



PASC Board Meeting Monday, June 3, 2024

1. Call to order: The Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC) Board Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.

Dulce called the roll: JoAnn Cannon, Dulce Garcia, Janet Heinritz-Canterbury, Lyn Goldfarb, Richard Hernandez, Kevin MacDonald, Cynde Soto and Jennifer Stark were present. There was a quorum.

Board members absent: Wilma Ballew (unexcused/inactive), Jorge Chuc (excused absent), Rina Cruz (excused absent) and Steven Echor (excused absent)

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

Debi confirmed that no board member was participating remotely due to an emergency circumstance (AB 2449).

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 May 6, 2024 – *Attachment – C*
- b) Financial Report – Approval of April 2024 - ADMIN – *Attachment – D-1*
- c) Financial Report – Approval of April 2024 - NPER – *Attachment – D-2*
- d) PASC Activities and Outreach – *Attachment – E (JUNE 2024)*
- e) PASC Performance Measures and Reviews – *Attachment – F (APRIL 2024)*
- f) Public Comment

Motion to approve the consent agenda, moved by Richard, seconded by Janet, motion passes with consensus.

No public comment.

6. Board Chair's Report – Cynde Soto – Report Suspended

- a) CICA Report –
- b) IHSS Statewide Collective Bargaining Work Group
- c) Public Comment

Cynde suspended her Chair Report and the PASC Board, staff, DPSS, BOS, SEIU, CICA, CAPA and his colleagues from **PC** congratulated Greg on his 14-year retirement. A video presentation was shown with various heartfelt messages to Greg on his retirement. Janet read and presented Greg with a scroll from the LA County Board of Supervisors and the PASC Board and staff presented Greg with a personalized canvas print to hang in his home. He was also presented with a bouquet of flowers from Dulce. Willis acknowledged Marisol Melgoza-Salimian who handles all of the PASC's social media sites for her amazing work with putting this video together. A final video with more messages will be done and sent to Greg. Greg thanked everyone for the well wishes and will miss working with everyone.

Greg also mentioned that there is one other person from PASC who is retiring, who shall remain nameless out of respect of their privacy. He thanked this person for all of their work and contribution to PASC and this will be a great loss to LA County. He talked about this person's many achievements and he wanted to acknowledge and celebrate this person in this public forum. He enjoyed working with this person and they will be truly missed.

7. Executive Director's Report – Greg Thompson

a) DPSS-PASC Contract Update – *Attachment – G*

Greg brought to the Board's attention to Attachment G and he expounded on it in detail and went over each column.

Greg talked about the new contract between PASC and DPSS effective July 1, 2024, and talked about the increase to PASC for 1 FTE between \$53,000 or \$58,000 for the NPER and he acknowledged a PASC staff member for their contribution with this increase. Greg also stated that PASC is slated to get an additional \$500,000 for PASC's state allocation and with the federal dollars, this will be almost one million dollars for a total of \$6,067,000.00. Compared from years ago, PASC has made a lot of progress. He talked about budget proposals in the May revise, including potential elimination of the statewide Back up Program and that PASC would lose \$938,000 from this elimination, but because PASC is getting the million dollars increase, PASC will have an additional \$30,000. He also stated that the state legislature has rejected the governor's plan to eliminate that state back-up program. He also talked about the PASC funding and the possibility of hiring more staff.

Lyn asked about the BUP funding and if the BUAP will be affected and Greg said no and he explained the differences.

b) State Public Authority Allocation

This was talked about and expounded on within Attachment G.

c) Statewide Back-Up Program

This was talked about and expounded on within Attachment G.

Greg also talked about the May revise and proposed budget cuts and CAPA has been focused on the BUPS and undocumented providers. He also stated that CAPA will be following these and they will be setting up meetings.

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

Greg talk AB 3079 and explained what the bill is about and the draw backs and benefits of it.

JoAnn asked about the bill and the background checks and Greg explained the language and nothing has been approved.

Janet asked Greg what the biggest issues confronting PASC are as he prepares to leave his position. Greg stated that he is concerned about consumer/provider IP Mode, consumers who can't find providers, and the work groups formed regarding the statewide public authorities. He also stated that he feels really good about the transitioning at PASC and does not have any major concerns about PASC operations.

Greg also thanked everyone for their kind words and gifts.

e) Public Comment – No public comment

8. PASC Operations – Luis Bravo

a) DPSS Marketing Campaign Update

Luis stated that he reached out to DPSS regarding the recruitment of statewide BUPS and they have recruited 144 providers. The media campaign has been paused to see the effectiveness of the providers recruited and also because of the tentative removal of the statewide BUPS. They are thinking of other ways of utilizing the RECs and possibly putting them in different roles at PASC.

b) PASC Job Bank

Luis spoke about and explained the PASC Job Bank and what it was used for in the past and thinking about bringing it back next month.

c) BUPS-Case Management

Luis also talked about bringing back and using the RECs for case management and he explained what that will entail and potentially bringing in more staff.

