

Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
Advisory Committee Minutes

February 8, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Conference Call
Chico, California

1. Call to Order-Sarah May, Chair
The zoom meeting was called to order by Sarah May at 10:07 a.m. Committee members attending the call were Mark Gordon, Talmadge House, Kristi Sherer, Domenic Console and Sarah Okumbe by Zoom and Carnella Marks by phone. Tiffany Rowe, DESS Assistant Director and Lynn Haskell facilitator were also present. Introductions were made.
2. Establishment of a Quorum- Vice-Chair, Mark Gordon
Mark Gordon declared a quorum was met with 7 committee members present. There are still 3 vacant recipient seats on the committee.
3. Resolution AB 361.2 was moved by Mark and seconded by Domenic to adopt in order to meet the Brown act. Passed
4. Mark moved and Talmadge 2nd that minutes from August and November meetings be accepted. Passed. Sarah Okumbe requested that minutes be sent by mail to her. Tiffany will check to see if the BOS gets copies of the committees' minutes. Sarah M emphasized the importance of keeping our loops of communication up to date. She will check in with Kara.

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5. Covid updates: The county has taken its' direction from the State. Within the IHSS program the recipient is the employer so they decide who comes into their homes and what their vaccination status is. If a recipient is receiving Regional Center funds then there are very strict requirements including keeping records, testing every week, and incident reports to fill out if a positive test or Covid is detected. These mandates and the 2 systems have put a burden on providers and recipients. Domenic, Mark and Talmadge spoke to the problems it has presented. Talmadge made the point that if you are not connected to a non-profit then information about testing, how to access information and having someone advocate for you creates "anxiety ridden turmoil". Tiffany reported there is a 7 day a week free testing clinic at Chico State and an Oroville testing site is expected to open soon. Both sites are run by Butte County Public Health. However it takes 2-6 days to get results. Sarah May is running a pilot program for Public Health distributing testing kits. There are reporting requirements for this pilot. She also distributes PPE for the 9

counties she is responsible for through the State Council on Disabilities. If there is a need please direct providers to her.

6. Item 6 was tabled in the interest of time.
7. Kristi reported that there is a lot of activity within Adult Services. Social workers are back in homes that have been vaccinated or have negative tests. Safety precautions are always in the forefront of their activities. The IHSS program is still using teleconferencing.

There was discussion about what was important to the committee that Kristi could report on at each meeting. Requests were: Program Updates, # of recipients and # providers, recruitment efforts, demographics and any trends.

Sarah M proposed that DESS and the Advisory Committee collaborate on a workshop about Protective Supervision. The Chair set up a planning committee of Mark, Domenic, Talmadge, and Sarah to meet with Kristi to explore in the next couple of weeks.

Public Authority will be rolling out Career Pathways soon.

8. Meeting adjourned at 12:06
Submitted by: Lynn Haskell

Next Meeting: **May 10, 2022, 10-12pm - Meeting format Zoom**