & Public Comment: Mary Tinker distributed the Sourcewise “Impact Report” to all members present.

Janie Whiteford expressed appreciation to Dennis Schneider for inviting guest Mathew Lubinsky. Mathew is interested in the AB meetings and possibly becoming an AB member in the future.

Beverly Lozoff announced the Suicide Prevention Conference coming up on May 31st. Beverly will email Leticia the flyer and information on the conference so she can forward to all AB members.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Janie Whiteford to approve March 19, 2019 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Bob Stroughter, vote was unanimous.

Outreach for different agencies to come present at our AB Meetings: Mary Tinker asked the AB members if they would like different agencies to present at our monthly meetings and they all agreed this would be good.

Mary requested that all AB members email her suggested agencies to invite. Some to consider and put on the list are SARC (San Andreas Regional Center) and SVILC (Silicon Valley Independent Living Center).

Guest Mathew Lubinsky is part of “Adults toward Independent Living” and he would like to have an opportunity to speak about this agency at an upcoming meeting.

Proposal to change the AB Bylaws, Members to vote: The proposal was fully discussed at the previous AB meeting on March 19. Beverly Lozoff reviewed the reason for requesting the membership change as well as one correction to language in Section II A of the bylaws.

The reason for seeking to eliminate two seats on the AB is to enable a more constant ability to attain a quorum at meetings. Multiple meetings have had to be cancelled or held without a quorum diminishing the effectiveness of the AB. It has been extremely difficult to attain a quorum for meetings over the past few years and it’s getting more difficult to fill vacant seats with qualified

individuals. The requested change would still maintain 51% consumers of IHSS or personal care assistance services as required by statute. Additionally, this has been done by other Public Authorities around the state for the same reasons, this is not unprecedented.

Motion by Janie Whiteford: "I move to amend the bylaws to reduce the number of Advisory Board members from 11 to 9; also to correct one statement in Section II A, by adding "personal care assistance services."

Motion seconded by Dennis Schneider, the motion passed with six aye votes and one no vote. (Cheryl Hewitt requested her no vote be included in the minutes as "strongly opposed")

For clarification: *The language correction will bring the bylaws into compliance with the statute and would now read: "No fewer than four (4) of the consumers must be current or recent consumers of County In-Home Supportive Services **or personal care assistance services**".*

Further clarification: The proposal is to change from 11 members down to 9 and eliminate the Consumer Senior and Consumer Disabled seats; however this would still leave the board at 51% consumer membership/representation."

Meetings Report Back:

March 25, 2019: Meeting with Robert Menicocci, Director of SCC Social Services Agency, Jim Ramoni, Director of Department of Aging and Adult Services, and Advisory Board members; Janie Whiteford, Lori Andersen, Dennis Schneider, and Beverly Lozoff

Members reported it was a productive meeting and they felt listened to. Jim and Bob realize what is going on in IHSS. They know there are many concerns and some inefficiencies needing to be addressed. Bob and Jim indicated the agency is working with an efficiency expert who is reviewing each of the DASS departments. They said that it has taken over a year for the efficiency report to be completed by the consultant but it only covers a small portion of the agency.

Janie said that the AB members expressed many concerns such as:

- telephone hold times
- insufficient clerical staff, haven't hired more in over 10 years
- Part-time, extra help is barely sufficient, not helping, need permanent full-time staff rather than extra help who learn the job then move on or time out of the job

Lori mentioned a big concern with Social Workers is they won't do admin duties due to union contract. Also the referred expedited applications or courtesy visits assessments are not happening even though it was agreed upon. Social workers from IHSS are not doing these. Jim stated he would address it and let the social workers know this is a must do.

March 29, 2019 (2) – both meetings attendees were Lori Andersen, Janie Whiteford, Beverly Lozoff and Mary Tinker.

(1) Meeting with Supervisor Chavez:

Supervisor Chavez was very interested and very receptive to the meeting. She took information that was provided and requested more. She requested a follow-up call on May 14th to continue this discussion.

Supervisor Chavez stated she would request an external audit to gather further information. She also suggested someone from the AB attend the May budget workshop on IHSS and speak, how much would it cost and what are the options.

Supervisor Chavez asked what the AB three highest priorities are.

- Clerical permanent positions not extra help
- Special expedited assessment team
- Expand PA Care Coaching

(2) Meeting with staff aide-Micaela Hellman-Tincher on behalf of Supervisor Simitian. Micaela was very attentive and took a lot of notes to take back to Supervisor Simitian.

The same priorities were discussed with Micaela as with Supervisor Chavez.

