



Placer County
IHSS Advisory Committee Meeting

January 15, 2026
9:30 - 11:00 am

Members Present:

Lorraine Calong, Carl Jones, Pamela Galloway, and Elizabeth Pope

Members Absent:

Brent Smedley and William Reed

Placer County Staff Present:

Samantha Marti, Shawn Polivoi, Colby Hytoff, Annie DeMaria-Norris, Megan Sponholz, Erica Williamson, and Johnny Ochsner

Public Present:

Richard Gold

Meeting Called to Order:

Calong called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M.

Roll Call and Introductions:

Roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

Excused Absences:

- The motion was made by **Pope** and seconded by **Jones**, to excuse "**Smedley**" and "**Reed**" as absent; **the motion carried.**

Approve Minutes:

- A motion was made by **Galloway**, and seconded by **Jones**, to approve November 20, 2025, minutes; **the motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- **Calong** thanked **Gold** for coming to the meeting and for his interest in joining the IHSS-AC.

Member Reports/Announcements/Questions:

- **Calong** reported on the reappointment of Elizabeth Pope to Seat #3.
 - A motion was made by **Jones**, and seconded by **Galloway**, to approve the reappointment of Elizabeth Pope to Seat #3; **the motion carried.**
- **Hytoff** reported a provider was contesting their removal from the Registry and read the redacted appeal letter. **Ochsner** provided information about the incident that was reported to Registry staff. **Jones** asked if this was the first incident and the recipient's concern of safety. **Ochsner** clarified this was the first incident and occurred during the

provider's probation period, **Ochsner** shared the recipient reported feeling unsafe, but they did appreciate the provider's work ethic before the incident happened.

- A motion was made by **Pope**, and seconded by **Jones**, to uphold the recommendation to not allow the provider back on the Registry; **the motion carried.**
- **Hyttoff** reported on SB 707 which allows remote participation for committee members, with specific rules for teleconferencing. **Calong** asked if the meeting would be online and in person. **Hyttoff** said the meeting would be online and have a physical location. **Jones** said teleconferencing would be beneficial for providers and recipients with busy schedules. **Calong** shared voting would on SB707 would be at the next meeting.
- **Marti** shared Form 700 has a new platform called Netfile, please check your email and spam/junk mail for reminders. To avoid the \$100 fine file before April 1, 2026. **Gold** asked about Form 700. **Marti** said new members would have 30-days to file once appointed. **Calong** said she previously mailed Form 700 due to webpages issues.
- **Sponholz** and **Williamson** presented Placer's Healthy Aging program, an age friendly public health system that offers presentations, media campaigns and other community outreach. **Williamson** shared Healthy Aging has a fall prevention workgroup, **Jones** and **Gold** asked about workgroups for independent living and care facilities and the cost, **Williamson** said there are no fees for workgroups. **Jones** will follow up for more information. Healthy Aging has Virtual Dementia Tours; the simulation replicates the challenges of living with dementia. Another program, Project Lifesaver, helps recover wandering individuals. **Galloway** asked how Project Lifesaver works. **Sponholz** and **Williamson** explained law enforcement uses locating technology and known information to help located the wandering individual. Healthy Aging is collecting survey responses about respite care for caregivers until February. **Polivoi** asked if this survey was shared with the Union, **Hyttoff** will send the United Domestic Workers (UDW) Representative's information with **Sponholz**. **Calong** asked about workshop scheduling. **Williamson** said workshops are scheduled on specific days with individual sign-up times but can be scheduled for large groups. Healthy Aging resources are available at www.placer.ca.gov/HealthyAging.
- **Hyttoff** shared the State's budget updates for January and how the State's share of cost for growth in IHSS hours would be shifted to counties. This could affect number of care hours available for reassessments. **Hyttoff** will provide more updates when available. **Calong** asked how this would affect transfers. **Hyttoff** reported that Placer has about 8% growth and would not affect transfers.
- **Hyttoff** shared the County was approved to hire four (4) full time IHSS case workers.

Chair Report:

- **Calong** did not have anything to report.

IHSS/PA Staff Reports:

- **Ochsner** reported on Enrollment and Registry.

Program Enrollment and Registry Statistics for December 2025	
Scheduled Orientations:	135
Completed Orientations:	109
Total Providers Enrolled:	103
New Providers Enrolled:	81
Total Active Providers (Registry/ Independent):	5,877
Registry Applicants:	31

Registry Provider Interviews:	10
Registry 101 (New Registry Provider Training):	9
New Registry Providers:	9
Total Registry Providers:	1,226
Active Registry Providers:	3
Inactive Registry Providers:	8
New Registry Recipients:	20
Total Registry Recipients:	2,4
Active Registry Recipients:	8
In-Active Registry Recipients:	1,6
Registry List Sent:	62
Registry Matches (Assignments):	18
Total Recipients:	5,7
New IHSS Recipients:	104
IHSS Recipients – Children:	19.06
IHSS Recipients – Severely Impaired:	42.23
IHSS Recipients – Aged:	44.02
Growth in Recipients (month over month):	0.82
Growth in Providers (month over month):	0.41
Total number of active providers and recipients	11,6

- **Calong** asked if the Board of Supervisors considered the statistics for the approval of additional case workers. **Hytoff** explained that Placer’s CEO recognized the staffing need.

Medi-Cal Update:

- **Jones** asked about Medi-Cal reassessment every 6 months. **DeMaria-Norris** shared that begins January 2027 and would apply to ages 19 to 64 who are non-MAGI Medi-Cal. **Jones** questioned if the workload would double. **DeMaria-Norris** stated more eligibility workers would need to be hired. **DeMaria-Norris** stated that Jan 1, Medi-Cal started looking at asset limits. Shared renewals not requiring manual intervention are going smoothly. Enrollment freeze for those with unfavorable immigration status started Jan 1 which affects those who are applying for Medi-Cal with unfavorable immigration status but would not affect those that were previously enrolled.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Reappointment of Pamela Galloway to Seat #6
- Vote on teleconference for SB707
- Form 700 reminder
- Registry procedure and handbook

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by **Jones** and seconded by **Galloway** to adjourn the January 15, 2026, meeting. **The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.**

Next Meeting

Date: March 19, 2026

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: HHSC Luce Conference Room, Government Center
11434 B Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603