

Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Minutes

May 9, 2023

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Condor Room, 765 East Avenue

Chico, California

1. Call to Order – Sarah May, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am. Committee members attending the meeting were Sarah May, Mark Gordon, Kristi Sherer, Kara Hall, Goldie House and Delcie Mills. Facilitator Terri Petersen was also present.

2. Mark Gordon, Vice Chair, announced that a quorum was present, and the committee could conduct business.

3. Mark Gordon gave an overview of the California Foundation on Independent Living Centers (CFILC). Mark introduced Brett Eisenberg, Executive Director of CFILC, who gave a presentation via Zoom of the organization and its goals and plans.

4. The minutes of the February 14, 2023, meeting were reviewed and approved. The motion was made by Kristi and seconded by Mark.

5. Kristi gave an update on DESS.

As of March, there are 4064 open IHSS cases in Butte County, up from 3937 in November. Referrals are up and applications are averaging 135 per month. An average of 70 cases are approved each month with the approval process averaging 90 days. There is a trend of increase in Inter-County transfers to Butte County. Currently there are six vacancies on the county IHSS staff. The new phone center for handling incoming calls regarding IHSS is increasing efficiency for staff, providers, and recipients. The county IHSS program continues to expand as expected. There are currently 3674 active providers, with 3021 currently paid providers. DESS continues to watch State Assembly and Senate bills affecting IHSS, including AB1672.

6. Kara Hall gave the Public Authority update. CAPA has concerns regarding AB1672 which would affect how IHSS providers are paid within each county. CAPA is looking at creating a universal registry system for providers. Provider recruitment for Butte County continues. There will be an outreach program at Butte College in the fall and tabling at the Oroville Farmer's Market.
7. Mark Gordon gave the update for CICA. In June, Mark moves up to the Treasurer position in CICA. Our committee will have a presentation from Janie Whiteford, President of CICA, at our August meeting.
8. There was a discussion regarding recruitment for the four open recipient positions on our committee. We will use the new recruitment flyer. Possible venues discussed were the Chico Farmer's Market, CSUC Health Fairs, laundromats, and the Co-Op.
9. There were no public comments at this meeting, but we welcome them.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.
11. The next IHSS Advisory Committee meeting will be held August 8, 2023, at 765 East Avenue, Chico, California.