Janie Whiteford stated that so far they have met with 2 out of 5 Supervisors. She is still working diligently to get more meetings set up with Supervisors' Cortese, Wasserman and Ellenberg.

Mentioned that Supervisor Chavez and Micaela confirmed they are aware it's really hard to find qualified Social Workers.

The AB members learned from Supervisor Chavez that IHSS no longer requires a Social Work degree for social work positions, as long as someone has a bachelor's degree that's sufficient to work in the classification. Advisory Board members were of the opinion that the title of the position should be changed to Eligibility Workers since they are not qualified nor are they doing Social Work. It's setting up false expectations for the public, consumers and professionals.

Lori Andersen mentioned that Terri Possley stated, with regards to expedited applications, these need to fit under the CCI guidelines but IHSS is no longer working under CCI so this makes no sense. Further discussion and exploration needs to be done around this topic.

Janie Whiteford mentioned that the Public Authority Care Coaching program need additional funding, it's a growing program that needs attention and more care coordinators to assist IHSS consumers.

CAPA Report: CAPA met in Sacramento March 28th.

Sick Leave Update: The number of IPs using their sick leave continues to increase every month but still much lower than anticipated. Some speculate the claim rates will spike in May and June before the time is lost at the end of the fiscal year. As of March only 4.4% (1030) of IPs in Santa Clara County have claimed some sick pay hours, 895 have claimed all 8 hours.

EVV: CDSS held two public stakeholder meetings; the first covered the telephone timesheet option for EVV held on March 29th and the second covering EVV implementation strategy held April 5th. Information including the Power Point Presentations from both meetings can be obtained by going to www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/IHSS/EVV/StakeholderMeetings.

Secure Choice Retirement Savings: Is from SB 1234 from 2016 to establish a retirement saving plan for low income workers. The state expects to permit people to start signing up this summer. There

have been concerns as to the legality of making this available to all IHSS providers so is being run through legal counsel at the state. Nothing further to report at this time.

Master Plan on Aging: Governor Newsom called for a “Master Plan on Aging.” The Governor cites as his reason for prioritizing this that California’s senior population will increase by 4 million over the next decade, and double in 25 years. The Governor has noted that the plan must address the existing patchworking and siloing of senior services, in addition to a nursing shortage, the social isolation seniors experience, and their transportation needs.

The Senate and the Assembly each have a proposal entitled the Master Plan on Aging. The Senate’s version, **SB 228** by Senator Jackson, would require the Governor to appoint a Master Plan Director and establish an Aging Task Force. The task force would consist of 15 members, with the President pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and Governor each appointing 5 members to the task force. The bill would require the Director, with the assistance of the task force, to work with representatives from impacted state departments, stakeholders, and other agencies to identify the policies and priorities that need to be implemented in California to prepare for the aging of its population. The bill is scheduled to be heard in Senate Human Services Committee on April 22, and, as recently amended, has been more fully fleshed out to provide details surrounding with what the task force is tasked, and the stakeholders with whom they’re required to work.

The Assembly’s version, **AB 1382**, by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry scheduled to be heard in Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee on April 23, also called the Master Plan on Aging, takes a different tack. This bill instead would require the state to adopt a Master Plan for Aging, emphasizing workforce priorities. The bill would require the Master Plan for Aging to prioritize specified issues related to preparing and supporting the state’s paid paraprofessionals and professionals, as well as unpaid family caregivers. These issues would include, but not be limited to, (1) establishing and scaling a universal home care worker category of jobs, including a career ladder and associated training, and (2) developing recommendations regarding the need for high-quality, affordable, and accessible respite services throughout the state for unpaid family caregivers.

There is a third bill, which, although not calling itself “The Master Plan on Aging,” does have to do with a master plan on aging—however **this one is housing specific. SB 611** (Caballero) would establish the Master Plan for Aging Housing Task Force for purposes of making recommendations to the Legislature for legislation that will help increase the supply of affordable housing for older adults and reduce barriers to providing health care and social services to older adults in affordable housing. This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Housing Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 22.

Legislative Update: The 2019 legislative session is now in full swing with only three weeks left for committees to meet policy deadlines for fiscal bills. Below, please find the list of some of the bills CAPA is currently tracking. Please note this list is subject to change:

AB 9 (Reyes): Employment discrimination: limitation of actions.

Current law authorizes a person claiming to be aggrieved by an alleged unlawful practice in accordance with the California Fair Employment and Housing Act to file a complaint with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing within one year from the date upon which the unlawful

practice occurred, unless otherwise specified. This bill would extend the above-described period to 3 years for complaints alleging employment discrimination, as specified. ***This bill is on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File, where it will be taken up at the end of May.***
Recommended Position: Watch.

