



PASC Board Meeting Monday, May 5, 2025

1. Call to order: The Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC) Board Meeting was called to order at 1:05pm.

Dulce called the roll: Janet Burt, JoAnn Cannon (phone), Jorge Chuc (phone), Steven Echor, Dulce Garcia, Lyn Goldfarb, Janet Heinritz-Canterbury, Richard Hernandez, Kim Hudson, Kevin MacDonald, Kristy Madden, Cynde Soto (phone) were present. There was a quorum.

Board members absent: Rina Cruz (excused absent) and Jennifer Stark (excused absent)

2. Debi 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

Kristy 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. Introduce the New PASC Board Member – Kim Hudson - Representing DPSS

Cynde introduced and welcomed the newest PASC Board member, Kim Hudson who is representing DPSS.

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

PC – Nadine Branch, Chair of the San Diego PA and wanted to thank PASC for participating in the first lunch and learn for the CICA Southern Region and hopes to learn from the PASC meeting.

6. Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – Approval of the April 7, 2025 – *Attachment – C*
- b) Financial Reports – Approval of March 2025 – *Attachment – D*
- c) PASC Activities and Outreach – *Attachment – E (May 2025)*
- d) PASC Performance Measures and Reviews – *Attachment F (March 2025)*
- e) Public Comment

Motion to approve the consent agenda, moved by Lyn, seconded by JoAnn, motion passes with the majority and one abstention.

Kristy stated that there is a correction to the minutes regarding Hilary Norton from Fast Link and that she would try to get her to come to speak to PASC.

No public comment.

7. Introduce the New PASC Board Member – Kim Hudson

Cynde introduced Kim Hudson and she talked about her background, work experiences as well as personal experiences with IHSS. Some board members added comments and welcomed Kim to the PASC Board.

8. Board Chair's Report – Cynde Soto

a) PASC Open House – Cynde Soto/Luis Bravo – Attachment G

Cynde shared her thoughts about the PASC Open House and its success. She also thanked the staff for all of their work and efforts. Other Board members shared their experiences and appreciation for the Open House as well.

Luis brought to the Board's attention Attachment G and he expounded on it. He also talked about the BOS deputies that were present and the certification that was presented to PASC on behalf of Supervisor Janice Hahn. He also acknowledged and thanked the Open House committee and other staff who participated and helped.

b) CCA Update – Dulce Garcia/Cynde Soto

Dulce stated that she did not have anything to report and Cynde stated that they are all caught up.

c) Dual HCBS Work Group

Cynde talked about the HCBS and how it could affect people on IHSS, she also talked about waivers and managed care as well as who was on the committee. Kim asked what percentage of IHSS recipients that are on the waiver are affected and Cynde stated that was not disclosed and there are several different waivers for various communities and Cynde stated that she would ask and that it is a closed meeting.

d) Consumer Training AdHoc Report

Cynde commented on the videos that PASC will be producing and they will be meeting soon and she named the committee members, Cynde, Janet HC, Jorge, JoAnn and Dulce. Janet HC added that she would like to withdraw from the committee and asked that Lyn be a part of the committee and Lyn accepted.

Luis added that he has a proposal for the training videos.

e) Public Comment - None

9. Executive Director's Report – Luis Bravo

a) Federal and State Budget Update

Luis talked about his goals, legislation, CAPA and that he gets his updated budget information from Kim Rothchild, the Executive Director of CAPA. He also talked about PASC's funding and how it will not be receiving any additional funds, but the current contract with the county is secured. He also talked about the proposed cuts, the governor's May revise and how he is in communication with multiple people for updates.

Kim asked if PASC has a better chance obtaining benefits to Medi-Cal. Luis stated that the governor released a proposed budget back in January/February and at that time there were not going to be any cuts but as of late, there is no information. There should be an update in May and there appears to be a serious threat to Medi-Cal in California.

Luis also talked about the PASC budget for the new fiscal year and that it is locked in for an 8.4 million-dollar budget with no increase from the state or county. He also talked about his communication with the county CEO's office regarding collective bargaining with SEIU.

Lyn asked if PASC is working with SEIU regarding the pending budget cuts. Luis talked about the MOU that has expired and they are currently in negotiation for a new MOU. Luis also stated that Cynde is writing a letter on behalf of the PASC Board. Debi added, since PASC is currently in negotiations with SEIU, it is a bit awkward as we do have some positions that are in conflict with each other.

Lyn also asked if she can make a motion to make sure PASC is working with SEIU.

Janet HC commented on how PASC and SEIU should work together and that conversation needs to be had separate from the collective bargaining etc. Luis suggested to Cynde that a committee be formed and create a letter, Cynde agreed but we should be mindful because of the current collective bargaining. The committee members will be Lyn, Steven, Janet, Kim, Dulce.

Kristy asked if PASC will have an advocacy team to work with the union. Luis added that he has reached out to them regarding consumer and provider training and has not heard anything back from them yet and that may be because of the current negotiation.

b) CCA Training Data – Attachment H

Luis brought to the Board's attention Attachment H and he expounded on it.

