

Butte County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Advisory Committee Meeting

February 13, 2024

10:00am – 12:00 pm

Condor Room, 765 East Avenue

Chico, California

1. Call to Order – Mark Gordon, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am. Committee members attending were introduced. These were Sarah May, Vice Chair, Kristi Sherer, Delcie Mills, Melinda Rayford, and Tammy Solano. Presenter Carolyn Nava and Facilitator Terri Petersen were also present.

2. Sarah May, Vice Chair announced that a quorum was established.

3. Sarah introduced presenter Carolyn Nava, Disability Action Center (DAC) and Disability Disaster Access & Resources (DDAR). Carolyn gave a presentation on the emergency services aspect DAC and DDAR, one of their many focuses.

4. The minutes of the November 14, 2023, meeting was reviewed and unanimously approved. The motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Kristi.

5. Kristi gave an update on DESS. There are currently approximately 4300 active IHSS cases in Butte County. Applications, Inter-County Transfers, Minor recipient cases and Spanish speaking cases are all increasing. Sixteen of 21 full-time positions for recertification are currently filled. Efficiency programs such as the phone routing system are helping. Staffing challenges continue as the number of recipients increases and the number of filled positions decreases. The new Public Authority website for potential providers to enroll in IHSS is live.

6. Kristi gave an update on the IHSS Public Authority. The registry is seeing an increase in applications to become a provider. There are currently 291 active providers and 638 consumers seeking providers. Plans continue to recruit more providers and the committee would like to support Kara in recruitment efforts. The EVV program continues to roll out. The number of providers using the program is increasing and issues with use continue.

7. Mark gave an update on CICA, the California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance. Membership has increased over the last few months and there has been an increase in individual memberships. As it has been determined that many people with disabilities are unable to pay for membership, individual memberships are now free. Members can now join CICA meetings remotely by Zoom.

8. There were no public comments, and no one attended the meeting via Zoom today.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02.
10. The next meeting of this committee will be held May 14, 2024, from 10:00 am – 12:00pm.