AB 23 (Burke): Workforce training programs.

States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to incentivize systems that better facilitate communication and partnerships between businesses, labor advocates, and educational institutions for the purpose of creating tailored workforce training programs that both increase worker participation and further the attainment of increased skills. ***This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy where it is scheduled for hearing on April 23.*** **Recommended Position: Watch**

AB 50 (Kalra): Medi-Cal: Assisted Living Waiver Program.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to submit, in 2019, to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services a request for renewal a request for renewal of the Assisted Living Waiver program with specified amendments. The bill would require, as part of the amendments, the department to increase the number of participants in the program, in the 15 existing waiver counties, expansion of the program beyond those counties on a regional basis, and modification to the provider reimbursement tiers while also maintaining the program's budget neutral provisions. ***This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Committee on Health. First hearing was postponed, and a new hearing has yet to be scheduled.*** **Recommended Position: Support.**

AB 196 (Gonzalez): Paid Family Leave.

Current law establishes, within the state disability insurance program, a family temporary disability insurance program, also known as the paid family leave program, for the provision of wage replacement benefits to workers who take time off work to care for a seriously ill family member or to bond with a minor child within one year of birth or placement. This bill would state the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would expand the paid family leave program in order to provide a 100% wage replacement benefit for workers earning \$100,000 or less annually. ***This bill is currently in the possession of Assembly Insurance Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 24.*** **Recommended Position: Watch.**

AB 229 (Nazarian): In-home supportive services: written content translation.

Current law requires the State Department of Social Services to translate a specified notice of action into the four threshold languages of the public receiving in-home supportive services. This bill would clarify that the department is required to provide translations of written content into the four threshold languages of providers of in-home supportive services in California. The bill would permit the department to work with counties and the County Welfare Directors Association to repurpose existing, county-produced translations of written content. ***This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. This bill is co-sponsored by CAPA, CWDA, and AFSCME-UDW.***

AB 249 (Choi): Public employers: employee organizations.

Would prohibit a public employer from deterring or discouraging a public employee or an applicant to be a public employee from opting out of becoming or remaining a member of an employee

organization. The bill would prohibit a public employer from taking adverse action against a public employee or applicant to be a public employee who opts out of becoming or remaining a member of an employee organization and would specify that adverse action includes reducing a public employee's current level of pay or benefits. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee, where it failed passage at hearing. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 251 (Patterson): Personal income taxes: credit: family caregiver.

The Personal Income Tax Law allows various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill, for each taxable year beginning and or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2025, would allow a credit against those taxes in an amount equal to 50% of the amount paid or incurred by a family caregiver during the taxable year for eligible expenses related to the care of an eligible family member, not to exceed \$5,000. The bill would limit the aggregate amount of these credits to be allocated in each calendar year to \$150,000,000 as well as any unusual credit amount, if any allocated in the preceding calendar year. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 8. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 312 (Cooley): State government: administrative regulations: review.

Would require each state agency to, on or before January 1, 2022, review its regulations, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, revise those identified regulations, as provided, and report its findings and actions taken to the Legislature and Governor, as specified. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2023. *This bill is currently on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File, where it will be taken up at the end of May. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 314 (Bonta): Public employment: labor relations: release time.

Current law, including the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, the Ralph C. Dills Act, the Trial Court Employment Protection and Governance Act, the Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act, Judicial Council Employer-Employee Relations Act, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Transit Employer-Employee Relations Act, as well as provisions commonly referred to as the Educational Employment Relations Act and the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, regulates the labor relations of the state, the courts, and specified local public agencies and their employees. These acts generally require the public entities in this context to grant employee representatives of recognized employee organizations reasonable time off without loss of compensation or benefits for certain purposes in connection with labor relations, commonly referred to as release time. This bill would prescribe requirements relating to release time that would apply to all of the public employers and employees subject to the acts described above and would generally repeal the provisions relating to release time in those acts. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 406 (Limón): Paid family leave.

Current law provides family temporary disability insurance benefits to workers to care for their family members, and is known as Paid Family Leave. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would ensure that paid family leave forms are language-accessible to all families in the state. *This bill is currently in the possession of Assembly Insurance Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 24. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 414 (Bonta): Healthcare coverage: minimum essential coverage.

Current federal law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), enacts various healthcare coverage market reforms as of January 1, 2014. PPACA generally requires individuals, and any dependents of the individual, to minimum essential coverage, as defined, and, if an individual fails to maintain minimum essential coverage, PPACA imposes on the individual taxpayer a penalty. This provision is referred to as the individual mandate. This bill would require a California resident to ensure that the resident and the resident's dependents are covered under minimum essential coverage for each month beginning after 2019. The bill would impose a penalty for the failure to maintain minimum essential coverage *This bill has been referred to Assembly Health Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 9. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 426 (Maienschein): In-Home Supportive Services program.

Current law requires a county welfare department to assess each recipient's continuing monthly need for in-home supportive services at varying intervals, but at least once every 12 months. Current law authorizes a county to reassess a recipient's need for services at a time interval of less than 12 months from a recipient's initial intake or last assessment if the county social worker has information indicating that the recipient's need for services is expected to decrease in less than 12 months. This bill would require a reduction of a recipient's monthly authorized number of service hours to be based solely on a verified change of a recipient's medical condition, a change in the recipient's living arrangements, a change in the recipient's functionality, a change in the recipient's circumstances, a change in the law, or an error in computing a recipient's monthly authorized number of service hours. *This bill is currently on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File, where it will be taken up at the end of May. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 477 (Cervantes): Emergency preparedness: vulnerable populations.

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would ensure that state and local emergency management preparedness efforts, specifically for transportation, include people with disabilities, people with mental illness, and seniors. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Support.*

AB 526 (Petrie-Norris): Public social services: SSI/SSP.

Current law, The Burton-Moscone-Bagley Citizens' Income Security Act for Aged, Blind and Disabled Californians, requires the State Department of Social Services to contract with the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to make payments to supplement Supplemental Security Income payments made available pursuant to the federal Social Security Act. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Health Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 9. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 567 (Calderon): Long-term care insurance.

Would establish the Long Term Care Insurance Task Force in the Department of Insurance, chaired by the Insurance Commissioner or the commissioner's designee, and composed of specified stakeholders and representatives of government agencies to examine the components necessary to design and implement a statewide long-term care insurance program. The bill would require the task force to

recommend options for establishing this program and to comment on their respective degrees of feasibility in a report submitted to the commissioner, the Governor, and the Legislature by July 1, 2021.

This bill is currently in the possession in the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long Term Care, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 23. Recommended Position: Watch.

AB 568 (Reyes) Caregiver resource centers: volunteer workforce.

Would establish, until January 1, 2025, a pilot program, administered by the Director of Health Care Services, pursuant to which the CRCs would select, train, and place volunteers to provide care to persons who are at least 65 years of age or who have a cognitive impairment and meet specified criteria. The bill would establish selection criteria for prospective volunteers and specified training requirements. The bill would require the CRCs to provide a stipend and an educational award, as specified, to volunteers. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long Term Care, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 23. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 683 (Carrillo): Medi-Cal: eligibility.

Current law requires Medi-Cal benefits to be provided to individuals eligible for services pursuant to prescribed standards, including a modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) eligibility standard. Current law prohibits the use of an asset or resources test for individuals whose financial eligibility for Medi-Cal is determined based on the application of MAGI. This bill would require the department to disregard specified assets and resources, such as motor vehicles and life insurance policies, in determining the Medi-Cal eligibility for an applicant or beneficiary whose eligibility is not determined using MAGI, subject to federal approval and federal financial participation. *This bill is currently in the possession of Assembly Appropriations Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Support.*

AB 715 (Arambula): Medi-Cal: program for aged and disabled persons.

Current law requires the State Department of Health Care Services to exercise its option under federal law to implement a program for aged and disabled persons. Current law requires an individual under these provisions to satisfy certain financial eligibility requirements. Current law requires the department to implement this program by means of all-county letters or similar instructions without taking regulatory action and thereafter requires the department to adopt regulations. This bill would instead require, upon receipt of federal approval, all countable income over 100% of the federal poverty level, up to 138% of the federal poverty level, to be disregarded, after taking all other disregards, deductions, and exclusions into account for those persons eligible under the program for aged and disabled persons. *This bill is currently in the possession of Assembly Appropriations Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Support.*

AB 911 (Rodriguez) 911 services: elder adults and persons with disabilities.

Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a 911 emergency communication system that would enable elder adults, persons with disabilities, and other at-risk persons to voluntarily provide vital health and safety information in order to enable first responders to better assist the public during an emergency. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Committee on Communications and Conveyance, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 10. Recommended Position: Support.*

AB 924 (Voepel): In-home supportive services.