Lyn complimented Luis and his team for their assistance with a client to get on IHSS. She also stated that she is in support of the case management and the job bank components and hopes that if the funding continues for the BUPS, those program implementations can happen. Luis stated that this is the plan moving forward and they are working out who will be in charge of it.

JoAnn asked about the RECs and their outreach and home visit efforts. Luis talked about the original idea of the RECs duties but COVID 19 happened and because of that, the RECS had to transition into case management.

d) Public Comment

9. Legislative Update – Debi Hight

a) Legislative Report Update – *Attachment – H*

Debi brought to the Board's attention Attachment H and she expounded on it. She also explained on how the Board can use the state legislative committee portal.

Lyn asked how many PAs are governing boards and Debi stated that there are approximately 3-4, including PASC. Greg wanted to stress that the LA PA has more autonomy in LA County than any of the other PAs. He also explained the differences between a governing board and an advisory board.

Lyn asked for clarification on how many governing boards in general there are throughout the state. Debi stated that she is unclear of this number outside the PA ranks.

Greg added that Kim Rothchild from CAPA stated that the Ting bill (AB3079) is not moving at all but they are still working on amendments for AB 817.

b) Public Comment – No public comment

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

Vernita commented and congratulated Greg on his retirement on behalf of SEIU-2015. Greg thanked Vernita and stated that it was a pleasure working with SEIU-2015 and its partnerships.

Vernita reported that they are actively assisting members with timesheets issues and educational classes. She talked about the governor’s May revise and the budget cuts and they will be at a rally on June 6th. She stated that they celebrated their API event, they’ve been to renter’s forums where they were teaching members how to protect themselves from evictions. She reported that most of the calls that have been coming into the MAC Center has been about Union benefits.

Janet asked if a person is a SEIU member, do they have to have a consumer or does SEUI have a record of hours that each provider has. Vernita explained the process on how a provider goes into the SEUI system and becomes a member and they are limited on what they can see as far as hours and who their consumer is. Janet also asked if the union can tell how many members are looking for a consumer and Vernita stated that they only know when a provider is looking for a consumer when they call the MAC center.

Lyn asked for clarification and Janet stated that she is asking if the union has a system that can record members that are looking for consumers. Vernita stated that if a provider is looking for a consumer, they are referred to PASC registry. Lyn asked if the union has a way of following up and Vernita said, no. Greg added, that is a PASC function.

JoAnn commented on the past SEIU registry and that they used to refer providers and Vernita stated that SEIU used to have a registry but the person who was assisting with that passed away. The union refers providers to the PASC registry and the SEIU registry has been dismantled for several years.

11. DPSS’ Report – Ying Chan

TOPIC	UPDATE
IHSS Helpline Data	For the month of May 2024, the IHSS Helpline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of calls received: 194,451 • Average Wait Time: 00:45:32
IHSS Stats	IHSS Caseload as of May 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recipients: 267,536 • Providers: 228,404
	<u>State May Budget Revision Impact on IHSS Program:</u> As you may know, the State released its May budget revision on May 9 th and there are several impacts to the IHSS Program. They are:

1. IHSS Back-Up Provider System (BUPS)

The State plans to eliminate the BUPS program effective the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The BUPS is a program that allows an eligible recipient to receive IHSS from a back-up provider when the recipient has an urgent or immediate need for personal care services, which cannot be met by an existing provider, or when the recipient is transitioning from out-of-home care to home-based care and does not yet have an identified provider.

2. IHSS Benefits Based on Immigration Status

The State proposed the exclusion of all undocumented individuals from receiving IHSS regardless of their Medi-Cal eligibility. In other words, the expansion of Medi-Cal to cover undocumented individuals remains, but those individuals will not be eligible to IHSS.

3. Career Pathway

The 60 million in unspent funding for the Career Pathways initiative for IHSS providers is proposed to be cut and the program eliminated.

All these are just proposals. Nothing is final until the governor approves it. The budget is still under negotiation. We will provide an update once we get more information.

a) Public Comment – No public comment

12. Unfinished/Old Business –

PA – Kristine Choulakian from PASC staff commented and congratulated Greg on his retirement. Greg thanked her for her acknowledgment.

13. New Business – Future Agenda Items: None.

14. Closed Session

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

Open Session:

Cynde reported out that the Board has offered the Interim Director’s position to Luis Bravo and he has accepted it. She also stated that the executive search committee has been formed and will meet once a week.

15. Mission Moments – None.

16. Adjournment – Cynde adjourned the Board meeting at 3:50pm.

Approved by:

Date: