AGENDA

In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday September 10, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee (IHSSAC) welcomes the public to this meeting and encourages participation. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. If you wish to speak to an individual item, please do so during the time period and state your name for the record. If you wish to speak on a matter which does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Comments. Members of the public will have five (5) minutes per person to speak on each agenda item at that time. Requests for accessibility may be made at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting by calling (559) 600-2300 or emailing dssasu@fresnocountyca.gov and ihssadvisorycommittee@fresnocountyca.gov.

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Agenda September 10, 2025

Call to Order:

Introductions/Roll Call:

Members Present:

Public Present:

County Staff Present:

A. Approval of Minutes - Chair

Approve August 13, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Motion by: Second by:

Ayes: Noes:

B. Public Comments/Announcements

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C. <u>IHSS Advisory Committee Business</u>

Name	position	appointed date	term date	nominated by
Diana Kenderian	Consumer and At-Large Appointment	1/26/2021	1/6/2025	Nathan Magsig, district 5
Vacant - Donyell Wilkins terminated	Consumer and At-Large Appointment			Nathan Magsig, district 2
Vacant- Cheryl Campbell terminated	Consumer and At-Large Appointment			district 3
Vacant- Colvie W Bedford terminated	Consumer and At-Large Appointment			district 4
Vacant- Gary Williams Jr. terminated	Consumer and At-Large Appointment			District 1
Karina Lopez	Provider	1/18/2022	1/5/2026	Brian Pacheco, district 1
Darla Nunes- Gonzales	Provider	05/20/2025	01/04/2027	Buddy Mendes, District 4
Vacant- Nick Lutton terminated	Consortium nomination	12/3/2024	1/4/2027	
Tony Chavez	Consortium nomination	07/08/2025	01/04/2027	Buddy Mendes, District 5

pending applicants:	Diana Kenderian	Consumer	District 3
pending applicants:			

D. IHSS Advisory Committee Strategic Plan

Ideas to engage community, to recruit new members.

E. <u>IHSS Updates</u>

F. <u>Director's Report</u>

PA Executive Director.

G. Next Meeting/Agenda Items

Discuss agenda items for the **October 08, 2025,** meeting. All agenda items must be submitted to the Chair or the IHSSAC Liaison via email no later than **Wednesday September 24, 2025.** The Chair's email is available upon request and the IHSSAC Liaison can be reached by emailing:

dssasu@fresnocountyca.gov and ihssadvisorycommittee@fresnocountyca.gov If submitting via email, please include a brief description of the item and include your name on the submission.

H. Follow up items:

I. Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting October 08, 2025, from 10:00am - 12:00pm

Agenda August 13, 2025 Minutes

Call to Order: 10:12 am

Introductions/Roll Call:

Diana Kenderian Elsa Bustos Karina Lopez Pao Yang Angie Stillwell Cheng Lee

David Tan Leanndra Malveaux Erica Hartsfield Annabel Torres

Members Present:

Public Present:

Diana Kenderian Annabel Torres

Karina Lopez

Tony Chavez

County Staff Present:

Angie Stillwell Pao Yang

David Tan Cheng Lee

Erica Hartsfield Leanndra Malveaux

Elsa Bustos

J. Approval of Minutes – Chair

Approve July 9th, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Motion by: Karina Second by: Karina

Ayes: 2 Noes:

K. Public Comments/Announcements

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No public comments

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Announced Tony Chavez is a new member as of 07/2025.

Advised Darla was mixed up on the dates, needs a phone call reminder and mailed agendas IHSS Business and Strategic Plan was blended as discussions regarding IHSS survey for Board of Supervisor was discussed along with phone call message.

Accomplishments:

Revised the bylaws for the IHSS AC

Implemented budget structure for the IHSS Advisory Committee

Assisted in providing feedback regarding application updates.

Streamlined online application for recipients.

Goals for FY 25 – 26: Increase membership Phonte template-more creative ways to reach out Reach out to SEIU to get involved in meetings

Hardship for IHSS AC:

Population attempting to engage is difficult due to varying levels of mobility. Access to computers may be limited

M. IHSS Advisory Committee Strategic Plan

Ideas to engage community, to recruit new members.

Tony- suggested presenting at Rotary Club and Sr. Group

Phone message was updated to note: We invite you to join the IHSS Advisory Committee.

Karina made the motion, Diana second.

N. <u>IHSS Updates</u>

E-forms will be available soon.

Overdue applications update: 3464 previous month, 2930 overdue 5 overdue from 2024 and are scheduled. Jan- March 468 due April – June 1560

July- started 50/50 penalty split with state and Fresno Co. working to get penalty to zero. Fee is monthly with a quarterly due date.

Elsa-reports 10 new staff expected to be fully boarded next month.

Erica- 6 full staff – small application back log as there was only two staff. 4 staff filled OA vacancies. Staff came from child welfare and will be approaching 1 year mark.

Erica reports 15-minute wait time for call center. Last month 10,000 phone calls where taken. 1,000 applications taken.

CFCO cases have been increased due to a federal audit by by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) noted that individuals ranked 3 or 6 in bowel & bladder care were not included in the CFCO funding criteria. 650 cases are over due to the audit.

CDSS Telehealth Reassessment letter ACL 25-55 noted counties can start with telehealth reassessments in their business processes. Individuals can opt out of a telehealth reassessment and have in person reassessments.

The questionnaire will be sent to the recipient via the same way they currently review/approve timesheets, either the ESP or they can respond by answering the questions in the TTS (if TTS they

will get a paper copy of the questions in the mail too). Responses to the questionnaire will assist the SW to determine whether a recipient is eligible. Questionnaire consists of the following questions:

- 1. Interested in a telehealth assessment?
- 2. Can use telephone/video calling devices independently or with assistance?
- 3. Emergency/urgent care visit within the last 3 months?
- 4. Admitted to care facility for 24 hours in the last 3 months?
- 5. Health/safety referral (APS, police, other) since last assessment?
- 6. Receives other case management services (like CVRC, MSSP, HCBA/WPCS)?

Important to know that the recipient must have opted to participate in a telehealth reassessment, have access to and able to use technology for a video or phone conference (or with some assistance from others), and must be able to provide responses on their own behalf.

Some education may be needed for Authorized Reps that have access to the recipient's ESP account and respond to the questionnaire affirmatively. If the recipient is dependent on the AR/DR to interact with IHSS, they are not eligible for a telehealth reassessment.

Telehealth eligible interviews will depend on a criterion. No minors, no hospitalizations in the last year. No changes to the IHSS worker. Not reported to APS in the last year.

Upcoming changes to Medi-Cal from HR 1 that will have an impact on some IHSS recipients

- 1/1/26 Reinstating Asset Limits (\$130, 000 & 65,000 per household member (max 10)
 - DHCS has to submit a State Plan Amendment to reinstate asset limits but does not anticipate any issues. Activities to meet the implementation date are already occurring.
 - Persons receiving Medi-Cal through Pickle, Disabled Adult Child (DAC) or Widow/Widower will not be impacted until 1/1/27.
- 1/1/26 Medi-Cal Expansion Freeze for Adults 19 & Older without Satisfactory Immigration Status (SIS)
 - Directly impacts Medi-Cal beneficiaries with a Medi-Cal Full Scope Expansion (M1 aid code) who do not have SIS
 - Will have to renew every 6 months
 - Does not apply to Newly Qualified Immigrants under the five-year bar, Qualified Non-Citizens (Title 8 USC §1641(b)), individuals claiming to be Permanently Residing in the US Under Color of Law (PRUCOL), the Medi-Cal Access Program, or the Medi-Cal Inmate eligibility Program.

O. <u>Director's Report</u>

State wants to control the collective bargaining for IHSS. Hope to have the change effective in 2026 but may be in 2029 or 2030 realistically.

HR 1/ Medicare targeted eligibility not in President's Big Beautiful Bill.

Individuals receiving Medicare without satisfactory immigration status will pause as of 01/26.

Current individuals will remain aided. New individuals may pay a bill, has not been decided.

Medi-cal very limited. ACA was created to open to all people. New bill and admin working to restrict access.