Current law requires that in-home supportive services and waiver personal care services be performed by providers within a workweek, as defined, that does not exceed 66 hours per week, as reduced by a specified net percentage, and specifies that there are bimonthly payroll periods. This bill would instead require the county welfare department to measure each recipient's continuing need for supportive services on a weekly basis for purposes of its required assessment of the recipient's continuing need, and would specify that a "payroll period" means 2 workweeks. The bill would make other technical, nonsubstantive changes. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Human Services Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Pending.*

AB 952 (Voepel): Criminal history information: conviction records: State Department of Social Services.

Would require the Department of Justice to provide to the State Department of Social Services all conviction records that the Department of Justice receives for a person subject to the above provisions, as specified. *This bill is currently in the possession of Assembly Public Safety Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 970 (Salas): California Department of Aging: grants: transportation.

Would require the California Department of Aging to administer a grant program to receive applications from area agencies on aging to fund transportation to and from nonemergency medical services for older individuals and persons with a disability who reside in rural, desert, or mountain areas within a planning and service area, for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The bill would require that transportation be made available using the purchase, lease, or maintenance of zero-emission or near-zero-emission vehicles with a capacity for 7, 12, or 15 passengers. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Transportation Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 22. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 1042 (Wood): Medi-Cal: beneficiary maintenance needs: home upkeep allowances: transitional needs funds.

Would establish eligibility and other requirements for providing the home upkeep allowance or a transitional needs fund to Medi-Cal patients residing in a long-term care facility, as specified. The bill would prescribe both general and specific requirements for both facility residents who intend to leave the facility and return to an existing home, who would receive the home upkeep allowance, and for residents who do not have a home but intend to leave the facility and establish a new home, who could establish a transitional needs fund for the purpose of meeting the transitional costs of establishing a home. *This bill is currently in the possession of Assembly Appropriations Committee, where has not yet been scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Support.*

AB 1088 (Wood): Medi-Cal: eligibility.

Would provide that an aged, blind, or disabled individual who would otherwise be eligible for Medi-Cal benefits, as specified, would be eligible for Medi-Cal without a share of cost if their income and resources otherwise meet eligibility requirements. The bill would authorize the State Department of Health Care Services to implement this provision by provider bulletins or similar instructions until regulations are adopted. The bill would require the department to adopt regulations by July 1, 2021, and to provide a status report to the Legislature on a semiannual basis until regulations have been adopted. *This bill is currently in the possession of Assembly Appropriations Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Support.*

AB 1136 (Nazarian): California Department of Community Living: establishment.

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish the California Department of Community Living, within the California Health and Human Services Agency, from a reorganization of the existing California Department of Aging. The bill would further state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the California Department of Community Living to realize California's commitment to person-centered, coordinated service delivery for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers and provide leadership and policy development. *This bill is currently in the possession of Aging and Long Term Care Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 1137 (Nazarian): The California Department of Aging.

The Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act establishes the California Department of Aging in the California Health and Human Services Agency, and sets forth its mission to provide leadership to the area agencies on aging in developing systems of home- and community-based services that maintain individuals in their own homes or least restrictive homelike environments. Current law requires the department to develop minimum standards for service delivery, and requires those standards to ensure that a system meets specified requirements, including that it has cost containment and fiscal incentives consistent with the delivery of appropriate services at the appropriate level. This bill would delete that cost containment and fiscal incentives requirement. . *This bill is currently in the possession of the Senate Committee on Aging and Long Term Care, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 23. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 1241 (Quirk-Silva): Contracts between public agencies and private entities for hiring and training individuals: electronic databases.

Would require an agency, as defined, that contracts with a person or private entity that owns or licenses an electronic database that contains the personal information of individuals for the purpose of hiring and training specified individuals, to do so only if the contract requires the person or private entity to comply with the requirements for disclosure and maintenance of personal information that are applicable to an agency pursuant to the Information Practices Act of 1977. *This bill has yet to be referred to policy committee. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 1287 (Nazarian): Universal assessments: No Wrong Door system.

This bill would require the California Department of Aging, in partnership with other specified departments and in consultation with stakeholders, to develop a plan and strategy for a phased statewide implementation of the No Wrong Door system. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Human Services Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 9. Recommended Position: Watch.*

AB 1382 (Aguiar-Curry) Master Plan for an Aging California.

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a Master Plan for an Aging California that responds to population needs in a comprehensive manner, including, but not limited to, strategies to address the needs of family caregivers and implement the recommendations offered by the California Task Force on Family Caregiving. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Aging and Long Term Care Committee, where it is scheduled for hearing on April 23. Recommended Position: Pending.*

AB 1434 (Kalra): Public social services: SSI/SSP.

