

Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Minutes

August 9, 2022

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Conference/Zoom call

Chico, California

1. Call to Order – Sarah May – Chair

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Sarah May at 10:06 am. Committee members attending the call were Sarah May, Mark Gordon, Kristi Sherer, Kara Hall, and Talmadge “Goldie” House. Terri Petersen, Facilitator was also present.

2. Establishment of a quorum – Sarah May, Chair

Sarah May declared a quorum was not met with only five committee members present. The continuing issue of meeting a quorum was addressed. Sarah May suggested the possibility of amending the bylaws of the committee to change the number required to make a quorum.

3. Resolution AB 361.3 was accepted by those present.

4. Minutes for February and May will be carried over to the November meeting for approval.

5. Mark discussed CICA’s concerns regarding trailer bill RB 22 14665. This bill proposes to make IHSS recipients the employers of record for their providers, rather than the county and state.

6. Sarah thanked Kristi and staff for their continuing work to prepare materials for public education programs about IHSS. They are preparing advertising for a free training that will be recorded and made available on the web. There is a PowerPoint training planned as well. It is hoped that educational outreach to the public will also help with new provider recruitment. The meeting with Kristi, Sarah, Mark, Dominic, and Goldie to discuss progress on the project is set for 8/18 but may be rescheduled to September. Kristi mentioned that Sylvia has left the project due to her promotion and that staffing is low.

7. Kristi gave program updates for IHSS, and the current numbers are recipients 3896 and providers 3546. There has been an increase in referrals and the intake process is presently taking 4-5 weeks, even with the intake unit working hard. There are currently about 140 new applications a month, with about 53 approved. Some denials are due to a lack of medical certification. They are looking at changing criteria to a more “human need” basis as some applicants need help to get medically certified.

8. There was a general discussion about the situation with recipients and providers among guests at the Torres shelter. Some guests will become providers for other guests who are recipients.

9. Kara discussed the ongoing need for more providers and described the new Career pathways program CAPA has for providers. It is an incentive program with modules such as “Dementia” and “Alzheimer’s” to prepare providers for the needs of their clients. Providers completing 15 hours of training are eligible for a stipend.
10. Goldie shared that he is available for tabling for outreach opportunities such as job fairs. He has a table at the Chico Thursday Night Market with shade. Sarah stated that this outreach opportunities is an important goal for this next year for the committee.
11. Meeting adjourned 11:47am

Submitted by: Terri Petersen

Next meeting November 8, 2022, 10-12pm, Meeting format Zoom