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Q. Follow up items:

Voice mail heat ticket Flyers

R. Adjourn: 10:47

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IHSS Caseload Statistics at a Glance – JUL 2025

CASELOAD COUNT (ELIGIBLE & LEAVE) = 29,173 (个131)

Pending Referrals = 2,413 (个63)

New Applications Received = 736 (\downarrow 202)

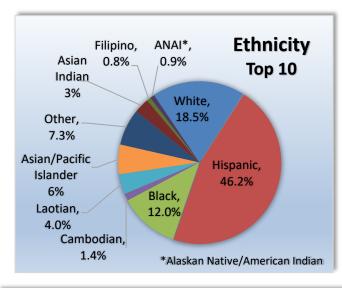
New Apps Pending > 90 Days = 186 (↑28) Denied Apps (0- 45 days) = 30 (↑3) Denied Apps (46-90 days) = 683 (↓426) Denied Apps Over 90 Days = 56 (↑3)

REASSESSMENT RATE (ALL PROGRAMS) = 92.5% (个.8)

OVERDUE REASSESSMENTS = $2,197 (\downarrow 222)$

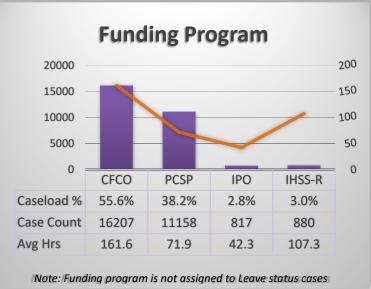
AVERAGE AUTHORIZED HOURS PER CASE = 121.7 (\downarrow .1) AVERAGE PER SI CASES = 167.2 (\uparrow .1)

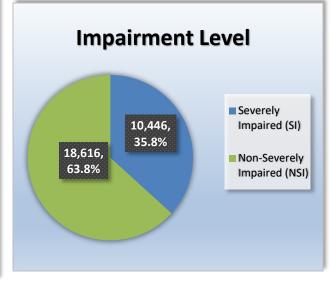
AVERAGE PER NSI CASES = $96.9 (\downarrow .3)$

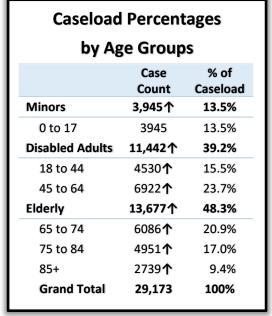


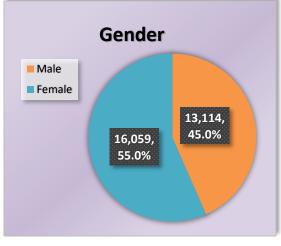
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9,191 个	31.5%	
21,247 个	72.8%	
24,954 个	85.5%	
3,826↓	13.1%	
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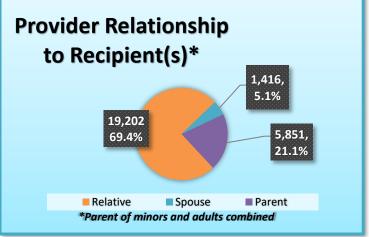








Of the Total Number of Providers (n=27,674) 16,142 (58.3%) Providers living with Recipient(s) regardless of relationship 19,202 (69.4%) Providers are related to Recipient(s) – regardless of where they live 13,324 (48.1%) Providers are related and live with their Recipient(s)



Top 11 Spoken Languages

	RECIPIENTS	Providers
English	66.7%	82.7%
Spanish	18.5%	10.5%
Hmong	4.4%	1.8%
Lao	2.7%	.7%
Punjabi	1.7%	.1%
Other Non-English	1.8%	1.2%
Cambodian	1.0%	.3%
Armenian	1.1%	.6%
Russian	.3%	.1%
Vietnamese	.3%	.2%
Arabic	.3%	.2%

IHSS Caseload Annual Growth* *based on FY caseload in July 29173 26889 24772 23045 21970 20702 19103 18255 17230 15706 8.49% 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025



Provider Health Care Benefits

Month	Providers	Cost to		
& Year	Receiving HCB	County		
MAY 2025	1903	\$2,019,823.90		
JUN 2025	1863	\$3,006,593.35		
JUL 2025				
FY 24/25 Cumulative Cost \$33,979,151.74				
FY 25/26 Cumulative Cost \$ -				
Data Source: Dublin Billing Statements				

Monthly Caseload Hours Paid & Expenditures

JUN 2025 (AS OF 9/5/25)

26,654 Cases Hours 3,434,250:30 **Gross Wages** \$ 66,018,738.16

Data Source: CMIPS II Reporting – Monthly Caseload, Hours Paid and Expenditures – Total Report

Data Source: IHSS Management Statistics Monthly Report and Program Data from CDSS (https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/ihss/program-data) July 2025*