Current law provides for the State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled (SSP), which requires the State Department of Social Services to contract with the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to make payments to SSP recipients to supplement Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments made available pursuant to the federal Social Security Act. This bill would reinstate the cost-of-living adjustment beginning January 1 of the 2020 calendar year. The bill would also require a maximum aid payment provided to an individual or a married couple that does not equal or exceed 100% of the 2019 federal poverty level to be increased to an amount that equals 100% of the federal poverty level. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Human Services Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 9. Recommended Position: Support.*

AB 1723 (Wood): Pharmacy: clinics: purchasing drugs at wholesale.

This bill would increase the number of hours a free clinic or a primary care community clinic can operate on separate premises from a licensed clinic, from 20 hours per week to 40 hours per week. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Assembly Health Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 9. Recommended Position: Watch.*

SB 135 (Jackson): Disability compensation: paid family leave.

Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would strengthen California's family leave laws and to create more equitable access to California's family leave programs, as specified. The bill would also state various findings and declarations in that regard. *This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Labor Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 10. Recommended Position: Pending.*

SB 175 (Pan): Healthcare coverage: minimum essential coverage.

Current federal law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), enacts various healthcare coverage market reforms as of January 1, 2014. PPACA generally requires individuals, and any dependents of the individual, to maintain minimum essential coverage, as defined, and, if an individual fails to maintain minimum essential coverage, PPACA imposes on the individual taxpayer a penalty. This provision is referred to as the individual mandate. This bill would require a California resident to ensure that the resident, and any dependent of the resident, is covered under minimum essential coverage for each month beginning after 2019. The bill would impose a penalty for the failure to maintain minimum essential coverage. *This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Health Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 10. Recommended Position: Watch.*

SB 214 (Dodd): Medi-Cal: California Community Transitions program.

Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to implement and administer the California Community Transitions program, as authorized under federal law and pursuant to the terms of the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration. The bill would require the department to seek federal matching funds, and if federal matching funds are unavailable, the bill would require the department to fund the program. The bill would require the department to seek partnerships with counties and other local jurisdictions as a means to securing enhanced and complementary funding, as specified. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Senate Health Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 24. Recommended Position: Support.*

SB 228 (Jackson): Master Plan on Aging.

Would require the Governor to appoint an Aging Czar and a 15-member Aging Task Force to work with representatives from impacted state departments and with stakeholders to identify the policies and priorities that need to be implemented in California to prepare for the aging of its population and to develop a master plan for aging. The bill would require the master plan to address how the state should accomplish specified goals, including expanding access to coordinated, integrated systems of care. The bill would also require the Aging Task Force to solicit input from stakeholders and gather information on the impact of California's aging population. *This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Human Services Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 22. Recommended Position: Pending.*

SB 263 (Dodd): Taxation: savings plans: qualified ABLE program: small business cash method of accounting.

The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, conforms to the federal income tax law provisions relating to the ABLE Act, as provided. Current law creates the ABLE Act Board and requires the board to provide an annual listing of distributions to individuals that have an interest in an ABLE account to the Franchise Tax Board, as provided. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2026, would conform to those changes made by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. *This bill is currently in the possession of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on May 1. Recommended Position: Support.*

SB 280 (Jackson): Older adults and persons with disabilities: fall prevention.

The Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act establishes the California Department of Aging, and sets forth its duties and powers, including, among other things, entering into a contract for the development of information and materials to educate Californians on the concept of "aging in place" and the benefits of home modification. Current law also establishes the Senior Housing Information and Support Center within the department for the purpose of providing information and training relating to available innovative resources and senior services, and housing options and home modification alternatives designed to support independent living or living with family. This bill would repeal those provisions relating to the department's provision of information on housing and home modifications for seniors. *This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Housing Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 22. Recommended Position: Pending.*

SB 338 (Hueso): Elder and dependent adult abuse: law enforcement policies.

Would authorize local law enforcement agencies to adopt a policy manual on elder and dependent adult abuse. The bill would require, if a local law enforcement agency adopts or revises a policy manual on elder and dependent adult abuse on or after July 1, 2020, that the policy include specified provisions, including those related to enforcement and training. The bill would additionally require a law enforcement agency that adopts or revises a policy on elder and dependent adult abuse on or after July 1, 2020, to post a copy of that policy on its Internet Web site. *This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Human Services Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Watch.*

SB 440 (Pan): Cognitive Impairment Safety Net System Task Force.

Would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to study and assess the need for a cognitive impairment safety net system to serve at-risk adults with cognitive impairment. The bill would specify the composition of the task force and require the task force to

determine both short-term and long-term needs of this population. The bill would also require the task force to present its findings in a written report with recommendations to both the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1, 2021. . *This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Human Services Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 8. Recommended Position: Watch.*

SB 453 (Hurtado): Older adults.