Steven asked if this is along the lines of Homebridge and he would be interested in helping. Luis stated that it would not necessarily add input on provider training but to share from a consumer stand-point. Kim offered her assistance as well.

c) PASC Brochures – English and Spanish – Attachment I1-I2

Luis brought to the Board's attention on Attachment I1/I2 and he expounded on it.

d) Teleforum – Attachments J – Marty Omoto

Luis brought the Board's attention to Attachment J and he expounded on them. He also talked about future Tele Forums that will be coming up. Dulce suggested that PASC reach out to Rancho Los Amigos for a future Tele Forum and Luis stated that they will reach out. Luis also stated that if the Board is interested in signing up for Marty Omoto newsletter to let him know and we will assist with that and he will assist Steven.

Janet suggested that the Board get the live questions from the Tele Forums going forward and Luis agreed.

d) Public Comment – none

10. PASC Consumer Training Videos Proposal

a) Proposals and Motions – Attachment K1-K3

Luis brought to the Board's attention Attachment K1/K2 and he expounded on it.

Lyn voiced her thoughts on not being asked to bid for the PASC Consumer Training Videos Proposals. Luis responded and brought up a conversation they had prior about her not being available as well as a possible conflict of interest. Other Board members shared their thoughts as well as it was recommended that Luis bring back to the Board all of the proposal quotes and talk about the proposal next month and Luis agreed.

The proposals were not voted on and therefore, they were pulled for next month.

b) Public Comment – none.

11. Provider Training Proposal – Christine Leahey – CCA

a) Proposal and Motion – Attachment L1-L2

Christine Leahey brought to the Board's attention Attachment L1/L2 and she expounded on it.

Motion to approve the Provider Training Proposal, moved by Janet B, seconded by Janet HC, motion passes with consensus.

Janet B stated that she will move the motion providing that PASC has some type of leverage and negotiation to this proposal.

Lyn asked why consumers are not involved in provider training when it comes to disaster relief and the importance. Christine responded and explained their training curriculum and who is included and it was built in with consumer input.

Steven shared his concerns about consumer input as well as one-sided training and he talked about the IP Mode. Christine responded and agreed and CCA does understand and she talked about her role of internal funding for CCA.

Cynde talked about the OEC and she talked about the meeting she attended on emergency services and she is in supportive of these trainings.

Janet HC asked about the recruitment and if the PASC registry is being used. Luis explained and talked about 1,800 seats and the contract and he talking about the funding and who is available to receive it.

Janet B asked if PASC will receive any funding allocated to PASC for marketing and outreach and Christine stated that there is no budget at the moment and would have to work with Luis on a MOU.

b) Public Comment – None

12. PASC Staff Presentations

a) Willis Oliver – *Attachment M*

Willis brought to the Board's attention to Attachment M and he expounded on it.

b) Debi Hight – *Attachment N*

Debi brought to the Board’s attention Attachment N and she expounded on it.

Lyn shared her appreciation of the staff presentations and Luis stated that more staff will be involved.

c) Public Comment - None

13. Legislative Report – Debi Hight

a) Legislative Update – *Attachment O*

Debi brought to the Board’s attention Attachment O and she expounded on it.

b) Protecting the Federal Safety Net Program Letters – Alex Padilla – *Attachment P*

Debi brought to the Board’s attention Attachment P and she expounded on it.

c) Public Comment – None

14. DPSS’ Report – Christine Dauglash – Attachment P

TOPIC	UPDATE
IHSS Helpline Data	For April 2025, the IHSS Helpline: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of calls received: 111,877• Average Wait Time: 0:37:07
IHSS Stats	IHSS Caseload as of April 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recipients: 287,930• Providers: 242,848
IHSS Report	Medi-Cal Update: The Continuous Coverage Unwinding waivers and flexibilities are set to sunset effective 06/30/2025. With the ending of the CCU waivers approaching, we will monitor any impact this may have to IHSS.

a) Public Comment – None

Luis asked about the DPSS Essential newsletter that talked about the courtesy call back feature and he went to the link, and it stated that IHSS does not have the call back feature. Christine stated that she will get back to us on this and speak to the help line department.

Jorge asked about DPSS Essential newsletter regarding Cal Fresh, he asked if it can be in different languages. Christine stated that she will take it down and circle back to it.

Steven commented on Hunger Action LA www.hungeractionla.org and stated that this is CalFresh awareness month if people need assistance, Hunger Action LA can help.

15. Unfinished/Old Business – None

16. Closed Session (Labor negotiations government code section 54954.5: 54957.6)

Open Session: Cynde reported out that they discussed union negotiations.

17. New Business – Future Agenda Items:

Lyn stated that she received a request from her sister who is working with USC University Center for Excellence and Development Disabilities and they would like to have stories of people who may be losing Medi-Cal and she would like to share a link to send out to see if anyone would like to share their stories.

Janet asked about the next PASC newsletter and Luis stated that Stephanie is working on it and should be coming out in a week.

Janet asked if the DPSS Essential newsletter could be a part of PASC's newsletter and Luis agreed.

Jorge asked if Gayle's power point presentation from Bet Tzedek that was shown at the PASC Open House can be placed on the PASC's website. Luis stated that he will speak to the Gayle and forward it to the board members.

Kristy reported on Hilary Norton's statement regarding the Olympic traffic and she read it.

18. Mission Moments: The Board wished Steven and Dulce a happy birthday!

19. Adjournment – Cynde adjourned the Board meeting at 3:41pm.

Approved by:

Date:

Action Items: None

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