

PASC Board Meeting Monday, May 6, 2024

1. Call to order: The Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC) Board Meeting was called to order at 1:08pm.

Dulce called the roll: JoAnn Cannon, Jorge Chuc, Rina Cruz (phone-zoom-library), Steven Echor (phone-zoom), Dulce Garcia, Janet Heinritz-Canterbury, Richard Hernandez, Kevin MacDonald, Cynde Soto (phone-zoom) and Jennifer Stark were present. There was a quorum.

Board members absent: Wilma Ballew (unexcused/inactive), and Lyn Goldfarb (excused absent)

2. Per AB 2449, If any Board Member is participating remotely due to an emergency circumstance:

Willis confirmed that no board member was participating remotely due to an emergency circumstance (AB 2449) but for reasonable accommodations under the ADA.

No public comment.

3. Reading of the Mission Statement and Moment of Silence – Attachment B

JoAnn read the mission statement. **The Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC) strives to improve In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) support independence and enhance the quality of life for all who receive and provide In Home Supportive Services.**

Moment of Silence – Moment of Silence was observed for all requested intentions.

4. Public Comment – **PC is used throughout these minutes to denote – Public Comment**

PC – No public comment.

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – Approval of the February 5, 2024 – *Attachment – C*
- b) Financial Report – Approval of March 2024 - ADMIN – *Attachment – D-1*
- c) Financial Report – Approval of March 2024 - NPER – *Attachment – D-2*
- d) PASC Activities and Outreach – *Attachment – E (MAY 2024)*
- e) PASC Performance Measures and Reviews – *Attachment – F (MARCH)*
- f) Public Comment

Motion to approve the consent agenda, moved by Jennifer, seconded by Janet, Willis called for the vote and motion passes with consensus.

No public comment.

6. Board Chair's Report – Cynde Soto

- a) Appointment of New PASC Board Treasurer - Motion – *Attachment – G*

Motion to approve the Appointment of New PASC Board Treasurer and JoAnn Cannon has accepted the position as PASC Board Treasurer, moved by Janet, seconded by Jennifer, motion passes with consensus.

b) Statewide Public Authority Work Group – Kim Rothchild

Kim Rothchild stated that the work group has met three times to do level setting, which includes programs, IHSS Public Authority and collective bargaining, funding and revenue, and realignment. She also talked about AB1672 and expounded on it. She stated that the work group is not making recommendations, they are only reporting on the direction the state should go. She talked about another meeting and they discussed legal liability and what a bifurcated employer of record would look like. She stated that the Union has a very strong case but doesn't think there is a budget to support as much of an increase as they would like.

Janet asked about the agreement on wages and Kim stated that it is not a formal agreement but how can the providers get an increase. Janet also asked about how much discussion there was about registries and Kim said none and they have not been discussing registries on that level yet and that its all collective bargaining.

Cynde asked about Brandy Wolf and her comments about not having consumer input. Kim stated that she doesn't think it was meant as a dismissive comment and stated that it was not her intent and that Cynde could contact her for clarification.

Kim asked if she could stay for Greg's report on item 7 E. Willis stated that Greg is not present and it may not be discussed. Kim stated that if the Board has questions, she can answer them as she is working on those bills as well. She does not want to step on Greg's toes but she is available if the Board has questions.

c) Consideration of Inactive Board Member Replacement - Motion – *Attachment – H*

Motion to approve the Consideration of Inactive Board Member Replacement, moved by Janet, seconded by Dulce, motion passes with consensus.

d) Board of Supervisor Appointments/Talking Points – *Attachment – I*

Cynde brought to the Board's attention to attachment I and expounded on it and she asked if the Board made any appointments with their BOS and if not, please do so and this goes for the DPSS appointees as well.

e) Public Comment

7. Executive Director's Report – Greg Thompson

a) Resolution to Authorize Signers to Conduct Business with US Bank and T3Z Accounts – Motion - *Attachment – J*

Willis read the motion and Jennifer asked if this was for internal use and Willis said yes.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Authorize Signers to Conduct Business with US Bank and T3Z Jennifer, seconded by Dulce, motion passes with consensus.

b) DPSS-PASC Update – *No report from Greg*

The PASC Board asked that Kim Rothchild of CAPA report on item 7, section C, D and E below.

c) State Budget Process – Attachment – K – No report from Greg but Kim Rothchild stated the below.

Kim talked about the May revise briefly in regards to allocations for PA's and doesn't see any changes in advisory committees and IHSS. All of the funding for the programs will be posted.

d) AB 3079 (Ting) IHSS: Undocumented Related Provider

Kim stated that this was in committee last week and amendments were proposed to waive background checks for all family members, not just undocumented family members. She stated that it had co-authors and a lot of support. She stated that this bill is in appropriations and she does not know if it will hit the suspense file.

e) AB 2704 (Zbur) IHSS: Criminal Background Checks

Kim stated that this bill will eliminate the background checks by waiving the DOJ fees and will probably go to the suspense file because the DOJ would have to pick up the cost of their staff to do that portion of the background checks. She also elaborated more on the background checks.

She shared her and CICA's concerns on family member background checks and she expounded on that in regards to the 5th degree of separation and undocumented providers. She stated that San Francisco and Santa Clara are sponsors of the bill.

