

## Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

### Advisory Committee Meeting

August 8, 2023

10:00am – 12:00 pm

Condor Room, 765 East Avenue

Chico, California

1. Call to Order – Sarah May, Chair  
The meeting was called to order at 10:21 am. Committee members attending were introduced. These were Mark Gordon, Vice Chair, Delcie Mills, Carnella Marks, Kara Hall, and Kristi Sherer. Proposed committee member Melinda Rayford and Facilitator Terri Petersen were also present.
2. Mark Gordon, Vice Chair, announced that a quorum was present, and the committee could conduct business.
3. A presentation was given by Janie Whiteford, Executive Director of California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA). CICA was established in 2005 as a 501(C)3 to serve as the voice of IHSS consumers with Advisory Committees, unions, and allies. CICA holds monthly trainings for consumer and provider education.
4. The minutes of the May 9, 2023, meeting was reviewed and approved. The motion was made by Kristi and seconded by Mark. The motion unanimously passed.
5. Mark Gordon introduced Melinda Rayford, who is applying to become a member of the committee. She has extensive background as an IHSS provider and would fill a vacant provider seat. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Carnella to submit Melinda's application to the Board of Supervisors. The motion was unanimously passed.
6. Kristi Sherer gave an update about DESS. The ACL, which would allow minor recipients to choose their own providers, remains under revision. There are currently just under 4000 IHSS recipients in Butte County. The numbers of applications and inter-county transfers are up and are anticipated to continue to increase. Staff recruitment continues as there is an 18% vacancy rate. The training process for social workers has changed and is working well. Social work intern positions are being explored. There are currently ten case workers.
7. Kara Hall gave an update about the IHSS Public Authority. The Electronic Visit Verification system is up and running. She reported that the state runs the system and there is currently little information or access on the county level.

8. Sarah will send out flyers for the recruitment of recipients for the open recipient seats on our committee. She will also send the brochure for the ongoing recruitment of IHSS providers. Both flyers will be sent to the members of the IHSS committee. It was suggested that an agenda item be added so committee members could present challenges and successes. Officer elections for the IHSS Advisory Committee will be held at the November meeting.
9. There was no public input.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25.
11. The next meeting will be held November 14, 2023, from 10:00 am – 12:00pm.