This bill would delete the contingent operation of these provisions and instead make only the operation of the ADRC program contingent upon an appropriation of funds for that purpose. The bill would also declare the intent of the Legislature in enacting those provisions is to establish a No Wrong Door System in California to serve seniors and individuals with disabilities. The bill would additionally require the ADRC program to collect and report certain data to the California Department of Aging. *This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Human Services Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Pending.*

SB 512 (Pan): Long-term services and supports.

Would establish the California Long-Term Services and Supports Benefits Board (LTSS Board), to be composed of 9 specified members, including, among others, the Treasurer as chair, the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency as vice chair, and 3 members to be appointed by the Governor. The bill would require the LTSS Board to manage and invest revenue deposited in the California Long-Term Services and Supports Benefits Trust Fund (LTSS Trust), which the bill would create in the State treasury, to, upon appropriation, finance long-term services and supports for eligible individuals *This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Human Services Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 8. Recommended Position: Pending.*

SB 611 (Caballero): Housing: elderly and individuals with disabilities.

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a master plan that responds to population needs in a comprehensive manner which shall include, but not be limited to, policy recommendations that address the housing needs of California's older adults, and people with disabilities. *This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Housing Committee, where it is scheduled to be heard on April 22. Recommended Position: Pending.*

SB 615 (Hueso D) Public records: disclosure.

The California Public Records Act, when it appears to a superior court that certain public records are being improperly withheld from a member of the public, requires the court to order the officer or person charged with withholding the records to disclose the public record or show cause why they should not do so. The act requires the court to award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the requester if the requester prevails in litigation filed pursuant to these provisions, and requires the court to award court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the public agency if the court finds that the requestor's case is clearly frivolous. This bill would require a person to meet and confer in good faith with the agency in an attempt to informally resolve each issue before instituting any proceeding for injunctive or declarative relief or writ of mandate. *This bill is currently in the possession of Senate Judiciary Committee, where it has yet to be scheduled for hearing. Recommended Position: Watch.*

SB 661 (Hurtado): Long-term care.

Current law provides various regulatory structures under which long-term care may be provided to older individuals and individuals with disabilities, including within licensed nursing facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, and home- and community-based services. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to address the growing need for long-term care for seniors and individuals with disabilities in California, and would make related findings and declarations. *This bill has yet to be referred to policy committee. Recommended Position: Watch.*

PROGRAMS REPORT

Benefits Administration: There were **11,665** IPs enrolled in the Valley Health Plan with **4,797** of those in the Classic Plan and **6,858** in the Preferred Plan in March. There were **12,346** IPs enrolled in the Dental/Vision plans during the month of March. There were **103** Smart Pass VTA Cards issued.

Enrollment:

Number of IPs enrolled: **499**

Number of IPs partially done: **43**

Fingerprints: Failed: **2**

Estimated number of individuals attending group enrollment sessions was **40 to 80** per session. Group sessions are generally held on Fridays with approximately **630** attending in March.

Registry Services: There are **434** active IPs on the registry and **1134** active consumers.

The registry:

- Completed **63** new consumer intakes and reactivated **88** consumers
- Attained **43** matches
- Provided **503** new interventions

Care Coaching: The Registry received **15** referrals for Care Coaching in the month of March.

- There were **32** in-home visits made.
- Total active consumers **51**
- Total inactive consumers **240**

Urgent Care Registry There were **15** hours of service authorized in March.

Registry Introductory Training (RIT): There was **1** RIT sessions held in March.

- Conducted **14** interviews
- Called **61** references
- Completed **48** reference checks
- Added **6** new IPs to the registry

New Monthly Check-in Options: The registry began implementing new check-in options for IPs effective 1/15/19 **103** IP's took advantage of it in March. IPs are now able to do their monthly check in via text message or email. This simplifies the process for staff and providers. Post cards were mailed to all IPs on the registry informing them of these new options, they can opt not to utilize either of these and continue monthly call-in instead.

IP Trainings Provided: There were **19** classes offered in March training a total of **304** individuals.

Over Time Training: There were **16** IPs who were provided training/counseling on overtime issues and how to properly complete their timesheet.

Timesheet Training Video on PA Website: The Public Authority developed a great new video that instructs providers on how to complete their timesheets and prevent OT issues. It is quite thorough and easy to understand. The video was viewed **5,135** times during the month of March. The video can be viewed at: <http://www.pascc.org/services/TimeSheetVid.html>.