Janet asked if this bill looks probable or not and Kim stated that she thinks it is too early to tell and it opens up a lot of doors. Kim and the Board commented on what happened previously during Governor Schwarzenegger's term and policy issues in regards to background checks and fraud.

Kim stated that they have pulled data and looking at data from CDSS on how many tier 2's are waived.

JoAnn commented on her experience with the criminal background checks and her providers.

Janet asked if Kim knew where CARA is on the bill and Kim said that anyone who submitted a letter was on the original version of the bill not the version that was agreed to in committee. She stated that her recommendation is that Duane (CARA ED) would need to weigh in on the new version of the bill.

Janet asked Cynde if PASC has taken a position on these bills, and have we submitted a letter. Cynde stated that she thought that was going to be done at this meeting with Greg. Cynde stated that she could create a letter on behalf of PASC and work with some board members.

Jennifer asked Kim about the opposed unless amended, would it be her recommendation because of a discomfort on the 5th degree family member. Kim stated that not her personally and not CAPA and that CAPA has not discussed this version of the bill and it hasn't taken a formal position. She stated that she has spoke to the authors and they are open to 3rd degrees. Jennifer stated that we should be consistent with other advocacy groups and we should not determine the degrees and does not feel comfortable making an amendment without knowing all of the other groups are feeling.

Janet suggested that they set up a conversation with Greg and Debi this week and Cynde said yes. Janet stated that it would only be 5 board members. Janet also asked if Kim knew where Justice In Aging is on this and Kim stated that she doesn't think anyone is officially weighed in.

Kevin stated that he thinks that there is no rush since the other groups have not weighed in and recommends that Greg brings it back to the next board meeting and discuss it and what the recommendations are.

Janet asked what is the date of the committee and Kim stated that a lot will happen in a month and Janet asked Kevin about having a conversation over the next week. Jennifer stated that Justice In Aging is in support from California Matter's website. Janet suggested a subcommittee and a zoom call with Greg and Debi and PASC staff will set it up.

Kim stated that May 24 is the last day for each house to pass bills and May 17 is the last day for fiscal committees to hear and report.

Janet made a motion: is to convene some kind of a work group to craft a PASC's position on these bills in the next week.

Motion to approve a subcommittee work group, Janet, seconded by Steven, Willis called the vote, motion passes with consensus.

f) Career Pathways – No report from Greg.

Cynde stated that CICA wants people to write in favor of the funding and Kim stated that it is a budget request.

Jennifer stated that she would like to have Greg's feedback. Cynde stated that we will skip this item.

Janet asked Kim if CAPA is in Support and Kim said yes and they sent in a letter and there are 7 or 8 public authorities that are a part of Career Pathways.

g) Public Comment

8. PASC Operations – Luis Bravo

a) CAPA Update Provider Enrollment Group

Luis reported on the visit that he went to in Sacramento with CAPA, and he talked about the three types of meetings and presentations and he elaborated and he stated that he will provide and update in September.

b) DPSS Marketing Campaign Update – *Attachment – L*

Luis brought to the Board's attention on attachment L and he expounded on it.

Luis also acknowledged and thanked Stephanie Spicola and her staff on the work they have done with the data and creating the update.

c) Teleforum(s) – *Attachment – M*

Luis brought to the Board's attention attachment M and he expounded on it.

JoAnn asked if a consumer and a provider can apply to be on the PASC registry online and Luis said yes.

Janet asked if the numbers are from District 1 and Luis stated that they were from District 1 from the first campaign but this update is from district 3 and 5 as this is where the needs are. He also stated that he can bring back the numbers and shared that some of the applicants where from all over the county.

Janet asked if Luis knew the turnaround and Luis talked about the newsletter and he showed the flyer on the PASC website. Luis also thanked Ying and DPSS for their collaboration with the campaign.

Rina asked a question from attachment L in regards to “not found” and Luis explained what it meant and some providers are not actual ready to work IHSS Providers.

d) Public Comment – None

9. Legislative Update – Debi Hight

a) Legislative Report Update – Attachment – N – No report was given by Debi

b) Public Comment – No public comment

10. SEIU-2015’s Report – Wendy Duchon/Vernita Randall

No Report or representative.

11. DPSS’ Report – Ying Chan

TOPIC	UPDATE
IHSS Helpline Data	For the month of April 2024, the IHSS Helpline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of calls received: 192,250 • Average Wait Time: 00:42:59
IHSS Stats	IHSS Caseload as of April 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recipients: 265,715 • Providers: 222,285
	<p><u>ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY (ATT)</u></p> <p>This is to provide you an update on my last month’s report. As I mentioned last time, the program will provide eligible participants with a Samsung tablet with 2 years of internet so they may have access to digital connectivity and technology. The Aging and Disability Department launched the ATT Program on April 15th, 2024. By today, they have met their goal of registering 3000 participants. 864 IHSS clients participated in the program.</p>

Willis explained the process and the timeline on when a person becomes a full Board member.

a) Public Comment – No public comment

12. Unfinished/Old Business – None.

13. New Business – Future Agenda Items:

14. Closed Session

a) (CA Govt. Code Section 54954.5 Personnel Matter)

No closed session and deferred to June’s PASC Board meeting.

15. Mission Moments –

Cynde stated that she received a text from DPSS asking her if she was on the PASC registry and she found that interesting.

16. Adjournment – Cynde adjourned the Board meeting at 2:35pm.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____