Electronic Time Sheets: Santa Clara County has **29.3 %** of IPs opted for electronic timesheets. These help to simplify and ensure timesheets don't have errors and are processed quicker. State has enhanced the website making it available in four languages. IPs can check this website to see the info regarding timesheets. And direct deposit has increased participation rate to **42.5 %** ensuring IPs get paid much quicker. PA staff is encouraging new IPs and others they talk with to enroll in ETS and DD in order to prevent delays in getting paid. It is included as part of the enrollment orientation as well.

California IHSS Consumer Alliance Report (CICA): Janie Whiteford reminded and encouraged everyone to participate in the CICA monthly conference calls scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am.

Janie mentioned that Debbie Thompson discussed EVV last month. A lot of concerns still have folks apprehensive about EVV. The tracking of IPs is a big deal. Apparently that is not happening in California but folks need to be reassured. There are so many other obstacles and situations that need to be addressed with EVV such as what type of land line folks have and what kind of cell phone service. There needs to be accommodations for the blind and hearing impaired.

Karen Keeslar has spoken and is on many of these CICA calls. SCC PA is very lucky and fortunate to be able to get so much information from good and reliable sources.

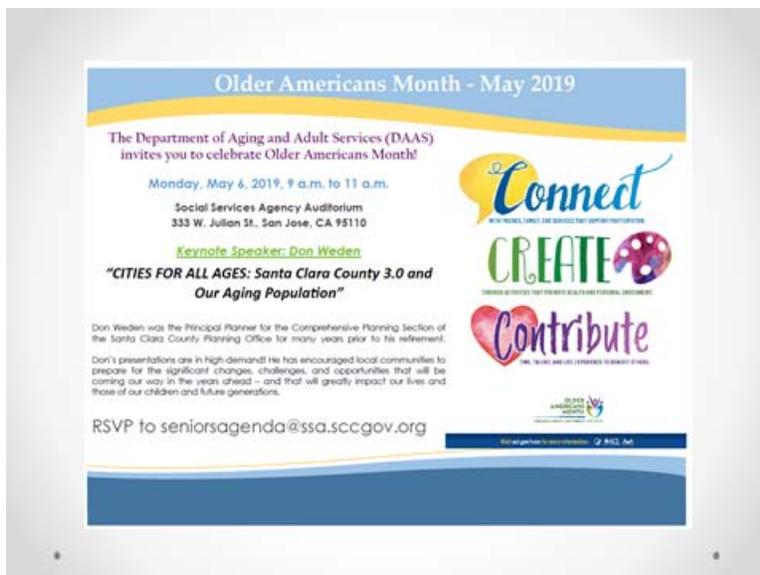
Janie mentioned that they are working on an executive level for best practices, trying to setup webinars. She also stated that they are working on presentations for the visits to the Board of Supervisors.

Report from Social Services Agency: Terri Possley was not able to make it today. She did send Mary and Leticia her report.

Below is a list of topics I would have shared during the meeting:

- I returned on 4/15/19 from being out 5 weeks
- Social Worker Appreciation Month in March 2019. Celebrated with a breakfast on 3/7/19, hosted by IHSS Leadership Team.
- Administrative Professionals Day will be celebrated tomorrow, 4/25/19, hosted by IHSS Leadership Team.
- IHSS Side Letter Agreement signed by SEIU 521 and Labor Relations on 4/11/19
 - Can now assign non-English cases to monolingual social workers (good news!)

- All Social Workers can receive same types of cases (no more distinction between Social Worker I and Social Worker II except they get a 20% caseload reduction – good news)
- Bilingual/Trilingual Social Workers can receive 100% of their caseload in their certified language (Vietnamese Social Worker can get 100% cases in Vietnamese – very good news)
- Number of home visits social workers expected to complete in a month and a year has decreased (bad news for management and clients)
- Communicated this during All Staff Meeting today (4/23/19)
- Clerical team keeping up with voice mail box for incoming callers. Maintaining 0-10 voice mails at any one given time. Huge improvement! Means voice mails are being forwarded and responded to in more timely manner.
- Older Americans Month in May 2019. Keynote speaker at 333 W. Julian Street Auditorium on 5/6/19 from 9:00-11:00am. See below.



Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Advisory Board is **Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 12:00 – 1:30pm** at the Sourcwise Main Office, 2115 The Alameda, San Jose, CA. 95126.

Future Agenda Items:

Cheryl Hewitt – SARC is informing clients that they must turn over their IHSS hours to them in order to be eligible to receive assistance from SARC.